**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PENZANCE COUNCIL MEETING** held in the Alverne Room, St John's Hall, Alverton Street, Penzance at 7.00 pm on Monday 2 November 2026

## PRESENT

Councillors PA Law (Mayor)
PI Osborne (Deputy Mayor)

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| KM Baker | DM Paul (until 7.04 pm and from 8.05 pm) |
| NC Broadhurst | JS Power |
| PM Hadley | JR Pugh |
| JM How | SJ Reynolds |
| B Jackson | D Smart Knight |
| PL Jameson | C Welham (from 8.05 pm) |
| P Lapin | MA Wilson |
| | P Young |

Also present: James Hardy (Town Clerk), Elliot Ridington (Democratic Services and Governance Manager) and Greg Martin (Communications Officer).

## 58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Reed.

Councillors Marrington and Trevail were absent without having provided apologies.

Members were advised that one of the candidates for co-option, Mark Gilmour, had tendered his apologies to the meeting as he had been unable to attend due to work commitments and they were therefore advised that his expression of interest would continue to be considered on the basis of his written application.

## 59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct:-

Councillor Paul declared a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 6(a), 'Co-option of a Councillor for the Penzance Promenade Ward', as his mother was a candidate for the vacancy. He therefore left the meeting for the duration of this item and the public participation associated with it.

## 60. TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests had been submitted.

## 61. TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no confidential matters for consideration.

## 62. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Seven members of the public were in attendance who spoke regarding Agenda Item 6(a), 'Co-option of a Councillor for the Penzance Promenade Ward', and answered the question '*How would you best represent the people of Penzance Promenade ward and what do you think should be the priorities of Penzance Council for the coming year?'*

## 63. REPORTS FOR DECISION

a) Co-option of a Councillor for the Penzance Promenade Ward

Penzance Council had been operating with a vacant seat in the Penzance Promenade ward since 31 August 2026 following the resignation of a former Councillor.

Penzance Council was therefore required to fill this seat by co-option and interested persons were requested to apply in writing stating their relevant experience and the reasons why they wished to become a Councillor. The closing date for applications was Friday 9 October 2026 and those received were set out as Appendices 2 – 9 of the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Pugh and seconded by Councillor Smart Knight that Mayar Akash be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Osborne and seconded by Councillor Reynolds that Sarah Buck be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Law and seconded by Councillor Hadley that Mark Gilmour be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Broadhurst that Tracey Grundy be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Pugh and seconded by Councillor Hadley that Martin Nixon be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Smart Knight and seconded by Councillor Young that Mandy Paul be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Jameson and seconded by Councillor Osborne that Hilary Tyreman be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade ward.

Finally, it was proposed by Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Power that Charlotte Welham be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade ward.

In accordance with Standing Order 10(b), the votes for this item were taken by a written

ballot of the Members present.

During the first round of voting, the votes in favour of each candidate were as follows:-

Mayar Akash – 1
Sarah Buck – 3
Mark Gilmour – 0
Tracey Grundy – 3
Martin Nixon – 2
Mandy Paul – 0
Hilary Tyreman – 1
Charlotte Welham – 5

With no candidate having received an absolute majority of the available votes in their favour, and having received no votes during the first round of voting, Mark Gilmour and Mandy Paul were eliminated from the process.

Having jointly received the lowest number of votes during the first round of voting, Mayar Akash and Hilary Tyreman agreed to withdraw from the process.

During the second round of voting, the votes in favour of each candidate were as follows:-

Sarah Buck – 4
Tracey Grundy – 3
Martin Nixon – 2
Charlotte Welham – 6

With no candidate having received an absolute majority of the available votes in their favour, and having received the lowest number of votes during the second round of voting, Martin Nixon was eliminated from the process.

During the third round of voting, the votes in favour of each candidate were as follows:-

Sarah Buck – 6
Tracey Grundy – 2
Charlotte Welham – 7

With no candidate having received an absolute majority of the available votes in their favour, and having received the lowest number of votes during the third round of voting, Tracey Grundy was eliminated from the process.

During the fourth round of voting, the votes in favour of each candidate were as follows:-

Sarah Buck – 7
Charlotte Welham – 8

Having achieved an absolute majority of the available votes cast, it was therefore

**RESOLVED** that Charlotte Welham be co-opted as Councillor for the Penzance Promenade Ward.

Councillor Welham then signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

Councillor Paul then returned to the meeting.

## 64. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8:08 pm

Town Mayor
18 January 2027