



**MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the St Piran's Room, Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 27 January 2025 at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT**

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

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| JM How  | SJ Reynolds |
| PA Law  | N Tonner    |
| SJ Reed | P Young     |

Co-opted Advisors: Arwen Fitch  
John Swarbrooke  
Trevor Thorne

Also present: Anna Renton (Director, Penlee House), Verity Anthony (Visitor Experience and Retail Manager) Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services Officer).

**36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor W Elliott.

**37. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**38. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**39. TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**40. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2024**

Having previously been circulated, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2024 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Sorrell)

Vote; Eight in favour. One abstention.

**41. REPORTS FOR DECISION**

(a) Learning Centre Feasibility Study Draft Report



A feasibility study into a new Learning Centre had been funded by the Friends of Penlee House and, following a competitive process, consultant Henrietta Boex was appointed to undertake this work.

The initial draft of the report had been presented to officers but further consultation was required to reach a series of recommendations in order to progress work towards a new Learning Centre. It was therefore recommended that authority was delegated to the Town Clerk to liaise with interested parties, including the Penlee House Masterplan Working Group, and Henrietta Boex in order to complete the report and reach a series of recommendations to be reported to Penzance Council

Following consideration, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that

1. Progress on the draft Learning Centre Feasibility Study Report produced by Henrietta Boex, as set out in the report, be noted.
2. Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to consult with interested parties, including the Penlee Masterplan Working Group, in order to refine and finalise said report prior to its presentation to Penzance Council for approval.

(Proposed: Councillor Young; seconded: Councillor Sorrell)

#### **42. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

The following reports for information were noted:-

- a) Penlee Coach House Development – Progress Report
- b) Arts and Culture Forward Plan Update
- c) Penlee House Director's Report
- d) Budget Comparison Report – 1 April – 31 December 2024

#### **43. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT ONLY**

There were no matters arising for report.

The meeting closed at 7:33 pm

Chair  
24 March 2025