

**MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held on Thursday 29 May at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall, St John's Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance.

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor SJ Reynolds (Town Mayor)

Councillors JM How PI Osborne

B Jackson JR Pugh
P Lapin MA Wilson
TS Marrington P Young

AS Martin

Also present: James Hardy (Penzance Town Clerk), Cal Bagshaw (Corporate Services Manager – Penzance Council), Greg Martin (Communications Officer – Penzance Council), Verity Anthony (Director, Penlee House Gallery and Museum) Susan Stuart (Penzance Regeneration Company), Sarah Shaw (Penzance Business Improvement District) and 78 members of the public.

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Mayor welcomed members of the public and representatives of local organisations.

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Broadhurst, Law, McKenna and Trevail.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2024

The Minutes of the forty-third Annual Town Meeting, having already been circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Proposed: Councillor How; seconded: Councillor Young)

# 4. PRESENTATION - PENZANCE COUNCIL ANNUAL REVIEW AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE FOR PENZANCE

The Penzance Town Clerk and representatives of Penzance BID and the Penzance Regeneration Company provided presentations based on the theme of 'Penzance Annual Review and Looking to the Future for Penzance'.

At the conclusion of the presentations, a number of points of clarification were provided following questions raised by members of the public.

### 5. REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

The report on the Council's 2024/25 year had been circulated and a copy was available on Penzance Council's website.

## 6. <u>AN EXPLANATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S FINANCES DURING THE</u> FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25

A report was provided which focussed on Penzance Council's finances, including a summary of the Town Council's confirmed income and expenditure for the financial year 2023/24 and unconfirmed figures for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## 7. UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS

The meeting received updates from the recipients of community grants throughout the 2024/25 financial year.

### 8. QUESTIONS FROM THE ELECTORS

A number of questions were submitted and responses were provided and this information would be communicated by the Council at a later date.

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm

Town Mayor 20 April 2026