

Councillors Present:

Mrs G A Grant – Town Mayor

Mrs M V Bennett, K S Green, Mrs B Hulme, Mrs C Hutchings, J Langan, Mrs M K May, M J Mullins, Mrs S Peters, D A Prynn, G C Rickard, V Tullin and E L Wilkes

Representatives from Three16 attended the meeting and gave a presentation on their proposals for a Christian multi-faith Free School for Penryn and Falmouth on the rural outskirts of Penryn. Their application had been submitted to the Department for Education on 31 December 2012 and had reached the second stage, with an interview at Westminster on 14 March. They anticipated that a decision would be made in May 2013 and it was hoped that the school would open in September 2014.

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

116. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors G K Mockett and M Snowdon.

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs S Peters declared a non-registrable interest in Agenda Item 11 (Section 137 Grants) as she was a member of the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Project.

Councillor Mrs M K May declared a non-registrable interest in Agenda Item 11 (Section 137 Grants) as she was the Chairman of the Penryn Federation.

118. MINUTES

RESOLVED that minutes 103 to 115 of the Council meeting held on 4 February 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor Mrs C Hutchings

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18 February 2013 be noted.

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

119. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk advised that two items of correspondence had been received:

Penryn Guides had written to thank the Town Council for their Section 137 Grant.

CORMAC Solutions had written to advise that the Town Council's application for a brown tourism sign for the museum had been refused as it was not in line with the current criteria. However, they had agreed as a goodwill gesture to return the full fee of £400.

120. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

The list of the Town Mayor's engagements since the previous Council meeting was noted.

121. REPRESENTATIONS 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:

- Paul Masters had been appointed as Interim Chief Executive of Cornwall Council with a reduced salary.
- Council tax had been frozen, but health and education budgets had been cut as a result.
- The yellow lines at Kernick were not quite complete and a meeting was due to be held on 6 March outside Raze the Roof to discuss the final scheme.
- A public meeting, Have Your Say, had been quite well attended with the main issues raised being litter, dog fouling and runoff from residential properties.
- The Station car park ticket machine had still to be installed.

Councillors Mrs B Hulme and Mrs C Hutchings had attended training on safeguarding vulnerable adults and were the only representatives from Town and Parish Councils. Councillor Mrs B Hulme commended the course to Councillors and reminded them that they were all likely to come into contact with vulnerable adults.

122. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk presented a report on her attendance at meetings during the period 29 January to 24 February 2013 which was noted. Regarding the meeting with local resident, Ned Bailey, Councillor Mrs M K May advised that it appeared that the boundary stone had been stolen and the cost of a replacement granite stone was in the region of £1000. Councillor K S Green offered to donate a granite gate post that could be carved into a boundary stone.

123. ACCOUNTS

The statement and list of payments made for the period 21 January 2013 to 20 February 2013 were presented.

RESOLVED that the list of accounts paid from 21 January 2013 to 20 February 2013 be approved.

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

124. PENRYN PHARMACY APPLICATION

The Town Clerk presented a report outlining a consultation from the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Primary Care Trust on an application for a pharmacy on the outskirts of Penryn. Following the recent application from Asda for a pharmacy, it was questioned whether there was a good reason why pharmacists appeared to be targeting Penryn, however, it was commented that the Town Council needed to be consistent in its approach.

RESOLVED that the Town Council objects to the inclusion of any additional pharmacies to the Primary Care Trust's pharmaceutical list in the vicinity of Penryn which are not located in the town centre, due to the potential adverse impact on the viability and vitality of the town centre.

Proposed by Councillor M J Mullins and seconded by Councillor E L Wilkes

125. MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Town Mayor advised that the Management Team had been meeting monthly since the appointment of the new Town Clerk, however, it was apparent that although the Management Team still had its purpose, it was not considered necessary to meet so frequently now that the Town Clerk had been in the role for over a year.

RESOLVED that the frequency of Management Team meetings be reduced and that meetings be held as and when considered necessary.

Proposed by Councillor J Langan and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Hulme

126. SECTION 137 GRANTS

The Town Clerk presented a report detailing a number of requests for Section 137 Grants. She advised that the balance remaining for the current financial year was £1295 and that any further requests for funding would be dealt with from the next financial year's budget.

RESOLVED that the Penryn Federation be awarded a Section 137 Grant of £295 towards the cost of their 60th anniversary celebrations.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor M J Mullins

RESOLVED that the Glasney Green Space Regeneration Project be awarded a Section 137 Grant of £1000 towards the cost of a project to improve and regenerate the Glasney playing field, BMX track and surrounding valley.

Proposed by Councillor M J Mullins and seconded by Councillor E L Wilkes

Having earlier declared a non-registrable interest in the above item, Councillors Mrs M A May and Mrs S Peters left the Council Chamber for the duration of the item and did not take part in the vote or the debate.

127. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from Councillors.

128. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items by reasons of the confidential nature of the items. Proceedings, apart from any resolutions passed, shall remain confidential.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs B Hulme and seconded by Councillor K S Green

129. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES CLEANING CONTRACT

RESOLVED that Churchill Contract Services be awarded the contract for the cleaning and locking and unlocking of the public conveniences in Penryn for a period of one year commencing 1 April 2013.

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

130. PERMARIN CAR PARK RESURFACING

RESOLVED that the area of Permarin car park from the large pothole in the north-east of the car park to the top of the shoppers spaces be resurfaced, and that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Planning Committee, to obtain two further quotes for the resurfacing work and to appoint the best value contractor to carry out the work.

131. TOWN HALL CLOCK TOWER

RESOLVED that further investigations be carried out to ascertain the cause of the leakage in the Town Hall entrance.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30 p.m.

TOWN MAYOR