



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PENZANCE COUNCIL MEETING** held in the Alverne Room, St John's Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance on Monday 2 June 2025 at 6:00 pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillors SJ Reynolds (Mayor)  
NC Broadhurst (Deputy Mayor)

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| KM Baker (from 7.07 pm)   | J McKenna                     |
| PM Hadley (from 6.44 pm)  | PI Osborne                    |
| JM How                    | JS Power                      |
| B Jackson                 | JR Pugh                       |
| PL Jameson (from 6.46 pm) | SJ Reed                       |
| P Lapin                   | D Smart Knight (from 6.15 pm) |
| PA Law                    | PC Trevail (from 6.47 pm)     |
| TS Marrington             | MA Wilson                     |
| AS Martin (from 6.47 pm)  | P Young                       |

Also present: James Hardy (Town Clerk), Verity Anthony (Director, Penlee House), Cal Bagshaw (Corporate Services Manager), Greg Martin (Communications Officer) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Officer).

**11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct:-

Councillor Broadhurst declared both non-registerable and disclosable pecuniary interests in Agenda Item 6(c), 'Co-option of One Councillor for Penzance Promenade Ward', as her husband was a candidate for the vacancy. She therefore left the meeting for the duration of this item.

**13. TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests had been submitted.

**14. TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no confidential matters for consideration.

**15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

In accordance with Standing Order 4(e), the Town Mayor advised that the candidates



for co-option would be invited to make their representations, if any, at the commencement of the respective Agenda Item(s).

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke regarding Agenda Item 6(a) – ‘Co-option of One Councillor for Heamoor and Gulval Ward’ at its commencement, answering the question *‘How would you best represent the people of your chosen ward and what do you think should be the priorities of Penzance Council for the coming year?’*

Four members of the public were in attendance and each spoke regarding Agenda Item 6(b) – ‘Co-option of Two Councillors for Newlyn and Mousehole Ward’ at its commencement, answering the question *‘How would you best represent the people of your chosen ward and what do you think should be the priorities of Penzance Council for the coming year?’*

Three members of the public were in attendance and each spoke regarding Agenda No. 6(c) – ‘Co-option of Two Councillors for Penzance Promenade Ward’ at its commencement, answering the question *‘How would you best represent the people of your chosen ward and what do you think should be the priorities of Penzance Council for the coming year?’*

## **16. REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **a) Co-option of One Councillor for Heamoor and Gulval Ward**

Penzance Council had been operating with a vacant seat in Heamoor and Gulval Ward since 6 May 2025 due to there being an insufficient number of candidates in three wards during the recent local government elections.

Penzance Council was therefore required to fill this seat by co-option and interested persons were requested to apply in writing stating their relevant experience and the reasons why they wished to become a Councillor. The closing date for applications was Friday 16 May 2025 and those received for Heamoor and Gulval Ward were set out as Appendices 2 – 4 of the report. However, two of the candidates had subsequently withdrawn from the process.

The remaining candidate had been afforded the opportunity to answer the question *‘How would you best represent the people of your chosen ward and what do you think should be the priorities of Penzance Council for the coming year?’*.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that David Smart Knight be co-opted as Councillor for the Heamoor and Gulval Ward.

It was then further, unanimously



**RESOLVED** that following discussion(s) with the successful candidate, authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to appoint the newly co-opted Councillor to the Council's committees and any outside bodies where vacancies exist.

(Proposed: Councillor McKenna; seconded: Councillor Reed)

Councillor Smart Knight then signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

b) Co-option of Two Councillors for Newlyn and Mousehole Ward

Penzance Council had been operating with two vacant seats in Newlyn and Mousehole Ward since 6 May 2025 due to there being an insufficient number of candidates in three wards during the recent local government elections.

Penzance Council was therefore required to fill these seats by co-option and interested persons were requested to apply in writing stating their relevant experience and the reasons why they wished to become a Councillor. The closing date for applications was Friday 16 May 2025 and those received for Newlyn and Mousehole Ward were set out as Appendices 2 – 5 of the report.

The candidates had each been afforded the opportunity to answer the question '*How would you best represent the people of your chosen ward and what do you think should be the priorities of Penzance Council for the coming year?*'.

It was proposed by Councillor Law and seconded by Councillor Osborne that Marc Hadley be co-opted as Councillor for Newlyn and Mousehole Ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Marrington and seconded by Councillor Wilson that Phillip Jameson be co-opted as Councillor for Newlyn and Mousehole Ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Broadhurst and seconded by Councillor Power that Mandy Paul be co-opted as Councillor for Newlyn and Mousehole Ward.

Finally, it was proposed by Councillor Young and seconded by Councillor Reynolds that Andrew Watts be co-opted as Councillor for Newlyn and Mousehole Ward.

In accordance with Standing Order 10(b), the votes for this item were taken by a written ballot of the Members present.

During the first round of voting, the votes in favour of each candidate were as follows:-

Marc Hadley – seven votes.

Phillip Jameson – six votes.

Mandy Paul – one vote.

Andrew Watts – one vote.



With no candidate having received an absolute majority of the available votes in their favour, and having received the lowest number of votes during the first round of voting, both Mandy Paul and Andrew Watts then agreed to withdraw from the co-option process.

There now being only two candidates for the two available seats, it was therefore

**RESOLVED** that Marc Hadley be co-opted as Councillor for the Newlyn and Mousehole Ward.

Vote; Thirteen in favour. Two abstentions.

Councillor Hadley then signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

It was then further, unanimously

**RESOLVED** that Phillip Jameson be co-opted as Councillor for the Newlyn and Mousehole Ward.

Councillor Jameson then signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

Finally, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that following discussion(s) with the successful candidates, authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to appoint the newly co-opted Councillors to the Council's committees and any outside bodies where vacancies exist.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Broadhurst)

Councillors Martin and Tremain then joined the meeting.

c) Co-option of Town Councillors for Penzance Promenade Ward

Penzance Council had been operating with a vacant seat in Penzance Promenade Ward since 6 May 2025 due to there being an insufficient number of candidates in three wards during the recent local government elections.

Penzance Council was therefore required to fill this seat by co-option and interested persons were requested to apply in writing stating their relevant experience and the reasons why they wished to become a Councillor. The closing date for applications was Friday 16 May 2025 and those received for Penzance Promenade Ward were set out as Appendices 2 – 5 of the report. However, one of the candidates had subsequently withdrawn from the process.

The candidates had each been afforded the opportunity to answer the question 'How



*would you best represent the people of your chosen ward and what do you think should be the priorities of Penzance Council for the coming year?'.*

It was proposed by Councillor McKenna and seconded by Councillor Wilson that Karen Baker be co-opted as Councillor for Penzance Promenade Ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Young and seconded by Councillor Pugh that Aaron Broadhurst be co-opted as Councillor for Penzance Promenade Ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Reed and seconded by Councillor How that Duncan Paul be co-opted as Councillor for Penzance Promenade Ward.

In accordance with Standing Order 10(b) the votes for this item were taken by a written ballot of the Members present.

During the first round of voting, the votes in favour of each candidate were as follows:-

Karen Baker – eight votes.

Aaron Broadhurst – six votes.

Duncan Paul – four votes.

With no candidate having received an absolute majority of the available votes in their favour, and having received the lowest number of votes during the first round of voting, Duncan Paul was eliminated from the process.

During the second round of voting, the votes in favour of each candidate were as follows:-

Karen Baker – eleven votes.

Aaron Broadhurst – seven votes.

Having achieved an absolute majority of the available votes cast, it was therefore

**RESOLVED** that Karen Baker be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade Ward.

It was then further, unanimously

**RESOLVED** that following discussion(s) with the successful candidate, authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to appoint the newly co-opted Councillor to the Council's committees and any outside bodies where vacancies exist.

(Proposed: Councillor McKenna; seconded: Councillor Wilson)

Councillor Baker then signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.



(Councillor Broadhurst was not present for the duration of this item.)

**17. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING**

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

The meeting closed at 7:09 pm

Town Mayor  
21 July 2025