

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING held in the St Piran's Room, the Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance on Monday 12 October 2026 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors	NC Broadhurst (Chair)	
	PM Hadley (Vice-Chair)	
	JM How	JS Power (until 7.30 pm)
	B Jackson	DM Paul
	PL Jameson	SJ Reed
	PA Law	D Smart Knight
	PI Osborne	P Young

Also present: Ben Brosgall (Leisure and Amenities Manager) and Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Manager).

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lapin.

21. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22. TO CONSIDER WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation had been received.

23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public was in attendance and spoke regarding Agenda Item 7(a), 'Request from Penzance Tennis Club to Reinstate its Previous Entrance', expressing the view that there were far better uses for public funds in light of the continued pressures facing public services.

24. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no confidential matters for consideration.

25. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2026

Having been circulated, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed: Councillor Jameson; seconded: Councillor Paul)

Vote; Seven in favour. Five abstentions.

26. REPORTS FOR DECISION

(a) Request from Penzance Tennis Club to Reinstate its Previous Entrance

Penzance Council had been approached by Penzance Tennis Club regarding the creation of an additional court entrance. Were such a request approved, it would require the repair and/or refurbishment of some paved steps adjacent to the terraced area of the park next to the courts.

This cost would be Penzance Council's to bear and the only cost associated with the project which the Council would be required to absorb. Were Members minded to approve the request, it was recommended that the use of up to £3,500 from the Penlee Park Infrastructure Improvement earmarked reserve was approved to support this work.

During the debate, Members expressed the view that they did not have sufficient information before them in order to allow them to make a decision and it was suggested that, alongside justification for its necessity, detailed plans for the proposed entrance and path would be required in order to allow any decision to be made.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that the report be deferred to allow further information to be sought from Penzance Tennis Club, including detailed plans for the proposed entrance and path and any justification for its necessity.

(Proposed: Councillor Jameson; seconded: Councillor Osborne)

Vote; Ten in favour. Two against.

(b) Tree Works at Princess May Recreation Ground

An additional tree survey had been completed to assess the impact of trees on neighbouring properties at Princess May Recreation Ground. Historic tree planting on the site had not been carried out in line with guidance and many of the trees on the site were now beginning to impact upon neighbouring properties.

In the interests of retaining good relationships with neighbouring residents, it was recommended that the identified works were undertaken, subject to sufficient budgets being available.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the additional tree works at Princess May Recreation Ground, included within the management recommendations in the Tree Management Survey set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved subject to sufficient funding being available within approved budgets.

(Proposed: Councillor Power; seconded: Councillor Law)

(c) Replacement of Feature at Wherrytown Skate Park

According to the users of the Wherrytown Skate Park, the existing 'rainbow bar' was an advanced feature which received little use. It was therefore proposed that it be replaced with a kerb feature.

The only cost to Penzance Council would be the ongoing maintenance and replacement of the item, when required, as all funds for the purchase and installation of the new feature, and the removal and disposal of the previous feature, would be met by the Wherrytown Skate Plaza who would also meet the costs of the post-installation play equipment safety inspection.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the replacement of the rainbow bar at Wherrytown Skate Park with a new kerb feature, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

(Proposed: Councillor Jackson; seconded: Councillor How)

Councillor Power then left the meeting.

(d) Removal of Drainage Element from the Project to Renovate the External Area Adjacent to Alexandra Play Park

The external areas adjacent to Alexandra Play Park had required refurbishment for a number of years and one of the elements contributing to the slow progression of a formal project plan had been the drainage installation behind the small wall in front of the site.

There had been no drainage issues reported at the site during Penzance Council's stewardship. However, contractors had been unable to complete a full survey of the drainage system and assess its condition due to some elements of the installation which the CCTV inspection equipment could not pass through.

Following consideration, it was

RESOLVED that the drainage element be removed from the project to renovate and/or repair the external area adjacent to the Alexandra Play Park, Penzance.

(Proposed: Councillor Osborne; seconded: Councillor Law)

Vote; Nine in favour. Two abstentions.

(e) Use of Princess May Recreation Ground Office by Local Charities and Community Groups

Following an Active Cornwall funded pilot which provided youth work support and activities and was jointly delivered by Trelya, Whole Again Communities and PZN Youth,

initial discussions had taken place about the possibility of developing a youth café facility on Princess May Recreation Ground.

Support was therefore sought to enter into negotiations with the named community partners to develop a lease arrangement for the Princess May Recreation Ground office and storage containers, with the final detail being presented to the appropriate committees and/or Penzance Council in future.

Following consideration, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that negotiations be entered into with PZN Youth, Trelya and Whole Again Communities to develop a lease agreement for the Princess May Recreation Ground office and storage containers, with said lease to be presented to the appropriate future meetings for consideration.

(Proposed: Councillor Law; seconded: Councillor Jameson)

27. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The Committee noted the following reports for information.

- (a) Operational Performance Report
- (b) Budget Comparison Report

28. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING

Members were advised that the request from Penzance Tennis Club to reinstate its former entrance would be presented to a future meeting once further information had been sought.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm

Chair
30 November 2026