

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 21 January 2010 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor M R Cotton (Chairman)
Councillor J H Dixon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M Freeman
 R A Mann
 P Peters
 J Ruhmund

Also present: Councillor R M Lawrence

42. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – were received from Councillors C A C White and H Worth.

Absent without apologies: Councillor D J Axford.

43. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mann declared a personal interest in Minute 47 - John Daniel Hydrotherapy Pool, as a member of the board.

44. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2009**

Having been circulated, it was

RESOLVED - that the Chairman sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

45. **THANK YOU LETTERS**

The Town Clerk reported that letters of thanks for grants had been received from the following organisations:

- (a) Freshbrook Close Christmas Lighting Association
- (b) Tom Bawcock's Eve
- (c) Mousehole Sea Salts & Sail Association

46. **CORNWALL COUNCIL FUNDING CUTS – GOLOWAN**

Information had been received indicating that Cornwall Council's funding to festivals throughout the county, including Golowan, would be reduced in the next financial year and over the following few years with a view to the festivals eventually becoming self-sustaining. The amount of the reduction and the impact on this year's festival was not yet known and further information was awaited and would be reported back to the Committee, when available. An application for funding had already been submitted to Cornwall Council, with the emphasis on the benefits of the festival for the community.

Councillor Dixon noted that funding for the Jubilee Pool would also be reduced and Councillor Peters had been informed that this would take the form of a reduction in staffing with the Pool Manager being removed and the management of the facility being handled by the Manager of the Helston Pool.

47. JOHN DANIEL CENTRE HYDROTHERAPY POOL

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a verbal agreement had been in place for the Town Council to 'bank roll' the Hydrotherapy Pool project and for the Town Clerk to submit the planning application on behalf of the organisers.

It was therefore

RESOLVED – that the Town Council agreed to the verbal commitments made, including the payment of a planning application fee of £375, but could only commit to bank-rolling the project once assurance had been received that title of the land had been transferred to the organising committee, appropriate and viable plans had been drawn up and grant funding was in place.

48. BUDGET REVISION 2009/2010 AND PROPOSED BUDGET 2010/2011 (see Appendix 'A')

Councillor Cotton took this opportunity to inform members that 2010 would see the 70th anniversary of the visit of the 'Free French' with General Charles de Gaulle to Penzance and a contingent from Concarneau, consisting of approximately 13 boats (including one original vessel) hoped to re-enact the voyage in the first week of July (immediately after Golowan). It was proposed that the Mayor of Concarneau would join the group and as the visit was still to be confirmed and it was

RESOLVED – that a letter from the Mayor would be sent to the Mayor of Concarneau asking for confirmation of the visit and a special contingency fund of £1,000 would be set aside to assist the Concarneau Twinning Association with the cost of providing a suitable reception and associated events for the visitors.

The committee considered revised estimates for the current year and the proposed budget figures in respect of the financial year 2010/2011 and it was

RECOMMENDED - that the revised figures in respect of the current year and the proposed budget for 2010/2011 be approved.

49. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

(a) Minor Awards

(i) Tanya's Courage Trust

Tanya's Courage Trust had been set up to support young people in Cornwall aged between 16 and 25 who were suffering from cancer. Sufferers were offered financial assistance of £300 or a gift to that value and it was

RESOLVED – to make a donation of £150.

(ii) Penzance Proms

The 'Penzance Proms' was a project set up to help extend the traditional tourist season by holding a series of musical events in October and it was

RESOLVED – that a letter of support in principle should be sent to the organisers and requesting a business plan and further information. The Town Council would also pledge a grant of £150 when evidence had been received that this could be match-funded from alternative funding sources.

(iii) Penzance Cage Bird Society

It was

RESOLVED – to make a donation of £50 towards the cost of a new printer.

50. BUSINESS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

(a) General Purposes Committee meeting – 18 January 2010

Town Flag (Minute 42(a))

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that quotes had now been received for a Town Flag, a Town Standard and a St Piran Flag and it was

RESOLVED – that investigations into obtaining comparative quotes should be made but, if more favourable prices could not be obtained, the Town Clerk should proceed and commission the flags.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm4

Chairman
4 March 2010