

MINUTES OF THE PENZANCE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Held at 5 p.m. on Monday 12th November 2018 in the Zennor Building, Penwith College

Present: Martin Tucker (Chair)
Jim McKenna (Cornwall Council/Vice-Chair)
Dick Cliffe (Mayor)
Nigel Pengelly (Penzance Town Council)
Ian Harris (Penzance BID)
Nigel Davis (PZ Neighbourhood Plan)
Emily Kavanaugh (PZ Chamber of Commerce)
Sarah Shaw (PZ Chamber of Commerce)
Cornelius Olivier (Cornwall Council)
Jessica Morris (Penzance BID)
Simon Elliott (Cornwall Council)
Nick Hood (Penzance BID)

1. Apologies for absence

Mario Fonk, Susan Stuart, Tim Dwelly, James Hardy

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Exclusion of press and public for confidential items

None

4. Minutes of meeting held on 15th October 2018

Signed as a true and accurate record by the Chair.

Matters Arising not covered in the Agenda:

CO – is there an update on the possibility of access to the disabled toilet for SFP? DC – this is not being recommended, due to cost of cleans and lack of supervision for drug users. This will be raised on 19th November – DC to report back to Regen Partnership following this.

Action: DC

Parking – proposals were thrown out by Economy Committee. JM has proposed rates for 2019 to Craig Taylor, which are currently being monitored. DC – there is a consultation in Penzance on 27th November following a meeting on 23rd.

Investment brochure – meeting needs to be set up (IH/DC/JM).

Action: IH/DC/JM

House of Lords Investment Committee visit (JMCK) – comments were very positive. JMCK/SSSt/DC to draft a paper to submit. SSh has been invited to sit on a House of Commons committee on coastal towns – letter to be circulated to the rest of the PRP.

Action: SSh

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Works at St John's Hall – SN to update at next meeting.

Signage for needle exchange – JH to update at next meeting.

5. Finance Update – no new transactions to report (DC)

Money needs to be drawn down so that Paula can pay 2 x invoices.

6. Signage Project (JM/TDw)

Working group has been formed, plus each BID Board member is doing a report on a different area to suggest signage placement. Next BID meeting is on 14th November. JM to chase Adam Birchall for confirmation in writing that Cornwall Council will be giving £70,000 finance for this.

7. Prioritisation of future spending (DC)

Paper to be put together for next meeting regarding this – agenda item for next time.

8. EXPO wash-up (SSt)

SSt to please put together a note to go out with the minutes. Response generally very favourable. Around 1600 visitors including several hundred schoolchildren attended. CO – only negative feedback was regarding the housing design at St Clare. JMCK – the priority has to be providing people with somewhere to live. Surgery will be open in January.

Action: SSt

9. Project updates:

(a) Spatial Strategy (CO)

Walk-around town taking place tomorrow with Phil Mason etc. DC – site H14 has been going through an external consultation. A private developer has proposed developing the Roadrunner site. IH – any update on the old post office? CO – there has been a site meeting which came to a positive conclusion with a more restrained suggested design. JMCK – there is a potential buyer for Dorothy Perkins currently expressing interest.

(b) Penzance Digital Skills Bid (IH)

DPN are presenting at Penzance Business Breakfast on 13th November.

(c) Market Bid (JM)

Meeting held last week regarding funding this. First market will take place on last Saturday in January.

(d) Penzance Harbour Coastal Communities (SSt)

No progress on Coastal Communities. Select Committee are putting together a paper to be disseminated shortly. (Feedback given in report sent in by SSt in her absence.)

(e) Jubilee Pool (SSt)

Drilling has now been completed with a significant amount of hot water found at a shallower level than anticipated. Technical report to come. CO – share issue was hugely successful, with lots of small donations.

(f) Neighbourhood Plan (SSt)

Local consultations are now taking place, with town centre events also planned. A vision is needed for the Harbour car park. Students from the University of East London are doing a course project on Penzance which may be able to be used as part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. Draft plan due in late January followed by a 6-week consultation. SE – Harbour document still needs to be amended. ND – are there any plans to dredge the harbour? SE – Andy Brigden is aware this needs to be done and is also suggesting chains with risers so moorings are allocated at the beginning of the year.

(g) Parking (SSt)

Social media seems to indicate there is still limited knowledge regarding the Just Park and free-after-4pm system. What has happened with comms regarding this? JM – leaflets have gone out to all of the schools; comms were paused while the suggested raise in charges was being debated, JM will now push this again. SE – not all elderly drivers have a Smartphone and therefore cannot access Just Park. Pre-paid cards are an option which Penzance could test, which would also be potentially popular. JM – the Council have taken this option off the table so other options need to be explored. DC checked total revenue from car parks and compared 2010-11 to 2016-17 and the revenue increase is only 3% despite hike in prices.

12. Communication Issues

MT – it was previously agreed that Trish Hewitt would work up to and including the Expo. For her to continue a budget needs to be agreed. DC proposes we ask Trish to continue until 31st March 2019 as Penzance News is proving a success. IH seconded. All in favour, **motion carried.**

13. AOB

Tour of Britain proposal (JMCK)

Cabinet unanimously resolved last week for Cornwall to bid for the first stage of the Tour of Britain. Falmouth and Helston are also interested in the first stage. Nigel Blackler is very supportive of Mounts Bay getting this after the success of the Man Engine. The event would take place on a Sunday in September. The Council are underwriting the event for £350,000. If the bid is successful, then the area would also get a new promenade surface. A letter to go out from DC (also signed by other agencies) expressing our formal interest in hosting. **All in favour of supporting this**, with as many signatories on the letter as possible to show a unified response.

Action: DC/JMCK

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Invoices to pay – Communications/BID (MT)

Perfect Moment have invoiced for KBr's attendance at the Expo. MT to check the details with SSt to see what was agreed.

Town Centre ASB (ND/DC)

ND – behaviour of street drinkers over the weekend was terrible, particularly on the old Dorothy Perkins site. TDw has spoken to the agents to secure the area. SSh – the police are unable to move people on as it is private land. IH – Breadline now has an 8-10 bed unit. SSh – those fighting are emerging from clubs, not necessarily homeless. MT – are the police taking action as well as PCSO's, who are ineffective as they have no powers of arrest? SSh – there is no longer a police presence. SE – there is a licensing issue also. DC – if street drinkers refuse to pour drink away then they can be charged as it is an alcohol control zone. If this is again refused then people can be banned from coming into town. CO – if the agent/owner of the building agrees to board it up then it will be a lot quicker than if the Council have to get an order to do so. JMck – the Board could invite the Police Commissioner to a meeting to discuss the challenges facing the local police. JM – a collective agency meeting is taking place on Friday to discuss the individual cases involved. JMck – if licensed establishments aren't providing sufficient resources to maintain security then the Board can write to the Licensing Authority and have their license revoked or limited. JM – Pubwatch guidelines can also be used. DC – proving that a person is drunk enough to affect a license is extremely difficult and involves direct evidence from a Constable.

Park and Ride (SE)

Free day parking before Christmas – SE has asked if Ludgvan's could be donated to Penzance or St Ives but was refused. Boxing Day has been nominated.

£280,000 of the total £1.3m for Park and Ride was allocated for design. TDw has requested the invoice to see how this was spent, along with £144,000 for land acquisition (SE has requested details on this).

Date of Next Meeting: 5pm, 17th December 2018.

Martin Tucker
Chairman
November 2018