

Councillors Present:

Mrs G A Grant – Town Mayor
Mrs B Hulme – Deputy Mayor
Mrs M V Bennett, Mrs C Hutchings, J Langan, Mrs M K May, G K Mockett, Mrs S Peters and
M Snowdon

Adrian Grigg of St Gluvias Street Penryn attended the meeting and raised concerns regarding the public conveniences on Exchequer Quay. He was advised that the Town Council was continuing to explore options to enable the public conveniences to remain fully open in the light of Cornwall Council's decision to no longer maintain the facilities. However, in the meantime, the Town Council had agreed with Cornwall Council to take on responsibility for Permarin car park and the disabled section of Exchequer Quay from 1 April 2013.

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

The Town Mayor gave an update on Councillor E L Wilkes, who was absent due to ill health, and the Town Council wished him a speedy recovery.

32. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors N S Ferris, K S Green, D A Prynn and E L Wilkes.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

34. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2012

RESOLVED that minutes 22 to 31 of the Council Meeting held on 2 July 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor G K Mockett and seconded by Councillor Mrs M K May

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 16 July 2012 be noted.

Proposed by Councillor G K Mockett and seconded by Councillor Mrs M K May

The Chairman of the Planning Committee advised that he had met with the case officer on the site of the application for College Farm to discuss the Town Council's concerns in more detail.

RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting of the Management Team held on 9 July 2012 be noted.

Proposed by Councillor G K Mockett and seconded by Councillor Mrs M K May

35. CORRESPONDENCE

A number of items of correspondence had been received as detailed below:

Jane Cross, Olive Branch Community Café

A letter had been received requesting an exemption from the VAT charge on the hire of the Temperance Hall for the Olive Branch Community Café. Council was advised that it was unlawful to exempt a non-registered charity from the payment of VAT, but that it was permissible to charge a reduced rate inclusive of VAT.

RESOLVED that the Olive Branch Community Café be given one month's rental of the Temperance Hall at a reduced rate of £20 inclusive of VAT per session.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor M Snowdon

Betty Levene, Project Coordinator, Chyan Community Field

A letter had been received requesting the Town Council's support for a project to make a link between its Cornish apple growing and the local apple production history of the Penryn area.

RESOLVED that the Town Council supports the Chyan Apple History Project.

Proposed by Councillor G K Mockett and seconded by Councillor Mrs M K May

Letters of thanks for Section 137 Grants were received from Gillian Wright, Headteacher, Penryn CP Infant School and Nursery; Sharon Bawden, Church Secretary, Penryn Methodist Church; and Mary May, Chairman, Penryn Town Fair Committee. Councillor Mrs M K May advised the Town Council that the climbing wall for which the Town Council had given its grant had been cancelled due to the inclement weather, but that with Council's permission, the funds would be put towards the next Town Fair.

36. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENTS

The list of the Town Mayor's engagements since the previous Council meeting was noted. The Town Mayor advised Councillors of the resignation of Mrs Sue Townsend from the Town Council. She thanked her for her work during her time as Councillor and wished her well for the future.

37. 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:

- Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust had published its Plan for 2012–17;
- British International had advised that the domestic helicopter passenger route between Penzance and the Isles of Scilly would be closing from 1 November 2012;
- the Cornwall Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board had published its Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- Councillor May had attended training organised by Cornwall Council on landscape considerations in planning;
- Cornwall Council's Cabinet had backed a proposal which it was claimed would create up to 500 new jobs in Cornwall and protect Council services, however, there would be a motion to Council at its meeting on 4 September to halt the process following the loss of jobs in other areas which had taken a similar approach;

- changes announced by Government to the rail franchise tender had been welcomed by the Leader of Cornwall Council;
- the Community Network discussed parking charges in Penryn and was advised that Commercial Road and Saracen Way would continue to be charged at 50p for the first hour, that there was a waiting list for spaces on Quay Hill, and that the take-up of permits for Commercial Road was poor. Cornwall Council had also been asked to review the charge of £120 for Saracen car park on Fair Day;
- Penryn had the worst record in Cornwall for the return of electoral registration forms;
- Station Road remained in disarray and the first students were due to take occupation on 15 September which was likely to be a very busy weekend;
- the ticket machine had not yet been installed in the station car park as the Section 106 money is not due to be transferred until the accommodation is occupied;
- Councillor May thanked everyone for their support for Penryn Week, in particular the Seven Stars for hosting the plays. She estimated that there were between 250–300 visitors during the week.

Councillor Mrs S Peters advised that she had received positive feedback on the sports days, but noted that a contingency plan for an alternative indoor venue was needed for the next year.

38. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk presented a report on her attendance at meetings during the period 25 June to 23 August 2012 which was noted.

39. ACCOUNTS

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

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

Proposed by Councillor G K Mockett and seconded by Councillor Mrs M K May

40. SECTION 137 GRANTS

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

RESOLVED that Breathe Falmouth be awarded a Section 137 Grant of £180 towards the cost of a qualified physiotherapist to carry out periodic checks that the exercises are being carried out correctly.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs C Hutchings and seconded by Councillor M Snowdon

RESOLVED that Penryn Rugby Football Club be awarded a Section 137 Grant of £200 towards the cost of the proposed learning zone facility at the Memorial Ground.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs C Hutchings and seconded by Councillor Mrs M V Bennett

41. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Town Clerk presented a report on changes to appointments to outside bodies and advised that following a recent resignation, a vacancy existed for a representative on the

Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership and for a Transportation Officer. The Town Clerk also advised that there was an error in the report and that Councillor Mrs C Hutchings had been appointed to the Penryn Conservation Area Advisory Committee and not Councillor Mrs B Hulme as stated.

RESOLVED that

(a) the following changes to appointments to outside bodies be noted:

- Falmouth and Penryn Conservation Area Advisory Committee – Councillor Mrs C Hutchings to replace Councillor J Langan;
- Penryn Arts Festival Committee – Councillor Mrs G A Grant appointed in addition to Councillor Mrs C Hutchings, with Councillor Mrs B Hulme remaining as substitute;
- Stuart Stephen Memorial Hall – Councillor E L Wilkes appointed as Trustee in addition to Councillors Mrs M V Bennett, Mrs G A Grant, Mrs B Hulme, Mrs C Hutchings, J Langan and Mrs M K May; and

(b) that Councillor Mrs M K May be appointed to the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership with Councillor Mrs B Hulme appointed as substitute.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G A Grant and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Hulme

42. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from Councillors.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.05 p.m.

TOWN MAYOR