

Councillors Present:

Mrs G A Grant – Town Mayor

Mrs B Hulme – Deputy Mayor

Mrs M V Bennett, N S Ferris, J Langan, Mrs M K May, G K Mockett, Mrs S Peters, G C Rickard, M Snowdon, Mrs S Townsend and E L Wilkes

Sam Hudspitch of University College Falmouth attended the meeting to give a presentation on the proposed artwork at Penryn Station. The artwork incorporated designs by pupils of Penryn schools and comprised of a 35 metre long timeline of the history of Penryn. It was proposed that the artwork, which had been funded by Cornwall Council, would be constructed in weathering steel. It was agreed that the proposals be considered at the meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on Monday 16 July 2012.

There being no representative from Devon and Cornwall Police present, a police report was not given.

The Town Mayor congratulated Ginette Davis of the West Briton on her EDF award for Journalist of the Year.

22. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors K S Green, Mrs C Hutchings, Councillor M J Mullins and D A Prynn.

23. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2012

RESOLVED that minutes 7 to 21 of the Council Meeting held on 11 June 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor G K Mockett

In relation to Minute No. 9 (Correspondence), Councillor Mrs M K May advised that the Chairman of the Harbours Board had himself responded to the letter from the Penryn River Users Association.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 June 2012 be noted.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor J Langan

RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting of the Management Team held on 11 June 2012 be noted.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor Mrs M K May

In response to complaints received regarding the decision to limit the display of posters on the Temperance Hall noticeboard for two weeks, it was suggested that the Management Team reconsider the issue at its next meeting.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk advised that no correspondence had been received.

25. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENTS

The list of the Town Mayor's engagements since the previous Council meeting was noted. The Deputy Mayor advised that she had also attended the Mayor of Truro's Civic Service on behalf of the Town Mayor.

26. REPRESENTATION BY CORNWALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS ATTENDING EXTERNAL MEETINGS

Cornwall Councillor Mrs M K May gave an oral report to Council and advised of the following:

- Cornwall Councillors had been advised by the Chief Executive of Cornwall Council that they could expect a 35% cut in Government funding for local Government.
- Councillor Mrs May was awaiting a response from Cornwall Council's legal services on the introduction of byelaws to prevent parking on pavements and it was expected that a report would be brought to Council in September.
- Cornwall Council would shortly be recruiting additional enforcement officers.
- The Traffic Revision Orders for Penryn had been delayed by a further month with the consultation period expected in mid-July, which could mean that the yellow lines would not be in place before the students returned in September.
- A traffic island was currently being installed on Station Road.
- The Section 106 funds had not yet been received in relation to the Station Road development which had delayed the installation of a ticket machine at Penryn Station.
- Penryn bypass would be closed for patching for two days in September.

Councillor Mrs S Townsend advised that she had attended a summer exhibition at the Performance Centre and was concerned at the state of the disabled access which was overgrown. It was noted that this was a temporary path.

27. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk presented a report on her attendance at meetings during the period 29 May to 24 June 2012 which was noted. In relation to the Town and Gown Committee, Councillor Mrs B Hulme advised that it had been agreed to invite representatives from Cory to attend the Fresher's Fairs and that a leaflet would be prepared for new students on disposing of refuse and recycling in the correct manner. It was noted that new seagull-proof covers were also being trialled and that Councillor Mrs M K May would be joining the refuse collection rounds on 17 July to see the problems first hand. The Town Clerk further advised that issues with individual households had been reported through the One Stop Shop.

28. ACCOUNTS

The statement and list of payments made for the period 21 May to 20 June 2012 were presented.

RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid from 21 May to 20 June 2012 be approved.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Hulme

Councillor G K Mockett advised that he had inspected the books during an internal audit and had found them to be in good order. It was also noted for future reference that the budget report, attached as Appendix 3, should include dates.

29. SECTION 106 STEERING GROUP

Council considered a report by the Town Clerk on proposals to set up a Section 106 Steering Group to monitor the use of Section 106 contributions in Penryn and to promote possible schemes.

RESOLVED that

- (a) a Section 106 Steering Group be formed to consider options for the allocation of Section 106 contributions and to monitor unspent contributions, comprising the following members:

Town Mayor (Chairman)
Chairman of the Planning Committee (Vice-Chairman)
Deputy Mayor
Cornwall Councillor
3 x Co-optees

with a substitute for the Cornwall Councillor (also a Cornwall Councillor) and the Chairman of the Planning Committee (Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee);

- (b) the Steering Group makes recommendations to the Planning Committee on possible schemes for the use of unspent Section 106 contributions; and
- (c) notes of meetings of the Steering Group be circulated to all Councillors for information.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor J Langan

30. SECTION 137 GRANTS

The Town Clerk presented a report detailing a number of grant requests.

RESOLVED that the Penryn Town Fair Committee be awarded a Section 137 Grant of £500 towards Penryn Town Fair.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor G K Mockett

Councillor Mrs M K May declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item as a member of the Penryn Town Fair Committee and left the Council Chamber during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED that Penryn Methodist Church be awarded a Section 137 Grant of £100 towards the cost of running its annual summer holiday club.

Proposed by Councillor M Snowdon and seconded by Councillor E L Wilkes

Councillor Mrs S Townsend declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item as a member of Penryn Methodist Church and left the Council Chamber during consideration of the item.

RESOLVED that the Penryn Christmas Lights Committee be awarded a Section 137 Grant of £1500 towards the cost of decorating the town for the Christmas festivities.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G A Grant and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters

The Town Clerk advised that, following publication of the agenda, a request had been received from the Penryn Museum Society for a Section 137 Grant of £200 towards the annual cost of cataloguing software required to achieve accreditation.

RESOLVED that the Penryn Museum Society be awarded a Section 137 Grant of £200 towards the annual cost of cataloguing software.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor N S Ferris

Councillor G K Mockett declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item as the Chairman of the Museum Society and left the Council Chamber during consideration of the item.

31. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

The Town Clerk advised that no questions had been received from Councillors prior to the deadline. Councillor J Langan asked Councillor Mrs M K May to provide more detail regarding the 35% cut to local government funding which she had referred to earlier in the meeting. Councillor May advised that she would provide further detail once it was made available by Cornwall Council.

Councillor N S Ferris asked Councillor Mrs M K May to clarify the consequences to Cornwall should the incinerator at St Dennis not be built. Councillor Mrs May responded that Councillors needed to consider the bigger picture, but on the other hand, should also consider the effect on St Dennis of having such a large facility so close to the village.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10 p.m.

TOWN MAYOR