








PENZANCE COUNCIL – 10 MARCH 2025

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Our Culture	Our Decision Making	Our Environment	Our Money	Our People	Our Places	Our Resilience & Wellbeing
						
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Background:

At its meeting held on 4 March 2024, Penzance Council resolved that the data relating to Councillors' attendance at meetings be presented to each Council meeting, for information.

The data relating to the attendance of Councillors at meetings, so far during this municipal year, is therefore set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

Appendix 1 – Councillor Attendance Data

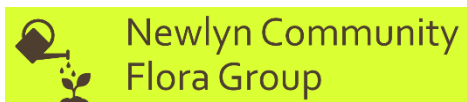
Elliot Ridington
Democratic Services Officer

PENZANCE COUNCIL - RUNNING COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE 2024-2025

COUNCILLOR	COMMITTEES	NO. OF MEETINGS HELD (incl. full Town Council)	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED	%
Beveridge MJ	A&C + F&GPs + Personnel	19	18	94.74%
Bosworth, SJ	F&GPs + Planning	25	8	32.00%
Broadhurst, NC	F&GPs + L&A + Personnel	19	12	63.16%
Davis, NA	F&GPs + Planning	25	9	36.00%
Elliott S	F&GPs + L&A	16	4	25.00%
Elliott, W	DEPUTY MAYOR	35	22	62.86%
How, JM	A&C + L&A	16	13	81.25%
Jackson, B	L&A + Planning + Personnel	28	25	89.29%
Law PA	A&C + L&A	6	6	100.00%
Lawlor Z	F&GPs + L&A (From 15/07/24)	14	11	78.57%
Marrington TS	L&A	11	6	54.55%
McKenna, J	F&GPs + Personnel	14	11	78.57%
Osborne PI	F&GPs + L&A	9	8	88.89%
Pengelly, NG	F&GPs + Planning	25	25	100.00%
Power JS	L&A + Planning	25	11	44.00%
Reed SJ	A&C + L&A	9	7	77.78%
Reynolds SJ	MAYOR + Personnel	38	35	92.11%
Sorrell R	A&C + L&A	16	13	81.25%
Tonner N	A&C + F&GPs	16	11	68.75%
Young P	A&C + L&A + Personnel	19	18	94.74%

Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend every standing committee

Please note - some absences may be due to ill health



This community volunteer group carries out gardening activities in Newlyn's green public spaces, operating under Cormac's volunteer scheme. It's open to everyone and always looking for more volunteers. No experience necessary, just an interest and desire to enjoy being outdoors with a friendly bunch of people.

Activity report:

The Bowjey – planting hundreds of native bulbs including snow drops, bluebells and daffodils, kindly provided by Cormac, following the removal by hand-weeding of a significant amount of Three Cornered Leek (invasive Schedule 9 species). Benches in the Bowjey are being renovated by volunteers using the existing granite supports and replacing old rotted wood with new, also provided by Cormac. Plans to add more gravel to the paths and continue maintenance trimming pathways to ensure passable.



Rosebud Garden – thinning out overgrown shrubs, trimming back low-hanging branches, pruning mature plants and generally raising the canopy to bring in more light and restore views. Clearing ivy and weeds in preparation for planting flowers and pollinator-supporting species to bring in colour and restore the original sub-tropical species over time.

Rosebud Garden, Newlyn
Lower Tier

OPEN UP VIEWS ACROSS THE LOWER TIER
So that views of Newlyn Harbour, Penzance, Mounts Bay, St Michael's Mount and beyond can be enjoyed from the existing benches

REMOVE SELF-SEEDED ASH, REDUCE NUMBER OF PHORMIUM, PRUNE LARGE SHRUBS
To avoid damage to retaining wall adjacent to carpark and to restore the magnificent views

REPLACE DYING FURCRAEA LONGAEVA
X 2 flowered and now dying

SAFETY-PRUNE PHOENIX CANARIENSIS AND OTHER PALMS
Make safe low-hanging sharp branches and prune in style of Pz Wharfside

ADD POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PERENNIALS FOR YEAR ROUND COLOUR
Select plants with high colour, texture, scent. Low growing shrubs, perennials, herbs eg Cornus for winter colour, Helenium, Eryngium, Achillea, Rosemary, Osteospermum as a nod to the original planting scheme

SENSORY/SUCCULENT PLANT BED
To evoke sub-tropical theme at entrance to encourages people into garden

Planters around Newlyn – current winter planters will be changed in May with summer bedding and perennials, a number of these will be grown and nurtured from seed by our volunteers.

Other areas – creating a coastal-themed border at Lower Green Street; planting up woodland-themed wild flower area opposite The Centre, Chywoone Hill including lots of crocuses provided by Rotary Club; supporting the Cormac gardening team to maintain newly planted beds at Gwavas Playing Field.



Polytunnel – thanks to the grant awarded by Penzance Council and land kindly provided by Shaun Stevenson, the polytunnel enables the group to be self-sufficient through growing seedlings and cuttings and selling them on our stall at St Peter's Hill. All proceeds are used to buy plants and gardening items for use in Newlyn. In addition we are able to grow varieties to fill the planters around the village and for planting in the various sites we look after.



Thanks to the local Cormac team based at Long Rock for collecting all green waste and arranging disposal / composting.

I am currently the Secretary and one of the founders of the group. Any questions please get in touch.

Cllr Penny Osborne
Newlyn, Mousehole and Paul Ward

Sustainable Penzance Schools Symposium

I was invited to the latest Schools Symposium organised by Sustainable Penzance, which took place at the Newlyn Centre on Thursday 13 February.

Around 70 students aged 7 to 17, from eight local schools, were in attendance to take part in workshops and discussion sessions.

At the final session on “decision-making”, each school was invited to put forward one message that they wished to share with me (and with Penzance Council).

In the spirit of the Council’s Future Generations Pledge, and in recognition of the massive energy and enthusiasm shown by the young people at the symposium, I agreed to share their messages with the Council and the public.

Their wishes may not all lie within the Council’s remit but they deserve to be shared.

Alverton CP School:

Cleaning more streets; incentives for recycling and going zero waste.

Humphry Davy School:

Turning the school grounds into flower meadows with an orchard and islands for wildlife.

Mousehole CP School:

Growing fruit and veg for the school canteen, more support and time for this and more control over school meals.

Trythall CP School:

An electric school bus.

Heamoor CP School:

Bug hotels, beehives and flowers to create a pollinator hub in the school grounds.

Mounts Bay Academy:

More public green spaces and wilder areas to hang out.

Newlyn CP School:

More trees and flowers, and underpass tunnels for wildlife under roads.

Penwith College:

Stopping sewage discharges.

Councillor Stephen Reynolds
Penzance Town Mayor