

MINUTES OF THE PENLEE HOUSE AND PARK COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Tuesday 2 March 2010 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor J F Moreland (Chairman)
M Freeman (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M R Cotton
R A Mann
D Nebesnuick
J Parkin
J Ruhmund

ALSO PRESENT

Alison Bevan (Director, Penlee House Gallery & Museum)

36. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – were received from Councillors R M Lawrence, M Lovegrove, C A C White.

Absent without apologies: Councillors K L W Perry, T E Williams.

37. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

38. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2010**

Having been circulated, it was

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

39. **REPORT OF DIRECTOR**

- (a) **Exhibition, income and visitor number report**

The Director reported that, unfortunately, visitor numbers over the past couple of months had been low – 34,420 for the financial year to the end of February against 35,944 to the end of February 2009. This could be attributed partly to the unusually cold winter and partly to the current exhibition, 'West Cornwall Studio Pottery' which, although not as popular as some of the previous exhibitions, has attracted visitors who have travelled a long way to view the exhibition.

Correspondingly, the shop income is lower than in previous years standing at £89,650 for the financial year at the end of February compared to £99,284 at the end of February 2009, and total takings stood at £123,843 against £136,660 for the same period.

(b) Forthcoming exhibitions

A draft exhibition programme showing confirmed and provisional exhibitions up to November 2012 had been distributed to all members before the meeting. The next exhibition would be 'A Marriage of the Arts: The Garniers and their circle', starting on 20 March 2010 and would include etchings and engravings by Geoffrey Garnier alongside work by his wife, Jill, and many of their artist friends.

(c) Social History exhibitions

The Social History Gallery was proving very popular and had been designed with flexibility in mind so that mini-exhibitions could be organised at short notice.

Exhibitions had already been planned for 2010 to 2012 and these included for 2010:

27 March to 19 June	'From East End to Land's End' (The Jews' Free School evacuation to Mousehole in 1940)
26 June to 18 September	75 th Anniversary of Jubilee Pool
Autumn	Rowan / CAVA (Cornwall Audio Visual Assoc.) - Oral History project
Christmas	Victorian Christmas Cards

(d) Emergency repairs to building

It was reported that, unfortunately, a section of plasterwork had fallen off the soffit at the corner of the building and repairs were being undertaken. The contractor carrying out the work had also discovered several areas of the roof that need minor repairs and he had been asked to undertake this work and to clear out all the guttering. The gardening staff would then clean the patio and railings before the Easter holidays.

(e) Resolution to exclude the press and public

Due to the confidential nature of the next item, it was

RESOLVED – to exclude the press and public.

(f) Staffing matters (see confidential Appendix 'A')

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman
18 May 2010