

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Alverne Room, St John's Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance on Monday 22 June 2026 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors NC Broadhurst (Chair)

PM Hadley

JM How

B Jackson

PL Jameson

P Lapin

PI Osborne

DM Paul

Also present: James Hardy (Town Clerk), Ben Bros gall (Leisure and Amenities Manager) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Law, Power, Smart Knight and Young.

Councillor Reed was absent without having provided apologies.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed that Councillor Hadley be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

In the absence of any other nominations, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Councillor Hadley be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

(Proposed: Councillor Hadley; seconded: Councillor Paul)

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. TO CONSIDER WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation had been received.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no confidential matters for consideration.

7. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 APRIL 2026

Having been circulated, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Jameson; seconded: Councillor Osborne)

Vote; Seven in favour. One abstention.

8. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Future Proposals for Newlyn Bridge Telephone Box

It had been brought to the attention of officers that the telephone box located on Newlyn bridge was 24/08/2026 the responsibility of Penzance Council. It was in a poor state of repair and would require significant refurbishment, if not full replacement, if it were to remain in situ.

It was suggested that work was undertaken with Councillors for the Newlyn & Mousehole Ward to develop a long-term view for the telephone box.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

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.

(Proposed: Councillor Osborne; seconded: Councillor Paul)

(b) Wherrytown Skatepark Floodlight Replacements

In early 2026 two floodlights at Wherrytown skatepark failed due to water ingress. Unfortunately, there was a significant wait, in excess of ten weeks, for the replacement lamps to be delivered.

It was therefore recommended that a small number of stock lamps were purchased in advance of any future failures.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

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

(Proposed: Councillor Osborne; seconded: Councillor How)

(c) Purchase of Ride-On Mower Replacement

In response to the increasing number of repairs required to the Council's ride-on lawn mower, a report was presented at the meeting held on 13 April 2026 advising that options would be explored and further information would be presented in due course.

Some initial research had been undertaken and a number of points had been detailed and summarised and these were set out within the report.

During the debate, Members referred to the fact that it may not have been possible to replace the current ride-on mower with an electric equivalent and therefore suggested that, rather than purchase a new mower, it may have been preferable to lease one until such a time that electric mower technology became viable.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

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

(Proposed: Councillor Osborne; seconded: Councillor How)

(d) Replenishment of Penlee Lodge Budget Underspend

On 31 March 2026 the Penlee Lodge budget contained £4,490 which was then subsumed by the General Fund at year end. It was therefore recommended that £4,490 was vired from the General Fund to the Penlee Lodge budget to support the ongoing costs which had become Penzance Council's responsibility upon the conclusion of the previous tenancy.

In addition, the Penlee Lodge was not currently suitable for the Council's operational needs and the improvements required would need to be funded from the earmarked reserve which was established for this purpose. The improvements would include new flooring, redecoration, a new fire and intruder system and furniture.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that 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.

It was then, further, unanimously

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO PENZANCE COUNCIL that a virement of £4,490 be made from the General Fund to the Penlee Lodge budget (1211).

(Proposed: Councillor Hadley; seconded: Councillor Jameson)

(e) Creation of Open Spaces Events Plan

An increasing number of requests to hold events on sites owned and managed by Penzance Council were being received. It had therefore become apparent that a plan was required to ensure that events were well spaced throughout the season, further ensuring that there was no conflict between differing events.

It may have also been necessary to draft an Events Policy to sit alongside the plan, which could consider how and when requests were received for the upcoming year, any requirements the Council may wish to implement and some initial guidance on the kind of documentation which the Council would need to receive to support an event application.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that

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.

(Proposed: Councillor How; seconded: Councillor Paul)

9. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- (a) Budget Comparison Report
- (b) Project Update Report
- (c) Operational Performance Report
- (d) Event / Activity Update Report

10. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 7:46 pm

Chair
17 August 2026