

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING** held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Wednesday 20 January 2010 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillor J Parkin (Vice-Chairman) (In the Chair)

Councillors D J Axford  
J H Dixon  
K Perry  
P Peters  
P C H Rendle  
J Ruhrmund

**57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – were received from

Councillors R Lewarne, C A Dennis, F Granger and T E Williams.

**58. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Interests were declared and recorded when considering new and amended planning applications.

**59. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER AND 2 DECEMBER 2009**

The Chairman signed as true and correct records the minutes of these meetings.

**60. ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP**

The Town Clerk reported that discussions with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had prompted the potential to form an Allotment Working Group to look at the issue of how the Town Council currently manages its existing stocks, how it would develop new sites and the management and administration of allotments. He added that it was the intention that not only Councillors and Officers become involved in this Working Party but also that current allotment holders be invited to have input.

Further to discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** – that the Town Clerk, along with Councillors Ruhrmund, Peters, Perry, Mann, Rendle, Dixon and Parkin, form an Allotment Working Group.

**61. STONE TROUGH – MARKET JEW STREET**

Councillor Ruhrmund reported that before the THI enhancements in the area beside Humphry Davy Statue had begun, a large stone trough, which belongs to the Town, was in situ. This trough was removed during the THI works and has not been replaced. Therefore, Councillor Ruhrmund requested that the Town Clerk writes to THI Project Leaders and Cornwall Council to establish the whereabouts of the trough and, ultimately, seek its replacement.

**RESOLVED** – that the whereabouts of the trough be sought in the above way.

**62. HISTORIC TOWNS FORUM**

The Town Clerk advised that the Council had, in the previous year, resolved to join the Historic Towns Forum to strengthen its ties with other towns but that, unfortunately, this has not led to any real benefits to Penzance and, as such, it was difficult to justify the annual subscription fee giving the benefit to the town.

Further to discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** – that Penzance Town Council does not continue with its membership of the Historic Towns Forum.

**63. BUDGET REVISION 2009/10 AND PROPOSED BUDGET 2010/2011**

Members considered the previous and next budgets and, further to consideration, it was

**RESOLVED** – that the budget revision and proposed budget be accepted.

**64. NEW AND AMENDED PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Committee considered 8 new and amended planning applications and their comments are as recorded in the Planning Register.

**65. APPLICATIONS AT VARIANCE TO TOWN COUNCIL DECISIONS**

Members considered 3 previous planning applications where Cornwall Council had made decisions contrary to Penzance Town Council's recommendations and noted the reasons why.

**66. PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION – 02 UK LIMITED, REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING H3G 8 METRE HIGH FLAGPOLE MAST WITH 10 METRE HIGH O2 FLAGPOLE MAST AT FOUNTAIN COURT, ST. CLARE STREET, PENZANCE**

Members considered this pre-application consultation and, further to consideration, it was

**RESOLVED** – that the Town Council offers no comment but requests that the applicant consults with the occupiers of the flats and their comments be reported back to the Town Council.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman  
11 February 2010