PENZANCE COUNCIL

- **Town Crier**
- **Penzance Council, Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance, TR18 4HE**
- **Self-employed contract with annual civic retainer and paid engagements**
- **One year contract, subject to annual review**

Penzance Council has a unique opportunity to serve as its official Town Crier and become an ambassador for Penzance.

About the role

As Town Crier you will represent Penzance Council and support the Mayor, Civic party, and Council at a range of civic, ceremonial and community events throughout the year delivering public cries, proclamations and announcements with dignity, warmth and professionalism.

You will attend civic ceremonies, parades, festivals and community events helping to promote Penzance and the wider parish and will play an important role in celebrating Penzance.

Your key responsibilities will include:

- Attending agreed civic events, ceremonies, parades and community events.
- Delivering cries, proclamations and announcements.
- Supporting the Mayor and Civic Party during ceremonial occasions.
- Acting as an ambassador for Penzance and the wider parish.
- Engaging positively with residents, visitors and community organisations.
- Following civic protocols, Council policies and event briefings.
- Maintaining and caring for Council regalia and equipment.
- Always representing the Council in a politically neutral and professional manner.

The role is on a self-employed basis and includes an annual civic retainer and separately paid engagements. Events may take place during weekdays, evenings, weekends and bank holidays and attendance will be agreed in advance where possible.

What we are looking for

Penzance Council are looking for someone who can bring enthusiasm, confidence and a strong sense of civic pride to this role.

You will have:

- A strong, clear voice suitable for outdoor public announcements.
- A confident public presence and the ability to engage large audiences.

- Excellent reliability, punctuality and a commitment to attending civic events.
- The ability to follow scripts, briefings and ceremonial protocols.
- An understanding of the importance of political neutrality and civic dignity.
- A respectful, inclusive and professional approach to working with the public, elected members and community organisations.

About Penzance Council

Penzance Council operates at the most local level of government with twenty Councillors elected for a term of four years. As well as Penzance, the Council also represents the distinct communities of Newlyn, Mousehole, Paul, Heamoor, Eastern Green, and Gulval.

We provide a range of services to the local community and the large number of tourists who visit the town every year. These services include, but are not limited to, allotment plots, the Wherrytown Skateboard Plaza and Penlee Park. We also manage the Penlee House Gallery & Museum, which is a unique cultural venue with an important collection of paintings by the internationally renowned Newlyn School and Lamorna artists, as well as a large collection of artefacts celebrating the archaeological and social history of West Cornwall.

Our mission is to make the community (of Penzance Council) a better place to live, work and grow.

What we can offer

A unique opportunity to represent Penzance at some of the town's most important civic and community events as well as a £450 annual retainer and honorarium payments of £25 for each event attended.

Penzance Council will include you in their Public Liability Insurance cover whilst attending official events on behalf of the Council and offer a reimbursement of membership fees for the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers.

Who can apply?

Penzance Council is an Equal Opportunities employer and will not discriminate against any applicant on grounds of disability, race, religion or belief, gender, age or sexual orientation.

How to apply

An application form and information pack can be downloaded from the Penzance Council website: www.penzance-tc.gov.uk/work-for-us/

or by contacting: Penzance Council, Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance TR18 4HE

Tel. 01736 363405; Email: recruitment@penzance-tc.gov.uk

Application: Please complete the application form and provide supporting evidence of your skills and experience. This could include a video, photographs, a civic cry you have written, reviews or testimonials from performances, or examples of relevant work.

Audition: Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an audition, where you will be asked to perform a civic cry that you have written. Creativity is welcomed, and we encourage applicants to bring their own ideas and style to the role.

For an informal discussion about the role please contact Cal Bagshaw (Corporate Services Manager) on 01736 363405.

Closing date for applications: 9am on Monday 7 December 2026

Audition and interviews will be held on: Week commencing 14 December 2026