

PENRYN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 28 April 2015, at 7.00 p.m., in the Temperance Hall,
Lower Market Street, Penryn

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies and Introductions**
- 2. Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 April 2014 [Page 1]
- 3. Report from the Town Clerk**
A report on the activities of the Town Council in 2014–15 [Pages 2–3]
- 4. Reports from Cornwall Councillors**
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- 5. Report from Devon and Cornwall Police**
A report on policing in Penryn in 2014–15 [Page 5]
- 6. Questions from the Public**
An opportunity for members of the electorate to ask questions of the Town Council.

PLEASE NOTE: Electors are requested to submit questions up to two days prior to the meeting so that a full and thorough answer may be prepared. Answers to questions asked at the meeting without prior notice may be given in writing subsequent to the meeting.

Community Organisations Exhibition

An opportunity for groups to showcase activities and to find out what they have planned for the year ahead.
Network and discover community organisations working in Penryn.

Light refreshments will be served after the meeting and during the exhibition. A chance to browse the community stands, chat to the organisation representatives or your local Councillor.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF PENRYN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
14 APRIL 2014 IN THE TOWN HALL, PENRYN, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mrs B Hulme – Town Mayor

Mrs G A Grant – Deputy Town Mayor

Mrs M V Bennett, Mrs C Hutchings, N S Ferris, J Langan, M Snowdon and E L Wilkes

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors D Garwood (work), K S Green (work), Mrs M K May (other Council business), Mrs S Peters (work), G C Rickard (personal) and C S F Smith.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that Minutes 1 to 4 of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 April 2013 be approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor E L Wilkes and seconded by Councillor Mrs G A Grant

3. COMMUNITY REPORT

A report from the Town Clerk on the previous year's activities and future projects was noted.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no electors from the Parish of Penryn present at the meeting.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 7.05 p.m.

Chairman



PENRYN TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

15 APRIL 2015

Community Report

Author: Michelle Davey, Town Clerk

This is the first year of a new format for the Annual Parish Meeting and I'm delighted to see the many community groups here today that the Town Council has supported over the last year. We will hear from them later, but in the meantime I welcome you all and hope that you will be interested to hear what the Council has been doing since last year's meeting.

It has been a very busy year with added pressures placed on the Town Council resulting from Cornwall Council's budget cuts which continue to present a challenge to Town and Parish Councils, and of course the voluntary sector, right across Cornwall. The Town Council has submitted a bid to Cornwall Council for the devolution of a number of assets including all of the town's car parks and a number of open spaces, as well as the library. It is hoped that the library may be safeguarded from future closure or a further reduction in opening hours by moving the Council offices to the library building whilst expanding on the current library service currently in operation.

In order to be successful in obtaining these assets for the town, the Town Council will need to demonstrate that it can manage them more efficiently and cost effectively and in preparation we have been busy this past year ensuring that the Town Council's policies and procedures are up to date and fit for purpose. The main challenge ahead will be ensuring that we have the capacity and necessary knowledge to run these assets effectively.

One of the ways to increase capacity is through partnership working and over the last year the Town Council has been working with a new Town Team, whose objective is to facilitate the regeneration of Penryn through widespread and meaningful engagement with the community, and by working in partnership with all stakeholders. The Town Team is still in its infancy, but it is hoped that it will become a valuable partner for the Town Council in its aspirations to improve the town centre and the links to Commercial Road.

Another key development this year in regenerating the town is the formation of a Working Party to investigate the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan. It is anticipated that the Working Party will later be replaced by a Steering Group of Councillors and other stakeholders in Penryn to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which will provide a framework for the future development of the town. It will be a significant piece of work requiring a huge amount of engagement with the community and is likely to take a couple of years to bring it to adoption stage, but the Town Council is very excited by the challenges and the possibilities it brings.

This leads me on to one of the most contentious issues of the past year and the Allocations Development Plan Document. The Town Council decided to support Cornwall Council's view that

the site at College Valley was the most appropriate site for future housing in Penryn when compared to the alternative site at North Penryn. Whilst that decision has been challenged by many residents in Penryn, it was not taken lightly, but after having held a public meeting and reconsidered its decision in response to a petition, the Town Council affirmed its decision and must now move on to ensure that any future development on the site brings the maximum amount of benefit to the town.

A public meeting was also held earlier in the year to discuss the problems with parking on Permarin Road and whilst most of the potential solutions were beyond the powers of the Town Council, I am happy to report that some of the measures that we were able to take have had at least gone some way to alleviate the problems.

One of the positive outcomes of the increased interest in Council activities has been the first election in Penryn since 2007 at which Councillors Mitchell and Wenmoth were elected. The Town Council launched an active campaign to encourage as many electors as possible to vote and the posters could be seen all around the town.

The main initiatives in the town that came to fruition this year were the installation of the Penryn Station artwork, which proved exceedingly difficult to bring to completion, and the installation of a new CCTV network which will be entirely financed by the Town Council going forward and run by a new management group in partnership with seven other Town Councils in West Cornwall, the police and the fire and rescue service. The Town Council has also entered into an agreement to manage the public conveniences on Exchequer Quay on behalf of Cornwall Council's Harbour Board who will be funding them from April this year.

The Council continues its buildings maintenance regime with the refurbishment of the Council Chamber, a project which was completed at a considerable saving to the town due to the work being completed by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Snowdon in his own personal time. I'm sure those who have seen it would also agree that it was completed to a very high standard. The major building project for the coming year is to address the damp problems in the Town Hall clock tower and the Town Council is currently seeking funding for the work to be carried out to remedy the problem.

All in all, it has been another interesting year, and the coming year is likely to be even more so with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and the huge changes that will result from the devolution programme should the Town Council's bid be successful. The role of a good Town Councillor is unpaid, often undervalued, and sometimes unacknowledged, but they continue to persevere regardless, and I look forward to working with this particular group of Councillors over the coming year.

Mary May Report Cornwall Cllr Penryn West

28th April 2015

Apologies for being absent this evening, it will be the first Town meeting as a Penryn Cllr that I have missed over the past 20 plus years.

Over the last twelve months my Community Chest has been awarded to Penryn Primary Academy, £1000 in partnership with Tony Martin, Cllr for Penryn East. This was for a boat which will soon be launched and has a theme of our Penryn River and museum. Other monies have been donated to Penryn Saturday Club for dance mirrors allowing our local dance club to improve their moves!

As a Cornwall Cllr I sit on the following committees: Education Transport Appeals, Central Planning, Strategic Planning, Planning Development, Cornwall Housing Board, Licensing Act and The Harbours Board, I also attend the various Portfolio meetings when there is an agenda item which appertains to our Town.

Penryn continues to suffer with parking problems as do other Towns across Cornwall. The Highways department is strapped for cash but as members we have a wish list for as and when money becomes available. However this does take quite some time, the wish list gets referred to and the process is gone through. 2014/15 money is now available so fingers crossed

On the wish list for Penryn are various yellow lines across the town - Kernick, Permarin which is in Cllr Martin's area, West Street, Saracen and a few others that don't spring to mind at 7am in the morning!

Brown's Hill patching has been a long time coming but I have been assured it's on the way, Permarin patching needs to be addressed in one area - I am on the case. No through Road Sign for Packsaddle has taken too long, but once again I am assured it will get replaced.

I am happy to phone or visit residents if they have any issues.

So many young people and also older people would like to have their own place in the town. However one good news story for me was in the week before Christmas a lady who had been on the housing list for 16 years was allocated a flat in Penryn near her family. An ex serviceman has also been allocated a flat in Redruth. He was over the moon as was his dog who like his owner was sleeping in a car!

My new community chest of £2000 is now available for organisations in the Town, if a form is needed please give me a call 01326 377390 mamay@cornwall.gov.uk.

Mary May

Penryn Town Council Police Report

28th April 2015

Over the past few months Penryn has seen a few changes in the way it is policed. PCSO Lewis Vague has left the patch to further his career as a Police Constable. After initial training at Middlemoor Police HQ Lewis will be posted to a more local station.

In the meantime PCSO Chris Braddon has been and will continue to provide neighbourhood Policing cover for the Penryn and more rural areas in company with neighbourhood beat manager PC Bob Jones. For any events or meetings you feel would benefit from Chris or Bob attending, please discuss with the council and they should be able to pass the details on.

This month we have had a new PCSO join the station and we will see a new neighbourhood beat manager joining us in May. Their specific beats have not yet been allocated so they could be covering any of the Falmouth or Penryn areas.

Having reviewed the crime figures for the past 12 months for the Penryn area there have been a total of 391 crimes reported.

Comparing against the figures for the same period in 2013/14 we have seen a crime decrease with 428 crimes reported previously for the time period.

Please can any incidents or crimes be reported on the non emergency telephone number 101 if historic. In an emergency or offenders still at the scene dial 999.

The Rural Neighbourhood Team can be contacted on falmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or by visiting www.devon-cornwall.police.uk.

Kind Regards
PCSO 30569 Chris Braddon
PC 13480 Bob Jones