



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Alverne Room, St John’s Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance on Monday 23 February 2026 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors

P Lapin (Chair)
PC Trevail (Vice-Chair)

KM Baker	SJ Reynolds
NC Broadhurst (from 7.01 pm)	D Smart Knight
J McKenna	P Young
JR Pugh (from 7.02 pm)	MA Wilson

Also present: Councillor Marc Hadley, James Hardy (Town Clerk), Cameron Sil (Finance Manager) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Officer).

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

38. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Baker declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 7(f), ‘Application for Grant – Growing Links’, as she volunteered for the organisation.

39. TO CONSIDER WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

40. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public were present who spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(a), ‘Application for Grant – Mounts Bay Luggar Association’.

A member of the public was present and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(b), ‘Application for Grant – Friends of Mousehole Rockpool CIO’.

Two members of the public were present who spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(c), ‘Application for Grant – Newlyn Art Gallery and the Exchange’.

A member of the public was present and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(d), ‘Application for Grant – Penzance Literary Festival’.

A member of the public was present and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(e), 'Application for Grant – Bewnans Kernow'.

A member of the public was present and spoke in favour of Agenda Item 7(f), 'Application for Grant – Growing Links'.

41. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no confidential matters which required the exclusion of the press and public.

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2025

Having been circulated, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor McKenna; seconded: Councillor Reynolds)

Nine in favour. One abstention.

43. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

Members were advised that the total value of the grant requests for consideration at this meeting exceeded the amounts available within the approved budget, meaning that it would not be possible to award all applicants the full amounts requested.

As the available budget represented approximately 97.8% of the total amount requested within the eligible applications, a Member suggested that all eligible applicants receive approximately 97.8% of their grant application requests.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that all of the eligible grant applicants receive approximately 97.8% of their total requested grant amount.

(Proposed: Councillor McKenna; seconded: Councillor Broadhurst)

The decisions in relation to each of the individual grant requests were therefore as follows:-

(a) Mounts Bay Luggier Association

In light of the Committee's decision to award all eligible applicants 97.8% of their total requested grant amount, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £4,128.93 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Mounts Bay Luggar Association for the project: 'Happy Return 2026 Major Refit'.

(b) Friends of Mousehole Rockpool CIO

In light of the Committee's decision to award all eligible applicants 97.8% of their total requested grant amount, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £4,887.47 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to the Friends of Mousehole Rockpool CIO for the project: 'Storm repair & buttress improvement of western wall'.

(c) Newlyn Art Gallery and the Exchange

In light of the Committee's decision to award all eligible applicants 97.8% of their total requested grant amount, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £4,870.85 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Newlyn Gallery and the Exchange for the project: '*Outside* (Working Title)'.

(d) Penzance Literary Festival

In light of the Committee's decision to award all eligible applicants 97.8% of their total requested grant amount, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £4,887.47 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Penzance Literary Festival for the project: 'Port of Call PZ (LitFest 2026)'.

(e) Bewnans Kernow

In light of the Committee's decision to award all eligible applicants 97.8% of their total requested grant amount, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £1,901.10 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Bewnans Kernow for the project: 'Old Knowledge Penzance Exhibitions'.

(f) Growing Links

In light of the Committee's decision to award all eligible applicants 97.8% of their total requested grant amount, it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £4,887.47 be awarded from the General Grants Budget to Growing Links for the project: 'Healthy Lunches'.

44. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Use of the Town Deal Projects Fund for Coach House Café Furniture and Fittings

Funding was required to support the completion of the Coach House café project, which included the purchase of both internal and external furniture and fittings. As this was a Town Deal funded project, it was proposed that the Town Deal Projects Fund was utilised for this purpose.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the use of up to £29,790 from the Town Deal Projects Fund earmarked reserve be approved in order to support the purchase of furniture and fittings for the Coach House Cafe.

(Proposed: Councillor Young; seconded: Councillor Smart Knight)

(b) 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 December 2025 to 31 January 2026

(ii) - Bank Reconciliation from 1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026

(iii) - Financial Comparison for the Period Ending 31 January 2026

(Proposed: Councillor McKenna; seconded: Councillor Trevail)

45. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8:26 pm

Chair
27 April 2026