



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the St Piran’s Room, Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 21 October 2024 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

NG Pengelly (Chair)

MJ Beveridge

SJ Bosworth

NC Broadhurst

NA Davis

Z Lawlor

PI Osborne

SJ Reynolds

N Tonner

Also present: James Hardy (Town Clerk), Cal Bagshaw (Corporate Services Manager), Cameron Sil (Responsible Finance Officer) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services Officer).

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Elliott, W Elliott and McKenna.

25. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Broadhurst declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 7(d) ‘Applications for Grant – Montol Festival CIC’ as a Director of the Montol Festival CIC and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

26. TO CONSIDER WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests had been received.

27. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(b), ‘Applications for Grants – Treneere Team Spirit’.

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(c), ‘Applications for Grants – Penzance Studios’.

Two members of the public were in attendance and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(d), ‘Applications for Grants – Montol Festival CIC’.

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(f), ‘Applications for Grants – Newlyn Harbour Lights’.

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 9(a), 'Penzance and Newlyn Youth Project Funding and Service Level Agreement'.

28. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In respect of Agenda Item 11(a), 'Arrangements for Maternity Cover', it was unanimously

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

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; Seconded: Councillor Beveridge)

29. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2024

Having been previously circulated, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; seconded: Councillor Tonner)

Vote; Six in favour. Three abstentions.

30. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

(a) Quiet Connections CIC

Information about the organisation's cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report - the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £254 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Quiet Connections CIC for the project: '*Penzance Quietears Meetup*'.

(Proposed: Councillor Pengelly; seconded: Councillor Davis)

Vote; Five in favour. Three against. One abstention.

(b) Treneere Team Spirit

Information about the organisation's cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report - the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £1,500 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Treneere Team Spirit for the project: '*Christmas Lights*'.

(Proposed: Councillor Davis; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

Vote; Eight in favour. One abstention.

(c) Penzance Studios

Information about the organisation's cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report - the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £998 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Penzance Studios for the project: *'Portable MDF Display boards and extra lighting for a new pop up gallery space'* on the condition that a two-to-sign bank rule is evidenced before payment.

(Proposed: Councillor Pengelly; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

Vote; Seven in favour. One against. One abstention.

(d) Montol Festival CIC

Information about the organisation's cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report - the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL that a grant of £5,000 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Montol Festival CIC for the project: *'Montol 2024'*.

(Proposed: Councillor Pengelly; seconded: Councillor Tonner)

(Councillor Broadhurst was not present for this item.)

(e) Heamoor CIO

Information about the organisation's cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report - the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Heamoor CIO for the project: *'Repairs, replacement and expansion of the festive Christmas lights installed around the village of Heamoor'* on the condition that a two-to-sign bank rule is evidenced before any payment is made.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Bosworth)

Vote; Eight in favour. One abstention.

(f) Newlyn Harbour Lights

Information about the organisation's cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report - the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL that a grant of £6,000 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Newlyn Harbour Lights for the project: '*Christmas Lights Switch On*', on the condition that either Option 2 or 3 within firework quotes, contained within Appendix 1 to the report, is selected for a quieter display.

(Proposed: Councillor Davis; seconded: Councillor Osborne)

Vote; Seven in favour. Two abstentions.

31. REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES FOR DECISION

(a) Penlee House Plant Upgrade – Expenditure and Project Support

This item had been withdrawn from the Agenda for the meeting as there had been a change in circumstances since the matter was considered by the Arts and Culture Committee. Members were advised that a report, which reflected the change in circumstances, would be presented to the Penzance Council meeting scheduled to take place on 11 November 2024.

(b) Princess May Recreation Ground – Post Devolution Repairs

The transfer of Princess May Recreation Ground had concluded and the site, its safety and the safety of its users was now the responsibility of Penzance Council.

A number of inspections had been undertaken on site, taking into account the condition and safety of a number of site elements such as the skate park and play equipment.

A number of defects were present on site following its transfer and it was therefore recommended that engagement with industry specialists took place to identify and implement a prioritised repair and replacement programme to address safety concerns.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL that

1. Upon its receipt, a virement of the £60,000 'devolution payment' from Cornwall Council be made from income line 399 'Miscellaneous' to the Princess May Recreation Ground earmarked reserve.

2. Subject to (1.) above, the use of up to £60,000 from the Princess May Recreation Ground earmarked reserve be approved to address safety concerns on site.

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

32. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Penzance and Newlyn Youth Project Funding and Service Level Agreement

At its meeting held on 16 January 2023, Penzance Council supported an initial grant of £5,000 towards the development of a Penzance and Newlyn Youth Project with a further extension of funding, to the value of £10,000, granted in August 2023 on the understanding that any future funding would be on the basis of a future Service Level Agreement.

The Town Clerk was working with the Penzance and Newlyn Youth Project to develop a detailed service level agreement which would be presented to the next scheduled meeting of Penzance Council.

The proposed service level agreement would be based on Penzance Council providing £20,000 per annum for two years towards an £80,000 total budget:-

• Project Management -	£12,000
• Sessional Lead Youth Worker -	£3,400
• Sessional Youth Worker -	£3,000
• Materials -	£1,600
TOTAL	£20,000

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL that

1. Subject to the consideration and approval of a corresponding Service Level Agreement, a virement of £10,000 be made from the Youth Strategy Earmarked Reserve (3995/9) to spend against the Youth Activities Budget (3225) to support the continued delivery of the Penzance and Newlyn Youth Project for a period of six months.
2. An item be added to the Finance and General Purposes 2025/26 draft budget to allow for the consideration of further financial support to the Penzance and Newlyn Youth Project through the continuation of said Service Level Agreement.

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; seconded: Councillor Beveridge)

(b) Financial Papers to Receive and Accept

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the following financial papers be received and accepted:-

(i) – Paid Expenditure from 1 August to 30 September 2024

(ii) – Bank Reconciliation from 1 August to 30 September 2024

(iii) - Financial Comparison for the Period Ending 30 September 2024

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; seconded: Councillor Beveridge)

33. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Members received the following report for information:-

(a) Application for Grant – Gulval Village Community Association

34. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Arrangements for Maternity Cover

The report set out the background and the recommendations associated with this item.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Beveridge)

35. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT NEXT MEETING

A Member referenced the fact that a revised Grants Policy had initially been scheduled for consideration at this meeting and, in response, was advised that it would be presented to a future meeting following further consideration of the Informal Grants Policy Working Group.

The meeting closed at 8:01 pm

Chair
16 December 2024