



MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the St Piran's Room, the Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 3 February 2025 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors	N Broadhurst (Chair)	
	JM How	PI Osborne
	B Jackson	SJ Reed
	PA Law	SJ Reynolds
	Z Lawlor	P Young
	TS Marrington	

Also present: James Hardy (Town Clerk), Ben Brosgall (Leisure and Amenities Manager) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services Officer).

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Power and Sorrell.

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

40. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke regarding footpaths in the parish and potential methods for their future maintenance.

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

There were no confidential matters for consideration.

43. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2024

The Minutes having previously been circulated, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2024 be approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Young)

44. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Alexandra Play Park – External Area Maintenance and Improvement Programme



In accordance with the resolution of the Committee of 5 August 2024, site meetings were held with the contractor which had drafted the original survey report for the required works to those areas adjacent to the site which were in the ownership of Penzance Council.

Updates to the survey report had now been completed and were set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Due to cost fluctuations within the construction industry, it was recommended that quotes were sought in order to ascertain if they corresponded with those indicative prices set out as a part of the survey report. A final contract specification would then be prepared and considered by Members in due course.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that quotes be sought for the required works to the external areas of Alexandra Play Park and Tennis Courts identified in the 'Revised Site Report 2024', as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

(Proposed: Councillor Marrington; seconded: Councillor Reed)

(b) The Use of Penlee Park for Penzance Food Festival 2025

The organisers of the Penzance Food Festival 2024 had been in conversation with Penzance BID and the Town Clerk about an event for 2025, hoping to build on the success of 2024.

Penlee Park was used year-round by the residents of the parish and visitors to the area, and it was suggested that robust wet weather plans, possibly beyond the use of temporary matting for walkways, should have been developed to ensure that supporting the 2025 event did not cause unnecessary damage to the park.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. The use of Penlee Park for the Penzance Food Festival 2025 be approved.
2. Plans be developed to allow for the continued use of Penlee Park for the Penzance Food Festival 2025 in the event of inclement weather.
3. Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to determine the charges, if any, levied upon the event organiser for the use of Penlee Park, and the associated utility costs, for Penzance Food Festival 2025.

(Proposed: Councillor Law; seconded: Councillor Reed)

(c) Rebalance of Princess May Recreation Ground Budgets

Following the transfer of Princess May Recreation Ground to Penzance Council, some adjustments to in-year budget lines were required to reflect some of the actual site



maintenance and upkeep costs rather than the estimated figures which had been used previously. The specific adjustments were detailed in the report.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. A virement of £1,027.43 be made from the Princess May earmarked reserve (1995/16) to the 'Maintenance – contractor for grass cutting' budget (1320/7).
2. A virement of £1,107.66 be made from the Princess May earmarked reserve (1995/16) to the 'Plants and Materials' budget (1320/8).

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Marrington)

(d) **Consent for Submission of Planning Application by Penzance Football Club**

Penzance Football Club had submitted a planning application to Cornwall Council for development(s) on its grounds, which were owned by Penzance Council. However, section 28.4 of the lease agreement between Penzance Council and the Football Club required the Football Club to obtain Penzance Council's permission prior to submitting a planning application, which it had not.

While the planning application had been considered by the Planning Committee on its planning merits, consent from Penzance Council for the application's submission remained necessary in order to ensure that Penzance Football Club did not further breach the terms of its lease.

Potential elements for consideration as a part of any decision relating to consent were set out within the report.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

1. Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, to consent to, or refuse consent for, the submission of the planning application by Penzance Football Club, detailed on the proposed site plan set out at Appendix 1 to the report.
2. Should consent for the submission of the planning application be refused, a report be presented to a future meeting of this Committee detailing the reasons for the refusal.

(Proposed: Councillor How; seconded: Councillor Osborne)

45. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

(a) **Leisure and Amenities Manager's Report**

46. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING



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

The meeting closed at 7:49 pm

Chair
31 March 2025