

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING held in Committee Room No. 3, St. John's Hall, Penzance on Thursday 1 July 2010 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor J H Dixon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D J Axford
 R A Mann
 P Peters
 P C H Rendle

10. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – were received from Councillors M R Cotton, M Freeman, J Ruhrmund, C A C White.

11. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Peters declared a personal interest in Minute 16(a)(iii) The Friends of Morrab Gardens, as a member of the organisation.

Councillors Dixon and Peters declared a personal interest in Minute 16(a)(vi) Friends of the Jubilee Pool, as members of the organisation.

12. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2010**

Having been circulated, it was

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

13. **THANK YOU LETTERS**

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

- (a) Jack Nowell – young rugby player
- (b) Alverton Community Primary School
- (c) Rotary Club of Mount's Bay
- (d) Cornwall Blind Association
- (e) Mousehole Sea Salts & Sail Association

14. **FINANCE UPDATE – CLOSING FIGURES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/10**

The Committee considered the closing figures for the financial year 2009/10 and it was

RESOLVED – to approve the financial position (see Appendix 'A').

15. NEWLYN WAR MEMORIAL

A member of the Royal British Legion in Newlyn had approached the Town Council with a proposal to add the name of Lance Corporal Darren Hicks, who had recently been killed in action in Afghanistan, to the War Memorial in Newlyn. The approval of Lance Corporal Hicks' family and the army had already been granted and it was

RESOLVED – to support and approve the proposal.

It was also suggested that the name should be added to the Book of Remembrance in Penlee Park.

16. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT

(a) Minor Awards

(i) Willows Educare

Willows Educare, based at Heamoor CP School, provided activities during the school holidays for children whose parents were either at work or needed respite care. The care was paid for by parents and the group organised fundraising events throughout the year to defray the cost to parents. The organisers were therefore requesting a small grant to assist with the cost of trips for the children and it was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £50.

(ii) Cornish Scale Modellers Society

The Society had requested financial assistance with the cost of hiring St John's Hall to host an exhibition and it was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £75.

(iii) The Friends of Morrab Gardens

The Friends of Morrab Gardens was a newly formed organisation with members working on a voluntary basis to assist with the upkeep of Morrab Gardens. Each member paid an annual subscription of £10 and assistance was sought with the cost of purchasing replacement bird boxes, high-viz jackets, stationery etc. and it was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £150.

(iv) Cornwall Animal Hospital

Cornwall Animal Hospital had written to request a donation towards the cost of maintaining services for pet owners throughout Cornwall. The service was of particular benefit to people on low income and the elderly and it was

RESOLVED – to make a donation of £50.

(v) Freshbrook Close Christmas Lighting Association

The Association was organising a visit by the Royal Logistics Corps Band for a performance on Penzance promenade on 29 August 2010. The performance would raise funds for the Royal British Legion and St Dunstan's and it was

RESOLVED – to make a grant of £50.

The following grant application had not been included at the time the agenda was set and it was agreed to consider the application at this time.

(vi) Friends of the Jubilee Pool

The Friends of the Jubilee Pool had requested assistance with the production of a flyer entitled 'Wake up to Water' that was aimed at supporting Cornwall Council's policy to improve visitor and school numbers and make the pool a 12 month venue.

As Councillors Dixon and Peters had declared a personal interest in this item and the meeting was therefore inquorate, it was

RECOMMENDED – that a grant of £300 be given subject to the approval of the Committee Chairman whom the Town Clerk would consult at the earliest opportunity.

17. BUSINESS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

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

RESOLVED – to exclude the press and public from the meeting.

(a) Penlee House & Park Committee

(i) Operation of Penlee House Gallery and Museum

See Confidential Appendix 'B'.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

Chairman
9 September 2010