

MINUTES OF THE PENZANCE TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION BOARD MEETING held at 5pm on Monday 30th April 2018 in the Zennor Building, Penwith College

Present: Martin Tucker (Penwith College)
Jim McKenna (Cornwall Council/Vice Chair)
Dick Cliffe (Mayor)
Sarah Shaw (Penzance Chamber of Commerce)
Emily Kavanaugh (Penzance Chamber of Commerce)
Nigel Davis (Penzance Town Council)
Simon Elliott (Cornwall Council)
Nick Hood (Penzance BID)
Jonathan How (Penzance Town Council)
Kevin Brownridge (Perfect Moment)
Cornelius Olivier (Cornwall Council)
Jessica Colliver (Penzance BID)
Susan Stuart (Neighbourhood Plan)

1. Apologies for absence

Mario Fonk, Sue Nicholas, James Hardy, Tim Dwelly, Ian Harris

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Exclusion of press and public for confidential items

None

4. Minutes of meeting held on 26 March 2018

Jim McKenna and Emily Kavanaugh sent apologies for the last meeting – apologies to be added retrospectively.

Minutes signed as a true and accurate record by MT.

Matters arising:

DC – 2 x £5,000 for parking and for planters need to be added to the finance update.

DC to action.

MT – up to £5,000 for parking now clarified after email communication amongst the Board. JCo handed round an update on the plan for this and what the (so far £3,580) will be spent on. Main cost is www.penzanceparking.info, which can then be used for all publicity on the matter. TDw and SSh to be part of working group for this.

DC – the parking plan hasn't been well received in the town. We need to make sure the same mistakes aren't made again – entire revenue was recouped from 5 towns. CO – some local residents have benefitted and responded well. MT - decisions were made that our Town Councillors weren't necessarily aware of. JMck – we should invite the senior Councillor in charge of car parks to a future meeting at the end of the summer. JCo – we have an ongoing opportunity to continue communication with the relevant officers and decide on actions going forward. £1.50 only in place until October, then lowers again. Stats are needed before we can make further recommendations. SSt – we need to monitor the actions of other towns; if they are also suffering it strengthens Penzance's case. MT – we need our case in place including stats, comments etc. before the Officers attend a meeting. EK – we need a unified parking policy for Cornwall. JMck – a Positive Parking enquiry has been running parallel to this, and a unified policy is planned (not necessarily in pricing). SSh – it needs to be made clear to the public that the BID and

Regen Board fought for free night-time parking and the raised prices came from the Council. CO – people aren't aware the price is only increased for part of the year.

Councillor Brown and Craig Taylor to be invited to September's meeting, with all figures in place beforehand.

JCo to write press release and send to BID, Town Council and Chamber of Commerce.

Gateway to Penzance

This was discussed at Placeshaping. There is a valuation process being done by Network Rail's property advisors; we can't action until we have this. JMck has spoken to Andy James who has agreed action can be taken in the meantime.

Street Food Project

CO – this will be moved into the old Probation Office towards the end of May.

5. Finance update (attached)

DC – 2 items to add to report (see above), then report to be reissued. BID to pay initially then claim back from Cornwall Council in one invoice.

DC/JCo to action

6. Signage/Public Realm Improvements (KBr)

Presentation included lighting, benches, railings, signage, paving, bollards, public art, town centres. KBr then handed out a paper with suggested public realm improvements. 3 main pieces of work; KBr suggested we put them all into one tender for one company to manage. Suggested costs included in paper.

JMck – Cornwall Council should also be asked to make a significant financial contribution.

SSt – Adam Birchall reported at Placeshaping that he has been asked to provide a strategic picture of Penzance as a whole. There is an allowance for Public Realm in the Expression of Interest that was submitted to Coastal Communities today.

CO – we need to action this as quickly as possible (whilst ensuring quality). Signage has been discussed for a very long time with little action. Other towns are also interested in Krowji so we need to act quickly.

SE – would this strategy document be tied in to planning? SSt – Neighbourhood Plan has elements of this, although can't be totally prescriptive.

JCo – if Cornwall Council are involved, Highways should be involved in the process too.

DC – this would consume the Section 106 budget without delivering enough. KBr – there are time limits, BID money must be spent by June 2020. MT – colleagues need to be given the opportunity to fully digest the information. To be discussed at next meeting.

CO – we can investigate the possibility of Cornwall Council funding before next meeting.

SSh – this can also be taken to next BID meeting for discussion. KBr – a small steering group to investigate this fully would be useful. SSt – all voices are needed on this.

To be added to agenda for next meeting, all to look at information beforehand please.

7. Safer Cornwall Focus Penzance (attached)

Report circulated. CO – although Cornwall's population is rising, Penzance's is going down. Penzance is also the only area in Cornwall where domestic abuse is a significant problem. JCo – it is at least positive that people in the area are willing to talk about it.

JMck – the Inspector has made it clear that they would welcome the use of 101. The stats are high for Cornwall, but low for the rest of the UK. DC attended the Police Liaison group for parishes; local priority was antisocial behaviour. JCo – 32 radios are now in retail in town, now being pushed out to night-time economy. SE – child sexual

exploitation relating to drugs is a big issue in Penzance which doesn't feature on the report as people are unwilling to come forward.

8. Deprived Penzance Neighbourhoods

See above

9. S.106 – Park and Ride Update (CC Members)

JCo – Mario Fonk & Simon Elliott to take this forward. SE has spoken to the representative from Scilly Parking – there are no electric parking spaces, no services, no location for a hut for an operative. DC – the problems are historic, going back to before 2012. JCo – the Scilly Parking agreement is with Bolitho Estate rather than Cornwall Council, with a covenant saying it must be used for this rather than Penzance parking. Richard is open to working with Regen Board as much as possible. The agreement is only in place for a year. It will be manned 7 days a week for July and August following a research period with free Saturdays. JCo - new bus depot in Long Rock is going forward; could coach parking spaces be allocated here instead? This could also serve the cruise ships. Nigel Blackler is directly involved in developing the use of this site. SSh – shouldn't lose the 8 spaces in the current park and ride. Drivers can park there and drive over to Long Rock to use the facilities. MT – can Placeshaping please put pressure on bus depot development. NH – too late for this year, many towns charge coaches to park but people have already made their plans. JMCK – can the local Member write a letter to Cornwall Council asking for clarification before the next meeting? SE to write this.

Action: SE

10. Street Planters (JCo)

Report distributed. Cornwall Council will donate plants, but planters need to be purchased. 10 are needed on the prom, plus a new one at the bottom of Causewayhead to replace bench (recommended by Safer Penzance). This will also mitigate the effect of 2 empty shops. Design to be consistent throughout the town. Suggested design has the option of a seat if required. SSh – Tesco have offered to make donations, have we spoken to them? JCo – we need to put in a proposal but the deadline is very quick so they need to be ordered this week – 8-week lead-in time. Could do Prom now and others later, however transport costs are very high and 2 deliveries would be an extra £3,000.

JMCK – fantastic idea, are there any planning issues? JCo – no as the planters are temporary. Removing the cobbled seat may be an issue as it is a fixed structure.

KBr – do they interfere with the market? JCo – should be no impact on stalls.

SE – this would be an immediate, solid thing for people to see which we had achieved.

CO – good idea to check whether there are planning issues with removing fixed structures.

EK – is there a budget for installation on the Prom? JCo – possibility of initial £2,000 - 2,500, however then there will be ongoing costs.

Budget for all planters is £35,000. Regen Board initially pledged £5,000, Tin Dwelly has matched this, BID are contributing. **MT proposed Regen Board donate a further (up to) £20,000, relocating parking budget to Public Realm. SE seconded, all voted in favour. Motion carried.**

11. Cornwall Allocations Document & Long Rock – getting the best outcome for Penzance (SE)

To be added to agenda for next Board meeting.

12. Project Updates:

(a) Spatial Strategy (KBr)

KBr has received a copy of the summary document, will circulate to Board with 5 working days to reply.

(b) Coinagehall Street/Growth Fund Bid (KBr)

Local Members are very unhappy with the lack of any progress and have requested that the Council review the matter as a matter of urgency.

(c) Penzance Digital Skills Bid (KBr)

£650,000 awarded from ESF to provide digital skills marketing trading with local traders over the next 2 ½ years. There will be a social media campaign to promote Penzance traders locally and nationally. Press release needed recognising contributions of both BID and Regen Board.

KBr/JCo to meet with Janus and copy in the College with the press release (comment from MT to be included).

(d) Market Bid (KBr)

Submitted, awaiting decision.

(e) Penzance Harbour Coastal Communities (SSt)

Expression of Interest submitted today to Coastal Communities fund for £5.5m to renovate Penzance wet dock. This would create 23 full-time jobs + 12 apprentices. Not all councillors in favour; suggestion that they be invited to get together and talk through the process and the significant improvements to the harbour.

JMcK – those who are objecting are not in a position to make decisions, the project has been 18 months in the making and there is a lot of support for it. JMCK will speak to the Councillors in question.

SE – this needs to be done for Penzance.

MT – thank you and well done to Susan.

(f) Jubilee Pool (SSt)

No report

13. AOB

MT – Placeshaping. A unified front needs to be presented, without disagreements happening in front of Cornwall Council officials. We are currently the no. 1 priority, but this will not continue if not unified and professional. JMCK – happy to endorse this. SSt – agreed, Placeshaping handles large difficult issues which we can't deliver without help. MT – Nigel Blackler is hugely effective but will only support projects which show a united front.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th June, 5:00pm (presentations)
Monday 11th June, 5:00pm (Board meeting)

Meeting closed at 7:20pm

Chairman
May 2018