

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** held in the Conference Room, Zennor Building, Penwith College, Penzance on Tuesday 6 May 2014 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT**

Councillor P C H Rendle (Town Mayor)  
Councillor D J Nebesnuick (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors D J Axford  
R B Cliffe  
M R Cotton  
N A Davis  
J H Dixon  
J Dunsmuir  
G R M Ford  
R Lewarne  
M Lovegrove  
R A Mann  
J Moreland  
C M J Olivier  
M L Paine  
N G Pengelly  
R L Simmons  
F C Thomas-Lambourn

Town Clerk (Simon Glasson), Principal Administrator (Teresa Fogarty)

Also present: Friends Jubilee Pool - Martin Nixon, Angie Butler, Susan Stewart, Barbara Knight, Cllr Jim McKenna CC, Scott Sharples (CC Officer), representative of Cornwall Health Watch, members of the public.

**88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors C A Dennis, K L W Perry,

**89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Dixon and Moreland declared non-pecuniary, non-registerable interests as members of the Friends of Jubilee Pool.

**90. CONTRIBUTION BY PENZANCE TOWN COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF JUBILEE POOL**

A proposal had been put forward by Cornwall Council for a partnership to prepare and submit a bid to the Coastal Communities Fund to secure funds to carry out structural repairs to prepare the Pool for use, rectify recent storm damage sustained at the Pool and also put in place a two year revenue package to support the business development phase of the project aimed at assisting the Pool to become sustainable in terms of the day to day operating model. Cornwall Council was seeking a contribution from Penzance Town Council of £40,000 towards the funding package and members were informed that this could be taken from the devolution budget.

There followed a presentation by The Friends of Jubilee Pool that stressed the importance of Jubilee Pool to Penzance both historically and as an ongoing asset. The organisation also pledged to undertake substantial fundraising to assist with the repairs and ongoing maintenance of the Pool.

Cornwall Council was also offering to support a devolution package to the Town Council with a transfer of the St Anthony car park to the Town Council to allow the net profit achieved to support the running costs of the Pool site.

Following further discussion, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** –

that:

1. Penzance Town Council agreed to contribute £40,000 from its devolution budget to match with Cornwall Council's contribution of at least £500,000 and any contribution from The Friends of Jubilee Pool.
2. Penzance Town Council committed to working with Cornwall Council and The Friends of Jubilee Pool to form a partnership in respect of taking an active role in the operation and management of Jubilee Pool.

**91. PROPOSED PRIVATISATION OF NHS HOTEL SERVICES AT WEST CORNWALL HOSPITAL**

The Town Council had received notification from a member of staff at West Cornwall Hospital that Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust (RCHT) Board had decided to offer a 'Hotel Services' contract to the private sector for a period of up to 10 years.

Hotel Services was a generic description covering support service functions such as portering, cleaning, switchboard, post room, laundry, waste, stores and security.

Members of staff at the hospital had raised concerns that the change to a private company would negatively impact on the lives of employees and also lower the standards of care currently enjoyed at the hospital and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** – that Penzance Town Council called on the management of RCHT to abandon their plans to privatise the Hotel Services section of their organisation and believed that the support staff at West Cornwall Hospital were doing an excellent job for the NHS and wished to remain NHS employees.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Town Mayor  
2 June 2014