

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PENRYN TOWN COUNCIL'S PORT OF PENRYN WORKING PARTY HELD ON **THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 2.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PENRYN**

Present:

Councillors: Mrs G A Grant, J Langan, M K May, M J Mullins, M Snowdon and E L Wilkes
Co-Optee: Mr B Sheppard (Chairman of Penryn River Users Association)
Others: Mr D Pollard (Ocean Business Consultants), Miss M Davey (Town Clerk)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor E L Wilkes be elected Chairman of the Port of Penryn Working Party for the civic year 2016–17.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M K May and seconded by Councillor Mrs G A Grant

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor J Langan be elected Vice-Chairman of the Port of Penryn Working Party for the civic year 2016–17.

Proposed by Councillor M J Mullins and seconded by Councillor Mrs G A Grant

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs S Peters (work).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

6. THE JIGSAW PROJECT

Mr Pollard advised that there had been a great deal of interest in the Jigsaw Project since the presentation to the Town Council on 1 February 2016. He added that the aim of the project for Penryn was the regeneration of its waterfront which would have a beneficial impact on the town centre and local businesses. He advised that he was willing to continue to provide support to the project, but stressed that a working group would need to be set up and meet regularly to develop the proposals.

The Working Party discussed a number of land ownership and permission issues in relation to various facilities and opportunities in the harbour. It was also noted that there had been no dredging in Penryn Harbour since 2005, although permission was in place to do so.

Councillor May advised the Working Party that work was already in progress by the Harbours Board for improvements to Church Beach slipway, but a discussion regarding vehicular access acknowledged that this would be problematic and it was also noted that the slipway had no revenue stream and limited use.

Mr Pollard suggested that a working group meet to discuss the various options in detail and carry out further research before presenting a number of recommendations to Cornwall Council.

It was agreed that a further meeting would be arranged for the Working Party to visit a number of sites on the waterfront to assess the potential for improvements to the harbour.

There being no further relevant business, the meeting was declared closed at 3.15 p.m.