








LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 13 APRIL 2026

REPORT FOR DECISION

USE OF PENLEE PARK FOR THE 2026 PENZANCE FOOD FESTIVAL

Our Culture 	Our Decision Making 	Our Environment 	Our Money 	Our People 	Our Places 	Our Resilience & Wellbeing 
		✓	✓			✓

Recommendation:

Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, following consultation with the Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, to grant or refuse permission for the use of Penlee Park for the 2026 Penzance Food Festival.

Background:

Penzance Council has been approached with a request to utilise Penlee Park as the location of the 2026 Food Festival.

Following discussion and negotiation with Penzance BID the Food Festival organisers are requesting an additional day to previous years with proposed dates being Thursday 3 though to Sunday 6 September.

As per the reports presented to this Committee following the 2025 event, a number of additional requirements are now in place to ensure that sufficient wet weather plans are provided and agreed prior to an event being given permission to use the space, as well as clarification and agreement as to the responsibility for the costs of repair work, should it be required.








Should permission be granted, an update will be provided to the Members of this Committee setting out the basis and conditions that have been agreed for the use of the space.

Ben Bros gall
 Leisure and Amenities Manager

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PENLEE LODGE – CHANGE OF USE

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Recommendation:

1. Subject to the appropriate permission(s) being granted, Penlee Lodge no longer be used as a residential unit of accommodation and instead be used to facilitate the organisational needs of the Council.
2. In light of (1.) above, all necessary documentation be completed and submitted to facilitate the change of use of Penlee Lodge from a residential let to the most appropriate categorisation for future use.

Background:

Penlee Lodge has now been vacated by the previous tenant and meetings have been held to discuss various different configurations of the lodge building to best suit the needs of the Council in 2026 and beyond. As part of this process, it may be necessary for various planning consents to be applied for, and the recommendation above is designed to support this.

A number of different requirements have been discussed over the years in terms of the Lodge’s future use; however, the current proposal is to alleviate some of the staff / welfare and meeting space issues across the Council’s services.

Several attempts have been made over the years to secure funding to make improvements to the Leisure and Amenities Team welfare accommodation in Penlee Park. Unfortunately, the only approved funding was for a replacement roof which has left the Leisure and Amenities Teams operating out of a crudely adapted Public Toilet for the last 30 years. With the planned expansion of the Leisure and Amenities team, improvements to welfare facilities for the teams are now essential.

In addition to the provision of appropriate welfare facilities, there are additional requirements needed due to the loss of one of the rooms of the Penlee Centre, as a result of the Coach House / Café project.

The loss of the former reception room has meant that reception has been temporarily relocated to the meeting room, with meetings temporarily taking place in a porta cabin outside of the office building. The porta cabin is not able to accommodate all meetings as the former meeting room was able to and in light of this, an additional meeting space is desirable at Penlee Lodge.








Work to the lodge will be required in order for it to accommodate these functions, and meetings with contractors are likely to result in further reports being brought back to the Committee with budgeted estimates for the required work to reconfigure the premises.

Ben Brosgall
Leisure and Amenities Manager

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EXPLORATION OF OPTIONS FOR RIDE-ON MOWER REPLACEMENT

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Recommendation:

Options be explored for the replacement of the ride-on mower.

Background:

The Open Spaces mower is approaching 8 years old, and officers are beginning to witness an increasing number of failures and repairs.

With the size of the team and current open space management responsibilities the Leisure and Amenities Team can afford very little downtime across the equipment utilised by the Team.

It is recommended that a full market review is undertaken for viable replacement machinery. Historically, within decisions made by this committee regarding equipment and machinery – electrically powered options would have been the primary route for replacement. As it currently stands, there does not appear to be an electrically powered ride on mower that will perform all of the necessary functions to support current site responsibilities. It is also necessary to be mindful of expectations and future delivery.








A report will be brought to a future Committee meeting to present a number of options to members alongside an analysis of the various strengths and weaknesses of each option.

Ben Bros gall
Leisure and Amenities Manager

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FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF PRINCESS MAY RECREATION GROUND

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Recommendation:

A virement of up to £20,000 be made from the Princess May Earmarked Reserve to the “Maintenance” budget (1320/2) to support the future delivery of services at the Princess May Recreation Ground.

Background:

Following conversations between the Town Clerk and remaining members of the Princess May Community Interest Company (CIC), the CIC has suspended its operations and will no longer be providing services on behalf of Penzance Council. The CIC is no longer equipped with the skills or expertise to effectively deliver the majority of services which were required by the former Service Level Agreement - which expired some time ago.

The responsibilities set out in the expired Service Level Agreement will now need to be incorporated into the duties of the Leisure and Amenities Team. Currently there are no staff resources and no budget to deliver these services.

Once recruitment for the additional posts, previously identified to support the development of the devolution programme, are in place and relevant inductions have been completed, it is anticipated that much of the additional maintenance resource will now be required for ongoing site management and maintenance at Princess May Recreation Ground and the impact on further devolution items will have to be assessed at the time.









The requested funding is required in the short term to try and ensure that necessary contractor support can be procured until supporting posts are in place. In the interim, issues on the site requiring rectification will take longer than usual to rectify. The Princess May Earmarked Reserve currently stands at £51,885.63.

Ben Brosgall
Leisure and Amenities Manager

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REVIEW OF QUARTERLY PERMITS FOR WELLFIELDS CAR PARK

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Recommendation:

A review of the quarterly car park permits for the Wellfields Car Park be undertaken.

Background:

It has long been acknowledged that Wellfields Car Park provides good value all day parking for people wanting to visit Penzance town centre and the surrounding area.

Comparatively, across the parish, it is one of the busiest car parks which confirms that the Council is maximising income and minimising pressure on the precept through the few income generating assets in the care of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

One area where the Committee may wish to review making changes would be the quarterly car parking permits. These tickets currently offer further reductions in the cost of parking on the already good value price of £2.50 per day.

Currently, in the region of 50 – 60 quarterly permits are issued each quarter.








A further report will be presented to this Committee which will present estimates around the financial impact of the quarterly ticket scheme as well as the officer time involved in the administration of the scheme.

Ben Bros gall
 Leisure and Amenities Manager

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PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT AT PENZANCE FOOTBALL CLUB

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Recommendation:

1. Permission be granted to the Penzance AFC for it to submit a planning application for land at the Penzance Football Club as detailed in this report.
2. Should the application be approved, permission be granted for the development to be undertaken and the lease with the Penzance AFC be amended to reflect this change, on the basis that the stand will be owned, insured and maintained by the Penzance AFC.

Background:

Penzance AFC are required under the terms of their lease to obtain permission from Penzance Council prior to the submission of planning applications. However, unfortunately, a planning application has already been submitted, and it will shortly appear before Penzance Council's planning committee.

The link to the application is set out below:-

[Creation of concrete terraced stand with cantilever steel frame covering.](#)

Penzance AFC have sent an email to confirm that the stand will be owned by the club, insured and all maintenance will be the responsibility of the club. They also suggest that the lease is amended to reflect this situation.

Penzance Council must also be mindful of various other responsibilities and documents when providing permission including strategic commitments in terms of the protection and preservation of green space.








In order for the elements of the football club's planning applications to be properly assessed by this Committee moving forwards, they need to be submitted to the Council in line with the terms of the lease agreement, with opportunity provided for the Council to request additional clarification / information to ensure that an informed decision is being made.

James Hardy
Town Clerk

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POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PENZANCE TENNIS CLUB

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Recommendation:

It be noted that Penzance Tennis Club has approached Penzance Council regarding the development of ‘padel’ courts on land adjacent to its current site.

Background:

Penzance Tennis Club is required under the terms of its lease to obtain permission from Penzance Council’s Proper Officer (Town Clerk) for approval before submitting planning applications.

An initial meeting has been undertaken between Penzance Council officers and Penzance Tennis Club to discuss the potential expansion of Penzance Tennis Club and the development of two padel courts within the boundary of Penlee Park.

Whilst initial drawings were discussed around the construction of “padel” courts in the land adjacent to the clubhouse building, Penzance Tennis Club has committed to providing additional information in support of an application including, but not limited to, details and information around community consultation work.

Further information will be shared with this Committee when available and formal permission for any use of land and/or the submission of a planning application will be sought at a future date. However, Penzance Council and the Leisure and Amenities Committee must be mindful of its strategic commitments in terms of the protection and preservation of green space.

James Hardy
Town Clerk