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TOWN CLERK: JAMES HARDY

10 January 2023

To: All Penzance Councillors

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of Penzance Council to be held in The Alverne Room of St John's Hall on Monday 16 January 2023 at 7.00 pm to discuss the business set out in the Agenda below.

James Hardy
Town Clerk

cc: Council's spiritual representative, Cornwall Councillors (Penzance), The Press,
Inspector of Police (Penzance)

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Prior to the commencement of the business to be transacted the following will take place:-

Prayers

General principles of public life

Selflessness – Members should serve only the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person.

Honesty and integrity – Members should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned. The public nature of a Member's role means the distinction between acting in your official capacity and your private life may become blurred and a Member's honesty and integrity may therefore be questioned. As a result, a Member must ensure that, as far as possible, there is clear separation between what they do in their private life and in their capacity as a Member. This is especially the case when a Member's activity in their private life relates to the functions of the Council and/or their corporate responsibilities as a Member such that a reasonable member of the public may perceive that the conduct comes within the scope of this Code of Conduct.

Objectivity – Members should make decisions on merit, including when making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits.

Accountability – Members should be accountable to the public for their actions and the manner in which they carry out their responsibilities, and should co-operate fully and honestly with any scrutiny appropriate to their particular office.

Openness – Members should be as open as possible about their actions and those of their authority, and should be prepared to give reasons for those actions.

Leadership – Members should promote and support these principles by leadership and, by example, and should act in a way that secures or preserves public confidence.

In line with the Cornwall Code of Conduct, Penzance Council has also adopted the following principles:

Duty to uphold the law – Members should uphold the law and, on all occasions, act in accordance with the trust that the public is entitled to place in them.

Personal judgement – Members may take account of the views of others, including their political groups, but should reach their own conclusions on the issues before them.

Respect for others – Members should promote equality by not discriminating unlawfully against any person, and by treating people with respect, regardless of their race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. They should respect the impartiality and integrity of the authority's statutory officers and its other employees.

Stewardship – Members should do whatever they are able to do to ensure that their authorities use their resources prudently, and in accordance with the law.

“We pledge to ensure that the decisions we take today will benefit future generations.”

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest. Members to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests (including the details thereof) in respect of any items on this agenda, including any gifts or hospitality exceeding £25. (Cornwall Code of Conduct 2021 as amended by Penzance Council 24 May 2021)
3. Public participation time (lasting up to 15 minutes in total)
4. Cornwall Councillors' Reports
5. To resolve to exclude members of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960.
6. To approve written requests for dispensation
7. To confirm the Minutes of the Penzance Council meeting of 31 October 2022
8. To deal with business expressly required by statute to be done
9. To receive questions from members of which prior written notice has been given (SO No.17)
10. Town Mayor's Announcements
11. To note the Minutes of the following Committee meetings
 - (a) Planning Committee – 2 November, 23 November and 14 December 2022
 - (b) Penlee House Committee – 21 November 2022
 - (c) Leisure & Amenities Committee – 28 November 2022
 - (d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 12 December 2022
12. Reports from Other Committees for Decision

Finance & General Purposes Committee

 - (a) Application for Grant – Whole Again Communities
 - (b) Support for Youth Centre Service
 - (c) Jubilee Pool Funding for 2023/24
 - (d) Community Purchase – Centenary Hall, Chapel Street, Penzance
13. Confidential Reports from Other Committees for Decision

Penlee House

 - (a) Towards a Masterplan for Penlee House – Phases 1 and 2

Finance and General Purposes Committee

- (b) Funding of Antisocial Behaviour Caseworker
- (c) Recruitment of Marketing Assistant

14. 2023/24 Budget and Precept Setting

- (a) Penlee House Proposed Budget for 2023/24
- (b) Leisure and Amenities Proposed Budget for 2023/24
- (c) Finance and General Purposes Proposed Budget for 2023/24
- (d) 2023/24 Precept Setting

15. Reports from Outside Bodies - for information

- (a) Jubilee Pool – Verbal Report from Councillor Reynolds
- (b) Town Deal – Verbal Report from Councillor How
- (c) Neighbourhood Plan – Verbal Report from Councillor Davis

16. Reports for Information

- (a) Feedback from the Cultural Strategy Inclusion in the Penzance 'EXPO'

17. Matters arising for report at next meeting only

MINUTES OF PENZANCE COUNCIL MEETING held in the Alverne Room of St John's Hall on Monday 31 October 2022 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors J How (Mayor)
W Elliott (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors	MJ Beveridge	J McKenna
	NC Broadhurst (until 8.31 pm)	NG Pengelly
	B Jackson	SJ Reynolds
	Z Lawlor	R Sorrell
	TS Marrington (until 8.25 pm)	P Young

Also present: James Hardy (Town Clerk) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services Officer).

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Axford, Bosworth, Crago, Davis, Durrant, S Elliott, Power and Thomas.

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct:-

Councillor Pengelly declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Items 14(b) and 15(a) 'Recommendations from the Youth Services Working Group' and 'Variation to Golowan Contract – Fireworks Costs and Parade Management' as he was acquainted with the parties who had been recommended to receive funding.

Councillor Pengelly then requested that, as he was the Chair of the Youth Services Working Group and had significant experience of youth work through previous job roles, Members give consideration to providing him with a dispensation in order to allow him to take part in the debate on Item 14(b) 'Recommendations from the Youth Services Working Group'.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Standing Order 15(m), Councillor Pengelly be granted a dispensation in respect of Agenda Item 14(b) 'Recommendations from the Youth Services Working Group' for the duration of the item's consideration but that this dispensation solely provide for taking part in the discussion.

(Proposed: Councillor Beveridge; seconded: Councillor Lawlor)

Vote; Eleven in favour. One abstention.

88. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Ms Karen Johns was in attendance and made reference to her vision for Penzance, 'Go to Town Saturdays', whereby members of the public would be encouraged to utilise the town centre on these days, dress in their best clothes and so on, as would have been the case in the distant past.

In response, Councillor How suggested that Ms Johns might wish to attend the Penzance 'Expo' event, scheduled to take place in November, as this idea could potentially complement the Cultural Strategy which would be included in the event.

89. CORNWALL COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**Councillor Dwelly**

Councillor Dwelly provided a verbal report to the Council which focussed on the following areas:-

- i) Work on the Creative Industries Hub at the top of Causewayhead was now continuing and Kier Construction had been appointed to undertake the works. The deadline for the delivery of the site was the close of 2023 and it was hoped that managers for the site would be appointed in the near future. It was also no longer the case that any future operators would be required to refund Cornwall Council's borrowing costs.
- ii) There would shortly be improvements made to the public realm at the top of Causewayhead and on Market Jew Street and a bid had been made to the Community Network Panel for funding for traffic calming works on Mount Street.
- iii) Some Members would be aware of the 'Beryl Bikes' scheme which was being established in the area and a number of difficult meetings with the operators had taken place, focussing on the locations for the bicycles and the initial refusal to use the existing cycle shelters located throughout the town.
- iv) Reference was made by the decision of Livewest to demolish Fountain Court and house the existing tenants elsewhere. He had sought assurance that any tenants who were required to leave Fountain Court would be rehoused in Penzance but no such assurance had been provided. However, he had been assured that, post demolition, the site would be retained by Livewest for social housing, albeit that these units would likely be 'low-rise' and so would not replace the existing number of dwellings. While Livewest had undertaken to rehouse all of the existing tenants, this would inevitably mean that there would now be less properties available for other homeless people.
- v) Cornwall Council had made a request to Central Government for further devolution of powers without the need to have a directly elected Mayor for Cornwall in place but this request had been refused. Inexplicably, this decision had not been communicated to the people of Cornwall and it was thought that any decision as to whether to adopt the directly elected Mayor model would not take place until June 2023. However, as things stood, it did not appear that Cornwall Council would have sufficient numbers of Members in favour of an elected Mayor to allow the proposals to come to pass.

Councillor George

Councillor George was not in attendance at the meeting.

Cllr Marrington

Councillor Marrington provided a verbal report to the Council which focussed on the following areas:-

- i) The Customer and Support Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Cornwall Council had recently resolved to establish a Working Group to consider the impact of technology and data in local authorities, predominantly focussing on people who were not able to access technology either through not having the necessary skills or not having the necessary means. She had requested that she be a part of this Working Group when it meets.
- ii) A number of highways issues were ongoing and a feasibility study was being undertaken to assess potential solutions for traffic in Mousehole, considering the proposals which had been put forward by residents.
- iii) A significant amount of evidence had been gathered to inform solutions to traffic problems in Newlyn and there were now some radical plans which could be adopted in the area. These potential solutions would be unveiled at the Penzance 'Expo' event scheduled to take place in November.
- iv) Work was continuing on the sixteen days of activism to promote awareness of Violence Against Women and Girls and bystander training was being arranged, focussing on night-time economy establishments.

Cllr McKenna

Councillor McKenna provided a verbal report to the Council which focussed on the following areas:-

- i) He had recently attended some Neighbourhood Plan consultation events and, at the event in Alverton, some extremely positive feedback was received from the majority of people who attended, particularly relating to the approach Penzance Council had taken.
- ii) Some improvements had been made to the access to Battery Rocks, such as improvements to steps and railings, but more work needed to be undertaken to improve access for people with limited mobility who wished to swim there.
- iii) Time had been spent with the Citizens Advice Bureau in their new premises to follow the vital work which they were undertaking and it could be advised that this was a far more suitable venue than those in which they had been housed in the past.
- iv) Discussions were ongoing with Coastline Housing regarding the 77 dwellings which were proposed to be built in the St Clare area. These discussions had been extremely positive as Coastline Housing had been extremely perceptive to the needs of the local area. It could be confirmed that access to the site would be via the A30, the homes would all be affordable, there would be facilities provided for community growing and climate change would be addressed through the installation of air source heat pumps and the inclusion of appropriate walking and cycle routes through the site.
- v) Finally, he continued to campaign against the threatened closure of the Emergency Fire Control Centre in Tolvaddon and had submitted a Notice of Motion to the next Cornwall Council meeting in this regard. The proposal for closure, which could make potential savings of £600,000, represented a false



economy. Information had now been provided which clarified that the costs associated with one fatal road traffic collision were in excess of £1m when taking into account the investigations and inquests required. If the loss of local knowledge from the Tolvaddon Centre resulted in delays to incident response times, and even one additional fatality, there would be no savings made whatsoever.

90. TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In respect of Agenda item 18(a), 'Penzance Shopmobility Scheme', it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that members of the press and public be excluded from that section of the meeting.

(Proposed Councillor Beveridge; Seconded Councillor Jackson)

91. TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests had been submitted.

92. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PENZANCE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2022

The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Penzance Council meeting held on 5 September 2022 be approved as true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Broadhurst)

Vote; Eleven in favour. One abstention.

93. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY PENZANCE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2022

The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the first extraordinary Penzance Council meeting held on 10 October 2022 be approved as true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor W Elliott; seconded: Councillor Young)

Vote; Nine in favour. Three abstentions.

94. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY PENZANCE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2022

The minutes of the meeting having been previously circulated, it was

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the second extraordinary Penzance Council meeting held on 10 October 2022 be approved as true and accurate record and signed by the

Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor W Elliott; seconded: Councillor Sorrell)

Vote; Nine in favour. Three abstentions.

95. TO DEAL WITH BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE

There was no business to be transacted.

96. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SO NO. 17

No questions had been submitted.

97. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor's Engagements from 5 September 2022 to 30 October 2022 were as follows:-

September	05	Full Council Meeting
	06	Penzance Cultural Strategy meeting
	06	Penzance Regeneration Company meeting
	08	Launch of Penny Authors Poetry and Anthology
	09	Devolution Working Group meeting
	11	Proclamation of King Charles III
	14	Penzance BID meeting
	15	GOFA event
	16	Sustainable Transport Working Group
	18	Memorial Service for HM The Queen
	20	Penzance Regeneration Company meeting
	21	Devolution Working Group meeting
	21	'Who Dares Works' Celebration Event
	22	Penzance Civic Society meeting
	25	Redruth Mayor's Civic Service
	26	Penzance Regeneration Company meeting
	26	Penlee House Committee Meeting
	27	Penzance Cultural Strategy meeting
	27	Mayor & Chairs Meeting
	27	Penzance/Concarneau Twinning Meeting
	28	Penzance Police/local businesses meeting
	28	Planning Committee Meeting
	29	Remembrance Sunday Preparation Meeting
	30	Together for our Planet event
October	03	Informal Council meeting (Neighbourhood Plan presentation)
	03	Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting
	04	Penzance Regeneration Company meeting
	06	Catchup with Town Clerk

	06	Plastic Free Penzance meeting
	07	Sustainable Penzance event
October	07	Penzance Place Shaping Group meeting
	08	Penlee House Working Group meeting
	09	Paul Feast Service
	10	Extraordinary Council Meeting
	12	Catchup with Town Clerk
	12	Penzance BID meeting
	12	Penlee House Exhibition launch
	14	Sustainable Transport Working Group
	14	First Cornwall Autumn Congress (Chess)
	15	Cost of Living Fair
	17	Gulval School Assembly participation
	17	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting
	18	Penzance Regeneration Projects Working Group Meeting
	19	“Joyful Environmentalist” book launch (Edge of the World)
	20	Mayors of Cornwall Meeting
	20	Catchup with Town Clerk
	20	Climate Focus event: Regenerative Agriculture
	20	Penzance Civic Society meeting
	21	Fix the Basics/ Sustainable Penzance meeting
	22	Penlee House Working Group meeting
	23	Trafalgar Service at Madron Church and Lunch at Trengwainton
	24	Sustainable Penzance event
	25	Sustainable Transport Working Group (Ponsandane)
	28	Penzance/Concarneau Twinning Meeting
	28	Sustainable Transport Working Group
	30	Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to Celebrate St Just Feast

98. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members noted the Minutes of the following Committees:-

- (a) Planning Committee – 31 August, 28 September and 12 October 2022
- (b) Penlee House Committee – 26 September 2022
- (c) Leisure & Amenities Committee – 3 October 2022
- (d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 17 October 2022

99. REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES FOR DECISION

Finance and General Purposes Committee

- a) Cultural Strategy Inclusion in the Proposed Penzance Expo Event - (min no. 40 (a))

Cornwall Council were due to hold a 'PZ Expo' event, to take place in November, and it was proposed that a public consultation on a cultural strategy for Penzance be staged during this event. Given the strong connection with both the Neighbourhood Plan and the various Town Deal/Future High Streets projects the proposed PZ Expo appeared to be the perfect opportunity to undertake this consultation work.

Both the Independent Review and the preliminary Cultural Strategy Report commissioned by Newlyn Art Gallery and the Newlyn School of Art, in consultation with Penlee House, highlighted the need for a more collaborative approach to working within the cultural sector. It also recommended the development of a detailed cultural strategy and action plan.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – that

1. Subject to agreement by Cornwall Council, the proposed Penzance Expo event, scheduled to take place in November, include a public consultation on the potential content of a Cultural Strategy for Penzance, led by Penlee House, Newlyn Art Gallery & Exchange and Newlyn Art School, as part of the Activist Implementation Plan.
2. A budget no greater than £2000 be allocated for promotional materials including banners and so on, i.e. Penlee House – At the heart of cultural regeneration in Penzance.
3. A Cultural Strategy line be added to the Penlee House budget to meet the aims set out in (1.) and (2.) above and a virement of £2000 be made to this new budget line from the Penlee House Projects earmarked reserve.
4. With reference to (2.) above, any promotional materials be reusable to allow for use in any future consultations or promotional events.
5. The Chair of the Penlee House Committee be requested to provide a report for information to the meeting of Penzance Council scheduled to take place on 16 January 2023 to provide a summary of the feedback received.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Marrington)

b) Recommendations from the Youth Services Working Group - (min no. 41(a))

On 19 July 2021 Penzance Council re-established the Youth Services Working Group which had existed within the former Council. When the Working Group was re-established, the following Councillors were appointed:-

Councillor Beveridge
Councillor Durrant
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Lawlor
Councillor Pengelly

Councillor Young

The Working Group had now met on two occasions and a number of different discussions had taken place regarding the potential for youth provision and various activities to be undertaken in the future. Further recommendations would be made to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and if necessary, Penzance Council, in due course and the background relating to the Group's current recommendations was set out in the report.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that

1. The Golowan Youth Project Proposal, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved and included within the events taking place during the 2023 Golowan Festival, with the contract with the Golowan Festival Community Interest Company being varied accordingly, for one year only.
2. A virement of £8,500 be made from the Youth Strategy Earmarked Reserve (3995/9) to the Golowan Budget (3140/1) to enable the Golowan Youth Project to be undertaken.
3. The LOLLYPOP proposal submitted by the Become You Community Interest Company, as set out at Appendix 2 to the report, be supported and a letter to this effect be sent to said Company on behalf of the Council to aid in corresponding fundraising applications.
4. A virement of £5,000 be made from the Youth Strategy Earmarked Reserve (3995/9) to the Youth Activities Budget (3225) to support the project, with the release of this funding being conditional upon:-
 - (i) The Become You Community Interest Company entering into a Service Level Agreement with Penzance Council to ensure that it meets the objectives, timescales and outcomes set out in Appendix 2 to this report, while also providing regular updates as to the progress of additional funding applications.
 - (ii) The Become You Community Interest Company supplying the level of background information to Penzance Council which would be required if it had submitted a grant application, in line with the Council's Grants Policy.
 - (iii) A Penzance Councillor being offered a seat on the Board of the Community Interest Company.
5. A survey of young people be undertaken at the Penzance 'Expo' event, scheduled to take place from 17 to 19 November 2022, to inform the future work programme of the Youth Services Working Group.
6. A virement of up to £1,000 be made from the Youth Strategy Earmarked Reserve (3995/9) to the Youth Activities Budget (3225) to purchase materials for this event and any future youth consultations.

(Proposed: Councillor Beveridge; seconded: Councillor Broadhurst)

Vote; Eleven in favour. One abstention.

c) External Audit Report (min no. 41(c))

The external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, had concluded the external audit of the 2021/22 accounting statements. Their responsibility was to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

They had confirmed, based on their review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, that, in their opinion, the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR was in accordance with proper practices and no other matters had come to their attention which would give cause for concern.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the external audit report for financial year 2021/22 be accepted.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Marrington)

100. REPORTS FOR DECISION

a) Variation to the Golowan Contract – Fireworks Costs and Parade Management

The report made reference to two areas of the contract with the Golowan Community Interest Company for the provision of the Golowan Festival, one of which required amendment and the other which could potentially require amendment depending on the view of Penzance Council.

The background for each of the suggested changes was set out within the report and the associated appendix.

During the debate, reference was made to the provision of fireworks for the Golowan festival and the view was expressed that it would be preferable if responsibility rested solely with the festival provider in future, negating the need for Penzance Council's involvement, with the funding for the Service Level Agreement being increased accordingly. However, it was suggested that this matter would best be reviewed at the stage when the contract was retendered in future.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that

1. A variation be issued to the Golowan Contract to include the provision of parade management and other services, as specified in the report, for the St John's Day Feast Parade and the Mazey Day Mayor's Parade to the value of £800, with the variation being for years 2 and 3 of the contract (2023 and 2024)



2. A variation be issued to the Golowan Contract to amend clause 3.2 to read 'The Council offers to pay up to £6,000 excluding VAT for a fireworks display...' in place of 'The Council offers to pay up to £5,000 excluding VAT for a fireworks display...' to enable the display to consist solely of fireworks of a quieter nature in order to avoid disturbance to pets, wildlife, older people and other vulnerable groups.

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; seconded: Councillor Marrington)

Vote; Eight in favour. Four abstentions.

b) Christmas Parking Arrangements at Wellfields Car Park

In previous years, Penzance Council had resolved to mirror Cornwall Council's provision of free car parking at its pay-and-display and pay on exit car parks within the town to mark the festive period. This decision was made on an annual basis when the dates were announced by Cornwall Council. However, this year Cornwall Council had made no public announcement regarding its offer of free Christmas Parking and so it was recommended that Penzance Council offer the same as Cornwall Council without specifying dates.

It had also been highlighted that a number of other towns in Cornwall provided further free parking days, with the funds to offset the associated costs supplied by their respective Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). It was therefore further recommended that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to, if necessary, approve further free Christmas parking days in Wellfields Car Park should Penzance BID make such a request and supply funds accordingly.

During the debate, Members suggested that, in light of the climate emergency, people should be encouraged to use public transport rather than their own vehicles. It was therefore suggested that it would be preferable if free bus travel could also be provided on the day(s) when free parking would be available. A Councillor then undertook to liaise with the Transportation Service at Cornwall Council to ascertain if this was feasible.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. Christmas Parking at Wellfields Car Park be offered for free on the same dates and times as those offered by Cornwall Council within the car parks in its ownership in Penzance.
2. Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to, if necessary, approve further free Christmas parking days in Wellfields Car Park, should Penzance BID make such a request and agree to provide the requisite funds to offset the associated costs to Penzance Council.
3. Cornwall Council be approached to request that they investigate the feasibility of providing free bus travel in conjunction with free car parking.

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

c) Initial Actions Arising from the Newlyn Survey

On 2 September 2022 the Ward Members for Newlyn and Mousehole met to discuss the results of the initial Newlyn Survey which was undertaken during June 2022 and the results were set out Appendix 1 to the report. Based on the responses, a number of actions were agreed which resulted in the recommendations as set out.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. Representations be made to Cornwall Council regarding the parking issues experienced in Newlyn with a request that it identifies free and effective solutions for residents in the area.
2. Investigations be undertaken to identify suitable allotment land within the Newlyn area and, if the landowner(s) is/are agreeable, further discussions relating to potential costs for leasing and/or purchasing be undertaken.
3. Investigations take place to consider the feasibility of adopting a scheme whereby Penzance Council matches willing garden owners with people who might wish to grow food on a part of the plot.

(Proposed: Councillor Marrington; seconded: Councillor Broadhurst)

d) Cultural Strategy Coordinator

At its meeting held on 1 November 2021, Penzance Council resolved to receive the Penlee House; Independent Organisational and Financial Review undertaken by Activist Group and adopt its implementation plan.

A second report, 'Towards a Cultural Strategy for Newlyn/Penzance' by CT Consults, was commissioned by Newlyn Art Gallery & The Exchange with support from Penlee House Gallery & Museum. This report was supported by Penzance Council at its meeting held on 23 May 2022. The aim of the report was to develop an Art Town Strategy to establish a national profile for Penzance and Newlyn, based on a new approach in which art was placed at the heart of town developments and initiatives.

A key priority from the Activist review proposed that Penzance Council, working with Penlee House and all local providers, developed a new creative and cultural strategy group, supported by a dedicated resource, to spearhead their contribution to regeneration and joint working.

To this end, a steering group was established with representatives from Penzance Council, Penlee House, the Newlyn Art Gallery & The Exchange and Newlyn Art School with regular meetings taking place from July 2022. The steering group agreed that it would be important to work to establish a Cultural Strategy Group with members to be drawn from a diverse range of arts/creative/cultural disciplines to ensure a level of

independence.

‘Culture Penzance’ would be launched at the Expo event in November, with invitations being extended to all those who contributed to these reports, as members of the arts, creative and cultural sectors in Penzance. The Expo event would consult the public on the potential content of a Cultural Strategy and encourage those from the arts, creative and cultural sectors to stand for membership of the Cultural Strategy Group.

It was therefore proposed that a Cultural Strategy Coordinator post be established to take forward the development of the Penzance Cultural Strategy and deliver a programme of activities, ensuring a sustainable legacy, over a two-year pilot phase.

During the debate, reference was made to a number of alternative recommendations which had been drafted by officers. These recommendations were then read to Members, for their consideration.

Following this consideration, it was

RESOLVED that

1. External funding be sought for the post of Cultural Strategy Coordinator and a two-year pilot programme of arts/creative/cultural events to be delivered by said Cultural Strategy Coordinator across the parish.
2. Subject to the external funding streams being identified and Penzance Council being successful in gaining the necessary funds, a Cultural Strategy Coordinator be appointed as early as possible in 2023/24 to develop a Cultural Strategy for Penzance, as recommended by the Activist Report.
3. Subject to (1.) and (2.) above, authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make the arrangements to appoint a Cultural Strategy Coordinator, including, but not limited to, the drafting and approval of a job description and person specification for the post, the siting of the post within Penzance Council's staffing structure, the external evaluation of the post for the purposes of its remuneration and the associated contractual arrangements.
4. If necessary, a virement be made from the HR Contingency Reserve (3995/13) to meet any expenditure associated with the appointment of the post during 2022/23, such as the placing of any job advertisements or the external evaluation referred to in (3.) above.
5. Subject to (1.) and (2.) above, a Cultural Strategy Steering Group be established, consisting of organisations and freelancers from the arts/creative/culture sectors within the Parish, alongside Members, to feed into both the Cultural Strategy itself and the work programme and annual Performance Development Review of the Cultural Strategy Coordinator post.
6. Subject to (5.) above, authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to draft and approve the Terms of Reference for the Cultural Strategy Steering Group and to seek expressions of interest from said parties, prior to approving the



appointments to it.

(Proposed: Councillor Beveridge; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

Vote; Ten in favour. One abstention.

101. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES – FOR INFORMATION

a) Jubilee Pool (JPPL)

Councillor Reynolds supplied a verbal report relating to the Jubilee Pool.

b) Town Deal

Councillor How supplied a verbal report relating to the Town Deal.

c) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors Sorrell supplied a verbal report relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.

102. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Members received a report for information which was as follows:-

a) Golowan Festival Budget Report 2023

103. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

a) Penzance Shopmobility Scheme

At its meetings held on 17 January and 23 May 2022, Penzance Council considered two separate reports regarding the future operation of a shopmobility scheme in Penzance. At these meetings it was initially resolved that the Council would administer the scheme with appropriate partner organisations and subsequently resolved that the mobility scooters be placed in specific locations, with the scheme run on a part time basis.

However, ongoing discussions had resulted in an independent organisation stating that it was prepared to administer the scheme and house the mobility scooters as a part of its current business model.

In light of this new development, there was no longer a need for Penzance Council to maintain any involvement in the scheme as the scooters were owned by Penzance BID and the scheme would be administered by an independent third party. Taking this into account, the resolutions passed by this Council were no longer pertinent nor appropriate as they committed Penzance Council to involvement which was now unnecessary. It was therefore recommended that these resolutions be rescinded.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. The resolution set out within Minute No. 104(b), agreed by this Council at its meeting held on 17 January 2022, be rescinded, namely:-
 - ‘1. *A full feasibility report, with costings, be produced for consideration at the next Penzance Council meeting.*
 2. *Investigations be undertaken to identify suitable partner organisations to partner with the Council to deliver the scheme.*
 3. *It be established if funding for the scheme could be made available by the Town Centre Regeneration Fund.’*

2. The resolution set out within Minute No. 22(f), agreed by this Council at its meeting held on 23 May 2022, be rescinded, namely:-

‘3 mobility scooters be placed in 2 locations, the Penzance Tourist Information Centre (2 scooters) and Penzance Railway Station (1 Scooter), and the scheme be run on a part time basis until the necessary funding and staff are obtained to expand the scheme into a building that can appropriately house it.’

(Proposed: Councillor Pengelly; seconded: Councillor Beveridge)

104. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING

There were no matters arising for report at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:59 pm

Town Mayor

16 January 20223