

MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE

7th May, 2004

PRESENT:-

Plymouth City Council Members

Councillors Coleman, Mavin (Joint-Chair, in the Chair) Santillo, Savery, and Smith.

Cornwall County Council Members

Councillors Mrs. Heard, McTaggart, Mrs. Murray (Joint-Chair), Preston and Smale.

Co-opted Members

Councillor Gregory.

Apologies for absence:

Plymouth City Council Members

Councillor Williams.

Cornwall County Council Members

Councillors Mrs. Richards and Crago.

Co-opted Members

Sir Richard Carew-Pole, Mr. D.L. Richards and Mrs. B.B. Spring.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

42 The following declarations of interest were made in accordance with the Code of Conduct:-

Councillor Gregory	Item 45 (Personal)
Councillor McTaggart	Item 45 (Personal)
Councillor Mrs. Murray	Item 45 (Personal)
	Item 50 (Personal)
	Item 51 (Personal)
Councillor Preston	Item 50 (Personal)
	Item 51 (Personal)
Councillor Smale	Item 50 (Personal)

MINUTES

43 The Committee -

- (i) received the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February, 2004 (ME 30 03/04);
- (ii) heard that, with regard to minute 27, the issue regarding the provision of substitutes for Cornwall County Council Members on the Joint Committee was currently being considered and a report would be provided at the next meeting.

Resolved that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

44 Annual Inspection

Resolved that, due to the unavailability of Councillor Mavin, the Annual Inspection scheduled for 30th July, 2004 be deferred until August, on a date to be agreed by the Joint-Chairs.

45 Plymouth Boat Cruises

The Director for Lifelong Learning submitted for consideration a letter received from Plymouth Boat Cruises requesting the Committee's support for a planning application to Caradon District Council to develop the old fuel pumping station.

Resolved that the company be advised that, since the planning application related to land outside the Park boundary, it was not appropriate for the Committee to comment.

(Councillors Gregory, McTaggart and Mrs. Murray declared a personal interest in the above item as Members of Caradon District Council Planning Committee.)

ACTION TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

46 The Head of Economic Development and Urban Regeneration submitted a report (ME 31 03/04) on action taken under delegated powers.

Resolved that the report be noted.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE HOUSE AND COUNTRY PARK PROGRESS REPORT

47 The Director for Lifelong Learning submitted a report (ME 32 03/04) advising Members of progress on the various operational targets set out in the Operation Management Plan agreed at the last meeting.

Resolved that the report be noted.

BUDGET CLOSEDOWN – 2003/04

48 The Director for Lifelong Learning advised that the revenue and capital accounts for 2003/04 had been provisionally finalised and presented a report (ME 34 03/04) detailing the outturn position and comparing this with the revised estimate reported to the Committee's meeting in February 2004.

Resolved that -

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the surplus of £1,524 for 2003/04 be ring-fenced for the Park and be used in match-funding grant applications.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

49 Resolved that, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE BARROW PARK OUTBUILDINGS

50 The Director for Lifelong Learning submitted a report (ME 35 03/04) on options for the future operation of the Barrow Park Outbuildings, Mount Edgcumbe House and surrounding area.

Resolved that -

- (1) the Officers be instructed to develop a bid for Objective 1 funding based on option 1 of the report;
- (2) the staffing and financial consequences arising from the report be considered when the Joint Committee considers the Objective 1 Business Plan.

(Councillors Mrs. Murray, Preston and Smale declared a personal interest in the above item as Members of the Objective 1 Programme Monitoring Committee.)

CREMYLL FERRY AND SLIPWAYS REPORT

- 51** The Director of Development presented a report (ME 33 03/04) detailing the history, current position and possible options regarding the Cremyll Ferry concession.

Resolved that -

- (1) the Officers be authorised to continue investigations into opportunities for development of water transport links along the Tamar Estuary, Plymouth and local coast with Mount Edgcumbe Country Park;
- (2) in the meantime, arrangements be made to serve notice to terminate the existing licence and for the Officers to negotiate a new licence agreement to be reviewed on an annual basis for a period covering the next three years;
- (3) the current licensee be requested to provide a programme of work for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

(Councillors Mrs. Murray and Preston declared a personal interest in the above item as Members of the forum looking at the Water Transport Study.)

(The meeting commenced at 10.45 a.m. and concluded at 11.55 a.m.)