

Councillors: M Snowdon (Chairman)
E L Wilkes (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs M V Bennett, Mrs G A Grant, Mrs C Hutchings, J Langan, Mrs M K May,
M J Mullins and D A Pryn

36. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs B Hulme, G K Mockett, Mrs S Peters and G C Rickard.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Snowdon declared a registrable interest in Agenda No. 4 (Town and Country Planning Applications) as he was the applicant for Application No. PA12/10772.

38. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2012

RESOLVED that Minute Nos. 31 to 35 of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 November 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G A Grant and seconded by Councillor Mrs C Hutchings

39. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA12/10772 – Land to the rear of the Old Library, 15 Broad Street, Penryn

Prior to consideration of the application, Councillor M Snowdon left the Council Chamber having earlier declared a registrable interest as he was the applicant. He did not take part in the debate or the vote. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor E L Wilkes, took the Chair for the duration of the item in the absence of the Chairman.

The application had been deferred from a meeting of the Town Council pending a site visit by Councillors. Several Councillors had visited the site and reported that it was clear that there was insufficient room on the site for the planting of a tree. Concerns raised by two local residents at the previous meeting were also noted.

RESOLVED that the proposals are fully supported.

Proposed by Councillor J Langan and seconded by Councillor Mrs G A Grant

Following consideration of the above item, Councillor M Snowdon returned to the Council Chamber and once again took the Chair.

PA13/00165 – 7 Poltair Road, Penryn

Councillor Mrs M K May advised that she had visited the site with the case officer and met with an objector from a neighbouring property. The concerns of the objector were noted, however, it was also noted that there were no issues of overlooking, that the eaves height of the extension was a similar height to the garden fence, the use of a hipped roof would reduce any issues of overshadowing, and that a conservatory on the same footprint as the extension would be considered permitted development.

RESOLVED that the Town Council has no objections.

Proposed by Councillor J Langan and seconded by Councillor Mrs C Hutchings

40. DECISION NOTICES

The list of decision notices was noted. Councillor Mrs M K May advised that she had met with the case officer for Application No. PA12/09746 on site following an objection that had been received from a neighbour subsequent to the Town Council's decision to support the application. She advised that the case officer was of the opinion that the proposal would be obtrusive and had consequently refused permission. It was noted that the Town Council had been contacted by the case officer prior to taking the decision and it had been agreed that in the circumstances, the Town Council would not request that the application be taken to Committee.

41. BUDGET 2013-2014

The Town Clerk outlined the report on the budget 2013–2014 which it was proposed should be revised in the light of new information on Government funding. It was noted that, as set out in the report, whilst the precept would be reduced to £162,000 from £197,000, this would not significantly affect the amount that the average tax payer in Penryn would pay, as this was offset by the new arrangements for a localised discount scheme for council tax which would lower the council tax base.

RESOLVED that Cornwall Council be advised that Penryn Town Council's precept requirement for 2013–14 is £162,000 and that a grant of £31,851.98 from Cornwall Council, and a grant of £2773 from the Harbours Board be added to the Council budget's expected income.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman