

MINUTES OF THE PENZANCE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 25th March 2019 in the Zennor Building, Penwith College

Present: Martin Tucker (Chair)
Jim McKenna (Cornwall Council/Vice-Chair)
Emily Kavanaugh (BID)
Jessica Morris (BID)
Simon Elliott (Cornwall Council)
Nigel Davis (PZ Neighbourhood Plan)
Claire Whitton (PZ Chamber of Commerce)
Susan Stuart (PZ Neighbourhood Plan)
Sarah Shaw (BID)
Sue Nicholas (Cornwall Council)
James Hardy (Cornwall Council)
Paula Smith (Penzance Town Council)
Jonathan Howe (Cornwall Council)
Nick Hood (PDTA)
John Moreland (Penzance Civic Society)
Tim Dwelly (Cornwall Council)
Dick Cliffe (PZ Mayor)

1. Apologies for absence

Mario Fonk, Paul Shaw, Ian Harris, Nigel Pengelly

(Meeting chaired by Jim McKenna)

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Exclusion of press and public for confidential items

None

4. Minutes of meeting held on 25th February 2019

Town Centre Hub (item 6) – JM queried amount agreed – should be £12,000. This was confirmed by other BID Board members – **to be amended. JMck/TDw to chase Craig Taylor from Section 106 team on PS's behalf to release funds for this. PS to put this in an email.**

Wharf Road (JM) – only £2k needs to be invoiced; PS needs confirmation from Craig Taylor that this comes under the parking budget. Statement to be written to Phil Mason stating aspirations – both items above to be linked and covered under this.

Pay on exit launch date – 28th March.

Signed as a true and accurate record by the Vice-Chair (with amendments as above).

Matters Arising not covered in the Agenda:

None

5. Finance Update (distributed beforehand) – (PS)

Tour of Britain now added with funding allocated.

6. Town Centre Hub (JM/DC)

DC has written to the Police and Crime Commissioner asking for support and a small grant towards the cost of the post – awaiting response. (A formal application will need to be done subsequently.)

JM – advertisement for the post has gone out today with deadline of 5th April and interviews being held the week after.

7. Investment brochure (DC/IH/SSt/JM)

Meeting on 5th April. SSt has had an email from the person who did storyboard presentation before Place Shaping – interactive storyboard could be used as a potentially useful tool.

8. High Streets Bid (update from Working Party)

Bid was submitted on 22nd March and was very well put together – DC/JMcK expressed gratitude to Claire Hurley for the support. Investment Programme Lead indicated backlands development would not be invested in which may be an area of concern. TDW is Charing High Street Vitality programme; Bill Grimsey is now visiting on May 9th. There will be a session at County Hall which he will speak at, which will be an opportunity for towns and community groups to participate.

JMor – where is the Planning dept currently on the Roadrunner application? TDw – the owner has agreed to amend the application.

JM – do we need to table another meeting regarding Backlands issue to follow up with Phil Mason and team? TDw – Phil Mason is supportive. A monthly working group would be useful at County Hall.

Action: TDw/JMcK to take this forward.

Action: Individual groups present to write to Derek Thomas asking for his support for this.

9. Project updates:

a. Tour of Britain update (JMCK)

Announcement has been made, will hopefully be in the press in the next 2 weeks. New Prom surface will be installed before the race. JHa will be inviting members of the Regen Board (forming a core group) for consultation on this during the next week. ND – permanent flagpoles on the Prom would be useful. JHa – this is already factored into design discussions. SSt – Meiloci Architects are keen to consult with local schools.

b. Spatial Strategy

Item complete.

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c. Proposed Backlands Development

DC – planners have confirmed that master-planning activity is needed to make sure site is coordinated.

Action: Follow-up needed with Cornwall Council to clarify position.

d. Krowji Penzance (attached) (JM)

JM has previously circulated draft of second phase of Krowji development. No amendments – report accepted and **JM to progress**. TDw – an ERDF bid has gone in for Krowji. This needs to be kept separate.

e. Penzance Harbour Coastal Communities (SSt)

Bid was unsuccessful. Nigel Blackler has requested a meeting to discuss how to take the Harbour project forward, which also needs to incorporate shoreline protection with input from Dave Watkins and the Environment Agency.

f. Newlyn Harbour (DC)

Nothing being taken forward regarding ERDF funding until after Brexit.

g. Jubilee Pool (SSt)

Loan agreement close to signing. Firm dates to be announced in next fortnight but scheduled for July opening.

Action: SSt to email JMCK.

h. Signage Project update (JM)

Agreement has come through from Cornwall Council to pay £70k towards this. JM has met with James Green at the Exchange regarding working on the brief together, with a possible application for Arts Council funding for the sculptural element.

7. AOB

- **Cornish Oven (SE)** – Agent contacted SE regarding reworked plans, which now have a suggested entrance off the main roundabout. Chamber of Commerce are considering this on 28th March. Component memberships of the Regen Board (e.g. Neighbourhood Plans) can send letters of objection (rather than a collective letter from the Board), including the minuted objection of the Regen Board from Feb 25th meeting.
- **Coinagehall Street (TDw)** – to be raised with Phil Mason alongside High Street meeting, master planning etc. to ask for an update on the site and the investment programme. Also to be added to Place Shaping agenda. JMor – possible competition for architects? TDw – an appointment has already been made.
Action: TDw to draft a letter and SSt to consult.
- **First market taking place this Saturday, 9:30 – 1:30. Please publicise. (JM)**

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- **SSh – please update on Premier Inn and Travelodge.** JM – Premier Inn now due to open in December due to asbestos/roof works. Pre-application has gone in for Wharfside which could potentially be a Travelodge.
- **EK –** entrance to town/gyratory consultation was suggested. SSt – Transport Team have £150k in funding and are coming back with proposals by October 2019.
- **DC – Gardeners Project** went to HLF; meeting being held with Hypatia Trust in Exeter. Working Capital loan of £150k formalised, plus £25k grant from Town Council if project goes ahead.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 29th April 2019, 5pm, Penwith College

Jim McKenna
Vice-Chairman
March 2019