

**LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2025****REPORT FOR DECISION****CLEANING OF STATUES AND WAR MEMORIALS - REVIEW**

| Our Culture                                                                      | Our Decision Making                                                               | Our Environment                                                                   | Our Money                                                                         | Our People                                                                         | Our Places                                                                          | Our Resilience & Wellbeing                                                          |
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**Recommendation:**

1. A review of the recommended cleaning requirements for the statues and memorials managed by Penzance Council be undertaken.
2. The results of said review, including options, recommendations and financial implications, be presented to a future meeting of this Committee in order to inform the setting of the 2026/27 budget.

**Background:**

Following a “light touch” review of the cleaning and maintenance recommendations within Historic England’s memorial management document it was identified that whilst Penzance Council’s current cleaning regime does provide a good level of cleanliness across the statues and monuments across the parish, the methods used do not fall in line with all of the recommendations in the document.

Some of the cleaning regimes adopted in recent years were developed following calls from members of the public for “more” cleaning to be undertaken across the memorials. Whilst this has undoubtedly led to a reduction in the number of comments received about some memorials and statues, it does not fall into line with all of the guidance within the advisory documents and in some circumstances can be detrimental to the overall condition of the memorials.

As a rule, cleaning statues as infrequently as possible and using the least abrasive techniques offer the most protective form of cleaning. Protecting the monuments and not contributing to their early deterioration must be a key element of Penzance Council’s cleaning requirements. This has become even more apparent in recent years, where it has become clear that obtaining planning permission and/or listed

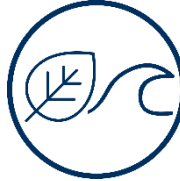
building consent from Cornwall Council and the associated costs of obtaining the permission will in some instances, prevent Penzance Council from implementing the “little and often” approach to maintenance which has served so well in many other areas. The reality of this requirement is that the condition of the statues and monuments may need to deteriorate more than we would normally allow until a significant enough package of work can be identified that would justify the time and expense of obtaining the required permissions. It is important, therefore, to ensure that the cleaning programme that is implemented does not contribute to early wear and tear on the memorials.

Low pressure steam cleaning is identified throughout the document as being the most effective and least abrasive method for cleaning many types of memorials however this method is accompanied by a significantly increased cost. Other methods are also identified throughout the document as particularly suited to memorials of certain types materials and on some types of inscriptions.

It is therefore recommended that a number of different contractors are contacted to provide estimates to inform the budget setting process for the 2026/7 financial year. Options, recommendations and budget implications will be brought to a future meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

Ben Bros gall  
Leisure and Amenities Manager

**LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2025****REPORT FOR DECISION****CONTINUATION OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS IN WELLFIELDS CAR PARK**

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**Recommendation:**

1. A three-year fixed term contract be entered into with the existing provider of the electronic payment system in Wellfields Car Park, on the basis of the current arrangement, subject to the costs being met within approved budgets.
2. Subject to (1.) above, said contract be developed, finalised and signed by the Town Clerk on behalf of Penzance Council.

**Background:**

The Leisure and Amenities Committee entered into a trial of an electronic payment system for Wellfields Car Park in 2024. Usage of the system has been successful, and uptake has been positive.

Broadly speaking – uptake has been between 200 and 300 electronic ticket sales per month with some fluctuation either side of this. The provider is then invoiced on a monthly basis to pay Penzance Council the amount that it is owed for each of the electronic tickets sold.

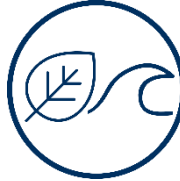
The system in its current form, provides everything that was requested by the Committee, whilst also retaining the ability for users to pay by cash using the upgraded ticket machines purchased in 2024.

It is therefore recommended that a more formal agreement be entered into for a specified timeframe to enable a review to be undertaken in the future to ensure that the system is still meeting the needs of the Wellfields Car Park users.

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Leisure and Amenities Manager

**LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2025****REPORT FOR DECISION****QUOTES FOR REPLACEMENT ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

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**Recommendation:**

1. Quotes be sought for replacements for the two Citroen Berlingo electronic vehicles.
2. Said quotes be presented to a future meeting of this Committee in order to inform the setting of the 2026/27 budget.

**Background:**

In 2023 Penzance Council entered into three year lease agreements for two Citroen Berlingo electric vans (and one ET Lander for the Penlee Team which is not due for replacement). The switch to EV's across the operational teams had been a long-standing ambition of the Leisure and Amenities Committee and wider council to help to demonstrate our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and reducing emissions across our service delivery.

The Citroen vans have been a particular success. Reliability has been strong, and the electric motors and lack of conventional clutch and gearbox set ups has meant that many of the failures and costly repairs previously seen with traditional ICE vehicles have not been present with the electric vehicles. They are ideally suited for the short, stop start journeys typically undertaken by the team across the parish.

As part of the review and the sourcing of alternatives, we will undertake some analysis of current usage and identify some possible areas of improvement. An example of this has been the potential benefit of having two vans of different sizes that could then be swapped dependant on tasks and capacity.

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