

# Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee

Friday 14 December 2012

## PRESENT:

Councillor Trubody, Co-Chair in the Chair.

Councillors Austin, Mrs Beer, Mrs Foster, Pearn MBE, Penberthy, Preston, Smith (Co-Chair), Toms and Vincent.

Co-opted Representatives: Sir Richard Carew Pole Bt. and Cdr Crocker

Apologies for absence: Councillor Flashman, Holley, Jarvis, David Owens (CC), Mrs Pengelly, Kate Taylor and Co-opted Representatives Mr Richards, Mr Savery and Mrs Spring.

Also in attendance: Ian Berry (Park Manager PCC), David Bennett (Accountant PCC), Charlie David (CC), David Draffan (Assistant Director for Economic Development), David Marshall (Business Development Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park,, Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, PCC), Paul Martin (CC), Nicola Moyle (City Curator Museum and Archives), A Richings (CC) and Helen Wright (Democratic Support Officer PCC).

The meeting started at 10am and finished at 11.55 am.

*Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

## 11. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Sir Richard Carew-Pole Bt declared a personal interest in accordance with the code of conduct as he owned chalets along the coast.

## 12. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2012 are confirmed as a correct record.

## 13. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

## 14. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2012/13**

The Director for Place submitted a report on revenue budget monitoring 2012/13 which highlighted the following main areas –

- monitoring variations 2012/13
- budget risks

The Joint Committee raised concerns regarding the reduction in the proposed rent increase following the Trenninow Chalet rent review and the impact this would have on the budget.

The Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

15. **BUSINESS PROGRESS REPORT**

The Director for Place and the Assistant Head of Service, Waste and Environment submitted a business progress report, which highlighted the following main –

- (a) visitor analysis;
- (b) revised business plan progress report 2012/13;
- (c) revised business plan actions for 2013/14.

Responses were provided to questions raised by the Joint Committee, which included –

- (d) improvement to the layout of the Christmas Fayre had already been identified and would be implemented for the 2013 event;
- (e) capital investment in the sum of £30,000 would be required for the installation of the tree top attraction; a specialist operator would be required to run the attraction; following initial discussions, the operator had requested a 10 year licence to run the attraction; this issue was currently on hold whilst the future governance arrangements were being considered;
- (f) a number of options were being investigated regarding utilising the dry walk car park for people visiting the Christmas Fayre;
- (g) an extension to the planning permission for the marquee had already been applied for (12 months for five years).

The Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

16. **MEDIUM TERM SERVICE REVIEW**

The Director for Place and the Assistant Head of Service, Waste and Environment submitted a report on Mount Edgcumbe Medium Term Service Review which highlighted the following main areas –

- (a) the reasons for undertaking the review;
- (b) the aim of the review;
- (c) how the review was undertaken;
- (d) timescales for the review.

The Joint Committee agreed to note the report.

17. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

Agreed that under section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part I Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Order of Business**

With the permission of the Chair, the order of business on the agenda was amended, as set out below in the minutes.

18. **MEDIUM TERM SERVICE REVIEW (E3)**

Further to minute 16, the Director for Place and the Assistant Head of Service, Waste and Environment submitted a report on the Mount Edgumbe Medium Term Service Review.

The Joint Committee agreed to –

- (1) note the report;
- (2) delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Economic Development in consultation with the Joint Chairs with regard to arranging a new date for the Joint Committee in March 2013.

19. **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2012/13 (E3)**

Further to minute 14, the Director for Place submitted a confidential report on the revenue budget monitoring 2012/13.

The Joint Committee agreed to note the report.