

**MINUTES OF THE PENZANCE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP MEETING**  
**Held at 5 p.m. on Monday 15th October 2018 in the Zennor Building, Penwith College**

**Present:** Jim McKenna (Cornwall Council/Vice-Chair)  
Dick Cliffe (Mayor)  
Nigel Pengelly (Penzance Town Council)  
Ian Harris (Penzance BID)  
Nigel Davis (PZ Neighbourhood Plan)  
Tim Dwelly (Cornwall Council)  
Emily Kavanaugh (PZ Chamber of Commerce)  
Sue Nicholas (Cornwall Council)  
Tony Smith (Lavigne Lonsdale)  
James Hardy (Cornwall Council)  
Ross Williams (Krowji)  
John Moreland (Penzance Civic Society)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Mario Fonk, Cornelius Olivier, Martin Tucker, Jessica Morris, Susan Stuart, Sarah Shaw, Simon Elliott, Nick Hood

**2. Declarations of interest**

None

**3. Exclusion of press and public for confidential items**

None

**4. Minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2018**

Signed as a true and accurate record by the Vice Chair.

**Matters Arising not covered in the Agenda:**

Street Food Project: Town Council has agreed a grant of £2,900 for flooring. There are toilets there but not currently allowed to be used by the public. There is a need to separate the volunteers from the service users so the public disabled toilet outside could be opened for an hour with a key given to volunteers. ND – possibly not the right message to be giving to open a public toilet for this and not for, e.g. Scillonian. NP – there are priority issues for the toilet facilities within the town, as highlighted by the Working Group. Confirmation of the official position is needed from the Council.

Cliff Hotel: No updates at present as the owners are not communicating. Court case re. ownership is now resolved and work is being done on the property.

**5. Finance Update (DC)**

Money Available column & £25,000 allocation for parking infrastructure still need to be done. Paula is currently doing a full audit on finances.

Budget remaining – TDW ran through the remaining sums for each area of spending.

**6. Signage Project**

TDw has met with JM for early discussions on what will happen. DC - £70,000 has been put aside by Cornwall Council for implantation. JM is investigating design contracts. Full update at next meeting.

**7. Public Realm (benches and other Public Realm infrastructure)**

Regen Board are grateful for a survey being carried out by Cllr Dennis Axford, results not available yet. Proposals ongoing for bench-painting on the Prom, particularly from the Queens Hotel towards Newlyn. Health and Safety concerns resolved. DC, portable planters – pointing hasn't been finished at the bottom of Market Jew Street, so social media complaints are inaccurate. Winter homes for portable planters are currently being looked into. TDw – palm trees in planters can either be grown tall or wide; which would we prefer? Many thanks to the Mayor for acting quickly to find a temporary home for the planters during the storms.

**8. Parking (JMCK)**

JMcK, TDw and CO will be at the committee meeting tomorrow. TDw - Proposed very significant hikes in price for Penzance in particular but all over Cornwall, including season tickets. If Penzance is to challenge this we need to team up with other towns. JMCK – starting point at tomorrow's meeting is to get a resolution passed. An impact assessment for Penzance was promised. This should include meeting with the Town Councils and business representatives affected. The parking charges need to be decided before Christmas as there has to be an advertisement period of 3 months. SN – increased charges will mean visitors street park (and residents are unable to) and will drive people to out-of-town shopping. DC – it must be acknowledged that the hikes in charges during the summer failed to raise the required funds, and in some areas, takings went down. JMo - has an in-depth study of Bodmin been done? Most of the parking there is under control of the Town Council and geared towards businesses so charges are a lot lower. JHa – The various BIDS collectively are also writing to protest the suggested increase in charges. IH has put out a LinkedIn post regarding this and it has had over 2000 views from all over the County. JMCK will suggest the item be withdrawn from the agenda in its entirety for further discussion, an impact assessment be undertaken, and as part of this Cornwall Council officers meet with Town Council and business representatives plus any future proposals come to Economy Committee for decisions. TDw read out drafted statement: "PZRP calls on CC to withdraw its parking fee proposals for further consideration, including an impact assessment of the charges introduced in 2018. The proposals revealed last week would damage our high streets, undermine our work promoting affordable batch and season tickets and lead to commuters and shoppers parking in residential back streets. We also want to see winter hourly parking not exceed £1". **All in favour of JMCK/TDw raising these tomorrow at the meeting.** TDw to send JK wording for circulation.

**Action: TDw/JMcK**

**9. Prioritisation of future spending**

DC – Cornwall Council have never discussed parking subsidy reallocation. DC – investment brochure is important with lots of available material and should be taken forward. DC/IH to meet and bring an update to the next meeting.

**Action: DC/IH**

**10. EXPO wash-up (JMCK)**

Over 1600 people attended throughout the week plus over 200 schoolchildren.

Feedback was generally very positive. Many thanks from the Board to Susan Stuart for working so hard to organise this, and to Adam Birchall and Nigel Blackler from Cornwall Council. DC – Working Group meetings were all well attended with lively debate. IH – Kate Kenally met with Humphry Davy schoolchildren which was very successful. SSt to feed back in more detail at the next meeting.

**Action: SSt**

**11. Project updates:**

**(a) Spatial Strategy**

Krowji presentation. KBr – this is one of the two projects identified to be taken forward following the spatial study. Tony Smith of Lavigne Lonsdale and Ross Williams of Krowji presented alongside KBr. (Full presentation to be sent out separately.)

JMCK – what business rates are assumed? RW – most of the smaller units are out of the scope of business rates. CC will see if this proposal can be included in the investment programme if ERDF funding is not forthcoming. RW – Krowji have all the information needed for the ERDF application which can be put in by the end of November. KBr – one of the key factors on who takes this forward is whether there is any advantage re. who the lead applicant is for ERDF. We need to make sure this project is viewed as part of the overall investment programme regardless, not written off as an EU-dependent side project. JMCK – if the Local Authority wants to take this forward instead of Krowji, are Krowji amenable? RW – Krowji are flexible, although they would like to be involved from a design perspective. JMCK – we know that Krowji are happy to go forward with either option so we can now progress this as quickly as possible with blanket support from the Regen Partnership. RW to speak to Adam Birchall (TDw and JMCK happy to facilitate this if necessary). This project is also to be included in Phil Mason's visit in 4 weeks' time. KBr – the project has been flagged with Heritage importance, but Heritage issues should not be allowed to delay things significantly. TS – Lavigne Lonsdale have allocated some of the budget to sympathetic remedial works to accommodate this. ND – does Heritage comment on pre-app? Yes, which will give us more information on what will be required. **Board all in favour of taking this forward with Regen's assistance.**

**(b) Penzance Digital Skills Bid (MT)**

To be discussed at next meeting.

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### **(c) Market Bid (JM)**

DC - LAG meeting taking place next week. Bid includes funding for Marketing Manager for 2 months. JM proposes to run Christmas markets herself and bring in the Manager in the New Year.

### **(d) Penzance Harbour Coastal Communities (SSt)**

JH – still waiting to hear from Coastal Communities fund, conversations happening in the meantime regarding revising the scheme. DC – Ian Howard is the new Board Chair, taking over in April.

### **(e) Jubilee Pool (SSt)**

JH – fundraising exceeded everyone's expectations. All elements of the projects are now moving forward quickly. Many thanks to Susan Stuart for all her hard work.

## **12. Communication Problems**

TDw – new Penzance News Facebook page is going well, Trisha Hewitt is doing a good job.

## **13. AOB**

JHa – a House of Lords Select Committee are visiting next week looking at regenerating seaside towns and coastal communities. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am – 12pm. JHa to email those who need to attend.

**Action: JHa**

SN has chased the Council regarding finishing the works at St John's Hall. Has anyone seen signs regarding needle exchange? DC – this has been fully funded and is being managed more directly by Addaction. JHa to speak to Kim Hager regarding this.

**Action: JHa**

JM – Wharfside car park needs to be integrated into general traffic maintenance of the surrounding area (feedback from EXPO). What is happening with Coinagehall? JMck – this needs chasing up as the previous developer has been let go.

DC – Park and Ride has been a subject of controversy. Trengwainton Farms has been given the lease for 20 years and the Bolitho Estate has placed a covenant on the site so it can only be used as a heliport.

**Date of Next Meeting: 5pm, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

Cllr. Jim McKenna  
Vice Chairman  
October 2018