



MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING held in the St Piran's Room, Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 24 March 2025 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: MJ Beveridge (Chair)
R Sorrell (Vice-Chair)

JM How N Tonner
PA Law P Young
SJ Reynolds

Co-opted Advisors: Arwen Fitch (from 7.01 pm)
Trevor Thorne

Also present: James Hardy (Town Clerk), Verity Anthony (Director (Maternity Cover), Penlee House), Cal Bagshaw (Corporate Services Manager) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Officer).

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from John Swarbrooke.

Councillors W Elliott and Reed were absent without having provided apologies.

45. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

46. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

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

In respect of Agenda Item 8(a), 'Delivery of Golowan Youth Project 2025', it was unanimously

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

(Proposed: Councillor Young; seconded: Councillor How)

48. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2025

Having previously been circulated, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Tonner)



49. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Deputy Responsible Person for Legionella Control

It was necessary to appoint a “Deputy Responsible Person” for Legionella control who could deputise in the Responsible Person’s absence.

Due to the changes in staffing as a result of the maternity cover arrangements for the Director of Penlee House Gallery and Museum, it was proposed that the Visitor Services and Security Officer be appointed as the Deputy Responsible Person for Legionella Control at Penlee House Gallery and Museum.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Visitor Services and Security Officer be appointed as the Deputy Responsible Person for Legionella Control at Penlee House Gallery and Museum

(Proposed: Councillor Law; seconded: Councillor Sorrell)

(b) Next Steps Following ‘Going Places’ Funding Application

Penlee House Gallery and Museum was part of a ‘Going Places’ funding application made by Art Fund to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The ‘Going Places’ project brought together partner museums from across the UK to stage touring exhibitions.

Penlee House had been partnered with On Fife and Museums Worcestershire. If the funding application was successful, Penlee House would join a touring exhibition programme with these two galleries, one in summer 2026 focusing on women artists and another in Summer 2028 focusing on childhood.

Should the bid have been successful, it was anticipated that the exhibitions and associated engagement work would be funded in full. Were this the case, it may have allowed for the recruitment of additional staff to support the outcomes of the ‘Going Places’ programme at Penlee House. However, any additional staffing considerations would be the subject of separate reports to the Personnel and Finance and General Purposes Committees.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. It be noted that Penlee House Gallery and Museum is part of a ‘Going Places’ funding application made by Art Fund to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
2. Should said funding application be successful, the necessary documentation be signed and any agreements be entered into in order to receive the funding and deliver the project.

(Proposed: Councillor Sorrell; seconded: Councillor How)

50. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION



The following reports for information were noted:-

- a) Penlee Coach House Development – Progress Report
- b) Penlee House Director's Report
- c) Budget Comparison Report – 1 April – 28 February 2025
- d) Penzance Town Flags and Promenade Banners Contract Award 2025

51. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Delivery of Golowan Youth Project 2025

At the meeting of Penzance Council held on 11 November 2024 the contract to deliver the Golowan Festival 2025 – 2027 was awarded to Golowan Festival CIC. In 2023 and 2024 the CIC was commissioned to add youth provision as an aspect of the Festival, but this was not included in the new Service Level Agreement for 2025 – 2027 as it was agreed that the opportunity would be offered separately.

The objective of this separate opportunity was to allow other organisations, preferably from within the Parish, to better engage young people from a broader background within the local communities as part of the Festival.

Quotes and proposals had been sought from other organisations but the proposal received from PZN Youth and its plan to actively involve young people in shaping the festival's future, while creating clear and meaningful ways for them to take part, especially those who may have otherwise faced barriers, was the one which best aligned with the Council's priorities and vision and so was recommended for approval.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that PZN Youth be commissioned to deliver youth provision for the 2025 Golowan Festival in accordance with the proposal set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

(Proposed: Councillor Young; seconded: Councillor Law)

52. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT ONLY

While not a matter arising for report at the next meeting, the Chair wished to highlight that this was the last scheduled meeting of the Committee prior to the 2025 local government elections. She therefore wished to thank all of those who had attended and supported the Committee during its existence, including officers, Councillors and the Committee Advisors, some of whom would not be returning following the elections.

The meeting closed at 7:39 pm

Chair
16 June 2025