



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the St Piran’s Room, Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 14 April 2025 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

NG Pengelly (Chair)

MJ Beveridge
SJ Bosworth
NA Davis

Z Lawlor
PI Osborne
SJ Reynolds

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

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor McKenna.

Councillors Broadhurst, S Elliott, W Elliott and Tonner were absent without having provided apologies.

59. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

60. TO CONSIDER WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests had been received.

61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

62. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no confidential matters for consideration.

63. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2025

Having been previously circulated, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Osborne; seconded: Councillor Beveridge)

Six in favour. One abstention.

64. REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES FOR DECISION

(a) Use of Leisure and Amenities Earmarked Reserve – Alexandra Play Park and Tennis Courts

The Alexandra Tennis Courts required repairs and repainting. Two estimates for the work had been received for under £11,000, excluding VAT, and a virement was therefore requested in order to allow the works to be undertaken.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL that up to £11,000 of the Alexandra Play Park & Tennis Courts (1995/15) earmarked reserve be utilised for the resurfacing and repainting works to Alexandra Tennis Courts as detailed in the report.

(Proposed: Councillor Bosworth; seconded: Councillor Osborne)

65. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Preparations for Penzance Council Reception Due to the Penlee Coach House Redevelopment

The detailed project construction programme for the Penlee Coach House redevelopment was being finalised but the previously approved plans required the relocation of the existing Penlee Centre electrical supply and would result in the loss of the existing reception space.

To enable suitable temporary accommodation and undertake the required electrical works, it was recommended that authority was delegated to the Town Clerk to secure the provision of alternative accommodation and that the use of up to £10,000 from the Penlee Centre Building earmarked reserve, which currently stood at £93,896, and up to £10,000 from the Town Deal Project earmarked reserve, which currently stood at £35,000, was approved to support required works and arrangements.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. The use of up to £10,000 from the Penlee Centre Building earmarked reserve and up to £10,000 from the Town Deal Project earmarked reserve be approved in order to support the required electrical works to Penlee Centre and the provision of temporary accommodation for the Council's reception service as a result of the Coach House redevelopment.
2. Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to secure temporary accommodation for Penzance Council's Reception service.

(Proposed: Councillor Beveridge; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

(b) Financial Papers to Receive and Accept

Following consideration, it was

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

(i) – Paid Expenditure from 1 February to 31 March 2025

(ii) – Bank Reconciliation from 1 February to 31 March 2025

(iii) - Financial Comparison for the Period Ending 31 March 2025

(Proposed: Councillor Bosworth; seconded: Councillor Beveridge)

Vote; Six in favour. One abstention.

66. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

There were no reports for information.

67. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 7:21 pm

Chair
7 July 2025