



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the St Piran's Room, Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 1 September 2025 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

P Lapin (Chair)
MA Wilson (Vice-Chair)

KM Baker
NC Broadhurst
JR Pugh

SJ Reynolds
PC Trevail
P Young

Also present: Councillor Phillip Jameson, James Hardy (Town Clerk), Cal Bagshaw (Corporate Services Manager), Cameron Sil (Finance Manager) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Officer).

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors McKenna and Smart Knight.

12. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Broadhurst declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 6(a), 'Application for Grant – Montol Festival CIC' as a director of the Montol Festival CIC and left the meeting for the duration for the item.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 6(b), 'Application for Grant – Penzance Community Flora Group' as a member of the Flora Group by virtue of his appointment as the Council's 'outside body' representative. In accordance with Standing Order 15(i), Councillor Wilson spoke in favour of the application prior to leaving the meeting for the remainder of the item.

Councillor Young declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 6(b), 'Application for Grant – Penzance Community Flora Group' as a member of the Flora Group by virtue of her appointment as the Council's 'outside body' representative. In accordance with Standing Order 15(i), Councillor Young spoke in favour of the application prior to leaving the meeting for the remainder of the item.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public were in attendance who spoke in favour of Agenda Item 6(a), 'Applications for Grants – Montol Festival CIC'.

A member of the public was in attendance who spoke in favour of Agenda Item 6(b), 'Applications for Grants – Penzance Community Flora Group'.

A member of the public was in attendance who spoke regarding the John Daniel Centre in Heamoor, making reference to its potential loss in the future in light of Cornwall Council's recent proposal to place extra care housing on the site.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There was no confidential business for consideration.

15. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2025

Having been previously circulated, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Pugh)

Vote; Seven in favour. One abstention.

16. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

(a) Montol Festival CIC

Information about the organisation, its cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report, the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL that a grant of £7,500 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Montol Festival CIC for the project: 'Montol 2025'.

(Proposed: Councillor Young; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

Vote; Six in favour. One against.

(Councillor Broadhurst was not present for this item.)

(b) Penzance Community Flora Group

Information about the organisation, its cause and the reason for the grant request was set out at Appendix 1 to the report, the grant application form.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £3,168 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Penzance Community Flora Group for the project: 'Hanging Basket Provision'.

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; seconded: Councillor Trevail)

Vote; Five in favour. One against.

(Councillors Wilson and Young were not present for this item.)

17. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Financial Papers to Receive and Accept

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the following financial papers be received and accepted:-

(i) – Paid Expenditure from 1 June to 31 July 2025

(ii) – Bank Reconciliation from 1 June to 31 July 2025

(iii) - Financial Comparison for the Period Ending 31 July 2025

(Proposed: Councillor Broadhurst; seconded: Councillor Wilson)

18. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 7:55 pm

Chair
20 October 2025