

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL held in the Main Hall, St Johns Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance on Tuesday 19 May 2025 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

The Retiring Town Mayor (Councillor SJ Reynolds)

Councillors	NC Broadhurst	PI Osborne
	JM How	JS Power
	B Jackson	JR Pugh
	P Lapin	SJ Reed
	PA Law	PC Trevail
	TS Marrington	MA Wilson
	J McKenna	P Young

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2025/26

Councillor Reed proposed that Councillor Reynolds be elected to fill the office of Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor McKenna seconded the proposal.

In the absence of any other nominations, Councillor Reynolds was thereupon, following a unanimous vote, declared to have been elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor Reynolds made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Town Mayor which was duly witnessed by the Town Clerk.

In accordance with ancient custom, the Town Clerk presented the newly elected Town Mayor with the various insignia of office, stating that they were symbols of the civic traditions of the former Borough of Penzance, having been presented to successive Mayors on acceptance of office over a period of nearly a century. The Town Clerk also explained the purport of the items.

The Town Mayor then addressed the meeting and announced that his Consort would be Jane Lambert.

The Town Mayor then thanked all of those who had attended the meeting, all of those who had supported him through his year in office, the various voluntary organisations operating throughout the parish, his fellow Members, the Town Clerk and all staff for their support throughout the preceding year.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the retiring Deputy Town Mayor Will Elliott and from Councillor Martin.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR 2025/26

Councillor Pugh proposed that Councillor Broadhurst be appointed as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Young seconded the proposal.

In the absence of any other nominations, Councillor Broadhurst was thereupon, following a unanimous vote, declared to have been elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

The Town Mayor then invested Councillor Broadhurst with the chain of office and she then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, duly witnessed by the Town Clerk.

The Deputy Town Mayor then addressed the meeting and announced that her Consort would be Aaron Broadhurst.

4. ELECTION OF CIVIC DEPUTIES 2025/26

Councillor Marrington proposed that Councillors Jackson and Osborne be appointed as Civic Deputies for the ensuing year. Councillor Reynolds seconded the proposal and, in the absence of any other nominations, Councillors Jackson and Osborne were unanimously appointed as Civic Deputies for the ensuing year.

5. SERGEANTS AT MACE

The Town Mayor appointed Andrew Chellew and Simon Reed to act as Sergeants at Mace, and Talan Richards to serve as Deputy, until the next Annual Meeting or until others be appointed in their stead. The Town Clerk then administered the oath to Mr Chellew, Mr Reed and Mr Richards.

6. TOWN CRIER

The Town Mayor named Philip Northcott as the person to act as Town Crier.

7. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL'S CHAPLAIN

The Town Mayor reported that the Reverend Derath Durkin would act as the Town Council's Chaplain for the ensuing year. He then went on to thank Pastor Charles Fleming for his dedication in fulfilling the role for the preceding two years.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES, REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES, 2025/26 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS AND 2024/25 MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Councillor How proposed and Councillor Osborne seconded that those Members listed in Appendix "A" be approved; those Members listed in Appendix "B" be approved; the meeting dates listed in Appendix "C" be approved; and the annual meeting attendance list, set out in Appendix D, be confirmed.

It was then, unanimously

RESOLVED that the proposal be carried.

9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2025/26

Councillor Wilson proposed and Councillor Reynolds seconded that Councillor Penny Young be appointed as Chair of the Arts and Culture Committee, Councillor

Peter Lapin be appointed as Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor Nicole Broadhurst be appointed as Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, Councillor Jim McKenna be appointed as Chair of the Personnel Committee and Councillor Jan Power be appointed as Chair of the Planning Committee.

It was then, unanimously

RESOLVED that the proposal be carried.

10. ELIGIBILITY TO EXERCISE THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was proposed by Councillor Broadhurst, seconded by Councillor Pugh and, unanimously

RESOLVED that Penzance Town Council meets the criteria for eligibility to exercise the General Power of Competence as prescribed within the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

The meeting closed at 7:49 pm

Town Mayor
2 June 2025