

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9th August 2023 at 5.55pm held in The Atherton Suite, The Old Post Office, The Moor, Falmouth.

Present: Councillors K J Edwards (Town Mayor), D E Clegg, L D Coley, S D Eva, D V Evans BEM, G F Evans MBE, A J Jewell CC, J C Robinson, D W Saunby CC, E E Seiler, and J M Spargo.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R N Thomas (Responsible Financial Officer)
M Thomson (Pendennis Leisure Charity Incorporated Organisation)

C5775 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (ill), Kirkham (family matter), Rowe (ill) and Young (work).

C5776 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

C5777 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Clegg and

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of contractual matters and personal information, it is advisable, in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

C5778 PENDENNIS HEADLAND

The Town Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had imposed a transfer date of 11th August 2023. The Town Council had previously resolved that the transfer needed to be simultaneous with lease issue to Pendennis Leisure CIO for the former Ships and Castles Leisure Centre site. Whilst every effort was being made to ensure simultaneity the Council should consider decoupling the two if the lease could not be ready. To mitigate that eventuality Pendennis Leisure had agreed to the lease with completion before 25th August 2023 or earlier. There was also a risk that Cornwall Council would not make the Car Park available for the Tall Ships event due to perceived risk if it remained in their ownership, they would need assurances from the Town Council regarding lessening the requirement for vacant possession. Site maintenance costs were not available from Cornwall Council, although anecdotally these were £8,000 per month.

Matthew Thomson for Pendennis Leisure advised that the CIO were committed to entering into the lease and had agreed to that. Consistent information from Cornwall Council had not been received, asbestos reports had been awaited and were only just received. Security matters needed to be resolved and information was awaited from Cornwall Council on this. Insurance remained a significant factor to resolve before completion.

The Responsible Financial Officer reported on insurance matters.

It was proposed by Councillor D V Evans, seconded by Councillor Edwards and

RESOLVED unanimously that the land transfer be accepted for 11th August 2023 and the requirement for simultaneity with the lease completion to Pendennis Leisure CIO be decoupled from that transfer. The Council being assured of the intention of Pendennis Leisure CIO to enter into the lease on 11th August 2023 or as soon as practicable thereafter and no later than 25th August 2023. The Council to adequately insure the former Ships and Castles Leisure Centre premises, and to be recompensed by Pendennis Leisure CIO for the cost of cover for demolition and debris removal.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

Signed..... Date.....