



**MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the Alverne Room, St John’s Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance on Monday 30 March 2026 at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT**

Councillors: JR Pugh (Vice-Chair in the chair)

PM Hadley	PI Osborne
JM How	SJ Reed
PL Jameson	SJ Reynolds
PA Law	D Smart Knight
TS Marrington	

Also present: James Hardy (Town Clerk), Anna Renton and Verity Anthony (Directors, Penlee House), Greg Martin (Communications Officer) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Officer).

**42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Young.

Councillors Broadhurst and Trevail were absent without having provided apologies.

**43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**44. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke regarding a proposal for the future use of the Penzance Arts School building on Morrab Road, Penzance.

Another member of the public was in attendance and spoke regarding the work she had been undertaking to promote greater involvement of the Cornish language within the Golowan Festival.

**45. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In respect of Agenda Item 8(a), ‘Delivery of Golowan Youth Project 2026’, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that, in accordance with S.1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from that section of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

(Proposed: Councillor Pugh; seconded: Councillor Marrington)

**46. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2026**

Having previously been circulated, it was



**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Hadley; seconded: Councillor How)

Vote; Eight in favour. Two abstentions.

#### **47. REPORTS FOR DECISION**

##### **(a) Creation of New Income Line for Commission on Artists Sales**

The Coach House Café would provide gallery space for local artists to exhibit their work on a three-to-six-month basis and would be subject to a written agreement between the artist(s) and Penzance Council. Sales would then be managed by the artist(s) and works would remain on display until the end of the exhibition period.

An income budget line was required to receive the commission on artists' sales and a commission rate of 35% of the sale price was recommended. This commission rate would be reviewed as part of the annual review of fees and charges.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL** that

1. The Arts and Culture budget be amended to create a new income line for the 'Commission on Artist Sales'.
2. The commission rate on the sale price of works be set at 35%

(Proposed: Councillor Reynolds; seconded: Councillor Marrington)

#### **48. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

The following reports for information were noted:-

- a) Penlee House Director's Report
- b) Penlee Coach House Redevelopment – Progress Report
- c) Budget Comparison Report – 1 April 2025 – 28 February 2026

#### **49. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION**

##### **(a) Delivery of Golowan Youth Project 2026**

At the meeting of Penzance Council held on 11 November 2024 the contract to deliver the Golowan Festival 2025 – 2027 was awarded to Golowan Festival CIC. In 2023 and 2024 the CIC was commissioned to add youth provision as an aspect of the Festival, but this was not included in the new Service Level Agreement for 2025 – 2027 as it was agreed that the opportunity would be offered separately.



The objective of this separate opportunity was to allow other organisations, preferably from within the Parish, to better engage young people from a broader background within the local communities as part of the Festival.

Quotes and proposals had been sought from other organisations but the proposal received from PZN Youth and its plan to actively involve young people in shaping the festival's future, while creating clear and meaningful ways for them to take part, especially those who may have otherwise faced barriers, was the one which best aligned with the Council's priorities and vision and so was recommended for approval.

During the debate, Members raised a number of points including the following:-

- i) Concerns were raised that the project was not reaching the most vulnerable and/or troubled children as the majority were not known to Children's Services. A request was therefore made that, following its conclusion, evidence be provided regarding the reach of the project.
- ii) The proposal made reference to costs for staff and, specifically, artists and assurance was sought that they would be paid the appropriate daily rate.

Following consideration, it was

**RESOLVED** that PZN Youth be commissioned to deliver youth provision for the 2026 Golowan Festival in accordance with the proposal set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

(Proposed: Councillor Law; seconded: Councillor Hadley)

Vote; Nine in favour. One abstention.

**50. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT ONLY**

There were no matters arising for report.

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm

Chair  
15 June 2026