

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY
14 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PENRYN**

Councillors

J Langan (Vice-Chairman)

R P Mitchell, Mrs S Peters, G C Rickard and M Snowdon

163. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors M V Bennett (personal), D Garwood (personal), G A Grant (away), M J Mullins (personal), C S F Smith (away) and E L Wilkes (ill).

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Snowdon declared a registerable interest in Agenda No. 6 (Planning Applications), Application No. PA16/11983, as he owned a number of properties let to students.

165. DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

166. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman suggested that, due to the large nature of Application No. PA16/11983 (Land to East of A39 between A39 and railway line north of Penryn), Standing Orders 3(f) and 3(g), which restrict public speakers to a limit of three minutes, be suspended for the duration of the item to allow Councillors to hear fully from both the applicant and objectors.

RESOLVED that Standing Orders 3(f) and 3(g) be suspended for the duration of the following item.

Proposed by Councillor J Langan and seconded by Councillor R P Mitchell

Martin Pollard of Axis spoke in support of application PA16/11983. In response to questions from Councillors he advised the following:

- Although the proposed hotel on site would be aimed at those connected with the university, it would not be solely advertised to them
- Approximately two thirds of the site will be identified within the Development Plan Document
- The park and ride will loop to Falmouth and return through Penryn

Jill Punter of Penryn Gymnastics attended the meeting and spoke in support of Application PA17/00343 (Unit 9 Parkengue).

Following the above item, Standing Orders 3(f) and 3(g) were reinstated.

167. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 January 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Shelley Peters and seconded by Councillor R P Mitchell

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 16 May 2016 were noted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 8 August 2016 were noted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 14 September 2016 were noted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 24 October 2016 were noted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 28 November 2016 were noted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee held on 23 January 2017 were noted.

168. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PA17/00109 – Penryn Primary Academy, Treverbyn Rise

RESOLVED that the Town Council has no objections.

Proposed by Councillor M Snowdon and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters

PA17/00513 – Tros Mergh, Penryn

RESOLVED that the Town Council has no objections.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs S Peters and seconded by Councillor M Snowdon

PA17/00343 – Unit 9 Parkengue, Penryn

RESOLVED that the Town Council fully supports the application.

Proposed by Councillor R P Mitchell and seconded by Councillor G C Rickard

Having earlier declared a registerable interest, Councillor M Snowdon left the meeting for the duration of the following item and did not take part in the debate nor the vote.

PA16/11983 – Land to East of A39 between A39 and railway line north of Penryn

Councillors raised concerns regarding the proposal of a large development within open countryside, particularly as the land had not been identified within the Allocations Development Plan Document. The position of the site was also felt to be highly visible from many viewpoints.

Councillor J Langan commented that the large nature of the site housing 2000 students would be the equivalent of approximately 500 houses within the town.

RESOLVED that the Town Council objects to the application on the grounds that it is

an unnecessary development of a green field site that has not been identified within the Allocations Development Plan Document; it would be surplus to requirement as set out by the university in their proposed development plans; the position of the site would be overbearing and it would change the character of Penryn and the surrounding areas.

Proposed by Councillor R P Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Peters

Following the above decision, Councillor M Snowdon returned to the meeting.

169. DECISION NOTICES

The list of decision notices was noted.

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