








LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 22 JUNE 2026

REPORT FOR DECISION

FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR NEWLYN BRIDGE TELEPHONE BOX

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

Recommendation:

1. Consultation be undertaken with the Councillors for the Newlyn and Mousehole Ward in order to develop a proposal(s) for the red telephone box on Newlyn Bridge.
2. Said proposal(s) be presented to this Committee for future consideration.

Background:

In 2025 it was brought to the attention of officers that the telephone box located on Newlyn bridge was the responsibility of Penzance Council.

The telephone box is in a poor state of repair and will require significant refurbishment if not full replacement if it is to remain in situ.








It is suggested that work is undertaken with Councillors for the Newlyn & Mousehole Ward to develop a long term view for the phone box. This phone box differs from the two located outside Market House in Penzance as it is not listed and there may therefore be some more useful options that could be explored as part of the options considered.

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Leisure and Amenities Manager

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WHERRYTOWN SKATEPARK FLOODLIGHT REPLACEMENTS

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Recommendation:

The use of up to £3,500 from the Wherrytown Skatepark Maintenance Earmarked Reserve, to support the purchase of replacement floodlights to be hold in stock, be approved.

Background:

In early 2026 and as a result of water ingress two floodlights failed at Wherrytown skatepark.

Penzance Council undertook the replacement activity but witnessed significant lead times from suppliers (in excess of 10 weeks) for the replacement lamps to be delivered.

In the interests of Penzance Council continuing to operate a well-lit, safe environment for all skate park users it is recommended that a small number of stock lamps are purchased. This will enable a quicker resolution of any future issues as officers will only be reliant on contractor lead times to fit and install the lights, rather than supplier lead times for the supply of the replacement equipment.








The Wherrytown Skatepark Maintenance Earmarked Reserve currently stands at £62,829

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PURCHASE OF RIDE-ON MOWER REPLACEMENT

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Recommendation:

1. The restrictions associated with the purchase of a replacement ride-on lawn mower, as set out in this report, be noted.
2. Subject to sufficient funds being available, the Machinery Replacement Earmarked Reserve be utilised to make said purchase.

Background:

Further to the increasing number of repairs required on the Council’s ride on lawn mower, a report was presented to this Committee on the 13 April 2026 advising that options would be explored and further information would be presented in due course.

Some initial market research has been undertaken, and a number of points have been noted and summarised below:-









- It had long been the Leisure and Amenities Committee’s aspiration to replace the diesel mower with an electric ride on mower when the replacement was required. Unfortunately, it is not currently felt that sufficient developments have been made in the commercial mowing machinery market to support a switch to electrically powered machinery without negatively impacting the productivity of the Leisure and Amenities Team.
- The requirement for the vehicle to be “road legal” should be taken into account at the time of purchasing.
 - Purchasing of non road legal equipment will need Penzance Council to factor in that transportation between sites would then also require the use of a trailer and vehicle meaning that these would then not be available for the rest of the team

Whilst at this point it looks like the replacement of the mower with a battery powered alternative does not appear to be possible whilst achieving all of the operational requirements, we will still look to book in a number of demonstrations to ensure that all options have been fully explored before the replacement purchase is made.

The Machinery Replacement Earmarked Reserve currently stands at £41,976.

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LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 22 JUNE 2026**REPORT FOR DECISION****REPLENISHMENT OF PENLEE LODGE BUDGET UNDERSPEND**

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Recommendation

The use of up to £20,000 from Penlee Park Lodge earmarked reserve be approved to be make the necessary changes and improvements to the property.

Recommendation to Penzance Council:

A virement of £4,490 be made from the General Fund to the Penlee Lodge budget (1211).

Background:

Throughout the 2026/27 budgeting process focus had remained on establishing a sufficient earmarked reserve to undertake some minor internal remodelling of the lodge to support its change of use following the conclusion of the previous tenancy. Unfortunately, following the tenant vacating the lodge, a number of costs including utility bills and council tax have still needed to be paid, and these are currently costed against budget line 1211 – Penlee Lodge which was set with a £0 budget as part of the 2026/27 budget setting process. This has led to budget line 1211 showing as a £1,707.47 overspend at the time of writing.

On 31 March 2026 the Penlee Lodge budget (1211) had an amount of £4,490 remaining which was then subsumed by the General Fund at year end.








It is therefore recommended that £4,490 is vired from the General Fund to budget line 1211 - The Lodge, to support the ongoing costs which have now become Penzance Council's responsibility upon the conclusion of the previous tenancy.

The current condition of the Lodge means it is not suitable for the Council to operate out of, therefore the improvements required will funded from the earmarked reserve

that was established to support the project which stands at £20,000. The improvements include fitting new flooring, re-decoration, fire and intruder system and furniture.

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LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 22 JUNE 2026**REPORT FOR DECISION****CREATION OF OPEN SPACES EVENTS PLAN**

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Recommendation:

1. An Open Spaces Events Plan be developed for the open spaces owned and managed by Penzance Council.
2. Should it be required, an Events Policy be drafted in support of the Open Spaces Events Plan.

Background:

An increasing number of requests continue to be received for events to be hosted on sites owned and managed by Penzance Council. This is encouraging, and a reflection on how well Penzance Council is managing the sites and spaces that it is responsible for.

With an increasing number of requests being received by the Council, it has become apparent that a plan is required to ensure that events are well spaces throughout the season to ensure that there is no conflict / double booking of events which might impact their attendance.

The plan will look at what is currently agreed across the council assets as well as engaging with local stakeholders to assess their views on events, their suitability and any future aspirations. The plan may then help to identify gaps where additional events could be hosted or identify areas where re scheduling / re arranging will be beneficial. It may also provide opportunities to ensure that events become cost neutral for parish taxpayers.

It may be necessary as the plan is developed to draft an events policy to sit alongside the plan, which can look at how and when requests are received for the upcoming year, any requirements that the Council may wish to have in place and some initial

guidance on the kind of documentation that the Council will need to receive to support an event application. Some work has been completed on this following the Penzance Food Festival in Penlee Park in 2025 where a significant amount of damage to the Penlee Park surface was witnessed following poor weather in the lead up to, and during the event. The Leisure and Amenities Committee subsequently put measures in place to help to ensure that the chances of similar damage and repair costs are minimised moving forwards.

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