# PENZANCE COUNCIL – 9 NOVEMBER 2026

## REPORT FOR INFORMATION

## COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

| Culture | Money & Decision Making | Places & Resilience | People & Wellbeing | Facilities & Open Spaces |
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**Background:**

At its meeting held on 4 March 2024, Penzance Council resolved that the data relating to Councillors' attendance at meetings be presented to each Council meeting, for information.

The data relating to the attendance of Councillors at meetings, so far during this municipal year, is therefore set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

Appendix 1 – Councillor Attendance Data

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Democratic Services and Governance Manager

**PENZANCE COUNCIL - RUNNING COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE 2026-2027**

| COUNCILLOR | COMMITTEES | NO. OF MEETINGS HELD *(incl. full Town Council)* | NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baker, KM | F&GPs + Planning | 15 | 15 | 100.00% |
| Broadhurst, NC | F&GPs + L&A | 10 | 8 | 80.00% |
| Hadley, PM | A&C + L&A | 8 | 7 | 87.50% |
| How, JM | A&C + L&A | 8 | 6 | 75.00% |
| Jackson, B | L&A + Planning + Personnel | 17 | 15 | 88.24% |
| Jameson, PL | A&C + L&A + Personnel | 10 | 9 | 90.00% |
| Lapin, P | F&GPs + L&A | 10 | 9 | 90.00% |
| Law, PA | **MAYOR** + Personnel | 21 | 14 | 66.67% |
| Marrington, TS | A&C + Personnel | 7 | 5 | 71.43% |
| Osborne, PI | **DEPUTY MAYOR** | 19 | 13 | 68.42% |
| Paul DM | L&A + Planning | 15 | 16 | 106.67% |
| Power, JS | L&A + Personnel + Planning | 17 | 10 | 58.82% |
| Pugh, JR | A&C + F&GPs | 8 | 4 | 50.00% |
| Reed, SJ | A&C + L&A | 8 | 5 | 62.50% |
| Reynolds, SJ | F&GPs + Personnel + Planning | 17 | 17 | 100.00% |
| Smart Knight, D | A&C + L&A | 8 | 4 | 50.00% |
| Trevail, PC | A&C + F&GPs | 8 | 5 | 62.50% |
| Wilson, MA | F&GPs + Planning | 15 | 8 | 53.33% |
| Young, P | A&C + L&A + Personnel | 10 | 9 | 90.00% |

Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend every standing committee
Please note - some absences may be due to ill health

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# Sustainable PZ Interim Report
# July 2026–Sept 2026

Here is our report on Quarter Two of our 2026/27 grant. This is a summary of work that the SLA with Penzance Council has enabled. It is not a full account of all the work we have undertaken in the last two months.

*NB: Social Media Stats – these relate to our social posts only and not 'Stories'*

*We do not have budget to pay for reach/engagement etc. So, all of our stats reflect organic growth and performance.*

*Understanding Engagement Rates: 1-5% is industry standard for Facebook. Anything above 5% is deemed as excellent. 1-3% is industry standard for Instagram. Anything above 3% is deemed as excellent. For combined FB and Insta stats we've worked on a 1-5% target.*

## 1. Community Engagement

See our attached reporting sheet for numbers of workshops and delivered so far this financial year, and those currently booked in.

**Before the Last Octopus:** we brought the Premier screening of Before the Last Octopus working with Sea Shepherd Global to raise awareness of ocean conservation and link it to the change marine eco system in Mounts Bay. The screening was followed by a Q&A with an expert panel and information on how learnings from the documentary could be applied locally. The screening was followed by an animation workshop (through our partnership with The Gardeners House) to keep the conversation going with different audiences.

**SPZ Visitor Pledge:** how visitors can reduce their impact while staying in PZ. We rolled out the SPZ visitor pledge and then broke elements of it down across the summer to show how it can be met, for example by sharing  Plastic Free PZ's

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Plastic Free Pledge and free things to do that connect people to the local environment without a negative impact.

**Wildfires:** sharing advice on the summer wildfires and showing the reality of the impact on areas of west Penwith's landscape and people.

**Penzance Food Festival:** we supported the Food Festival again through rubbish picking, local supplier promotion and promoting taking your own refill cups and containers/keeping the event as low waste as possible. We also held one of our Greenways Walk starting at the Festival and ending at Newlyn Raft Race, to support both initiatives. Connecting walkers to local green routes they might otherwise drive and encouraging more active travel.

**Allotment Day:** we put time and planning into an Allotment Day to share information on growing your own food and being more self-sufficient locally. This was arranged with an allotment owner who was going to show a small group of people their patch, talk it through and share tips. We were told they'd spoken to fellow allotment owners, who were on board and some would also try to be there on the day. Concerns were raised by an allotment owner about the plan though, so it has been postponed until the Spring to respect their concerns.

**Wildlife support:** raising awareness on the tough winter local wildlife is facing after the summer heatwaves and in the Super El Nino. We are continuing to thread this information through our workshops and Greenways walks

**Dr Bike:** we trialled holding a Dr Bike session from our HQ in The Gardeners House. These free sessions see a qualified bike mechanic check over people's bikes and carry out small maintenance tasks, as well as giving advice. The aim is to get more bikes out of sheds and in use, and to give more people confidence to get on their bikes locally. Due to its success this will now be a regular event that we hold.

**Regular Business profiles:** we continued to signpost to local businesses acting to reduce their impact and support a more resilient community for the future. See

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our social media feed for their profiles, our business directory and also case studies that we share in our blog.

**Monthly positive news stories:** continuing our popular monthly look at positive climate, ecological and community stories. To counter eco anxiety and promote a sense of purpose, hope and ability to create something new for our futures.

**Reality check stories:** focusing on community resilience and the cost of living crisis

**Regular blog spot:** See here >> https://sustainablepz.co.uk/blog/

**Monthly Community Newsletters:** Open rate: 50%. (+1%) Click rate: 7.4% (+1.9%) (industry standard: 40%/3%)

**Social Media Campaigns and awareness raising:**

Plastic Free PZ socials are managed on volunteer time and not funded. A breakdown for SPZ socials follows. Performance percentages are based on the three months previously. We had some particularly engaging events and content over the summer which led to the spikes you can see. This will even out in our next report so we expect to see numbers fall as it evens out.

SPZ Facebook

Views: 147.5K (+ 3%)

Viewers: 81.3k (+146%)

Interactions: 3.5K (+19.7%)

Visits: 1.8K ( -7.6%)

New Follows: 215 (+19.4%)

Total Followers: 2141

% are from the Penzance area: 51.1%

SPZ Instagram

Views: 608.3K (+96.7%)

Viewers: 34.4k (+48.8%)

Interactions: 11.4k (+97.6%)

Visits: 689 (-29.3%)

New Follows: 275 (+22.2%)

Total Followers: 2746

% are from the Penzance area: 45%

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## 2. Schools & Young People

**Schools Hub Support** : The summer holidays were spent reviewing and updating the online Schools Hub, and prepping our programme of workshops so they were ready to go out to all schools in PZ in September. With bookings made for October - Dec. See our reporting sheet for numbers delivered so far and those booked in.

**School Symposium planning** : We have secured the rights to screen 'Future Council' in Penzance and are planning this year's Schools' Symposium around it. We have had to postpone the event until January 26th to allow space for our Vision Workshops with schools to contribute to the Neighbourhood Priority Statement survey. Also because costs for The Ritz were beyond the budget and we have teamed up with Penwith College to hold the event in their lecture theatre and drama studio instead. So we needed to work around their and our own availability around the NPS workshops.

## 3. Community Hub

**Regular Hub meetings:**

We hold a 6 weekly community hub meeting at The Gardeners House for groups and organisations working on environment and community issues, to support and strengthen work in the town to build a resilient community for the future. The group shares work, information and supports each other. We support the hub with comms and signposting and collaborative events / projects can also form. In the last quarter we worked together on follow up planning to the People's Emergency Briefing Screening. Looking at the key themes the public wanted to take forward. The part relevant to our PZ funding right now is the hosting of a Community Energy workshop in October.

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**Signposting and awareness raising**: in line with our community vision and our ten themes we signposted to other work and initiatives including:

Neurodivergent Cafe @ WAC

Newlyn Old Bridge Consultation

Gardeners House archive and events such as the screening of No Trees, No Seas, the Farmers Market and

Coinagehall Street planning application and how to have your say

State of the South West Seas Report, a scientific paper released each year charting the state of the ocean locally, including its changing ecosystem due to ocean warming and pollution

Under 16's eating free at WAC over the summer hols

Free bus travel for kids over the summer hols

West Cornwall Peace Group event for Hiroshima Day

West Cornwall Women's Aid community survey to help shape their programmes

Climate Vision walk round Mounts Bay exploring the past of the bay and its current climate challenges

Catch the Bus Month

Community Emergency Hub awareness - where they are and what they are for - as we head into storm season and Super El Nino

Rooted with Nature 6 week course - Held at Growing Links

**Volunteer opportunities and management:** we secured funding from the National Lottery to support volunteer management and opportunities. This will now be reported on separately and directly to the National Lottery Awards for All team

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**Golowan Support :** This year we gathered evidence to support a report and recommendations to build on current success and tackle gaps. We are still waiting on some feedback and stats to come in and the final report will be shared with the Golowan Team first before being shared with PZ Council.

4. **Council Training & Support**

We have been trying to get a date in for the two workshops with PZ Councillors that are in our funding agreement. These will need to be held before March so we can meet the agreement.

5. **Other projects outside of the SLA delivered in volunteer time or through other funding programmes include but not limited to:**

**Plastic Free PZ:**

https://www.facebook.com/plasticfreepenzance

https://www.instagram.com/plasticfreepenzance/

www.plasticfreepz.co.uk

**Refill PZ (including The PZ Cup):** https://plasticfreepz.co.uk/refill/

**PackSwap PZ:** https://plasticfreepz.co.uk/packswap-pz/

**PZ Greenways:** https://sustainablepz.co.uk/greenways/

**PZ Business Hub:** https://sustainablepz.co.uk/why-join-the-business-hub/

**PZ Library of Things** (in collab with Kernow Library of Things)

**The Gardeners House Partnership**