



Cornwall Council urges Penzance to pull together on ferry scheme

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Press Release text

Following the key planning and Listed Building consent decisions from the Strategic Planning Committee on 8 March 2010, Cornwall Council will be arranging meetings to discuss the detail of the proposed harbour facilities, as part of the Isles of Scilly link project.

Cornwall Council is arranging to meet with Penzance Town Council and a date for that meeting will be announced shortly.

The council will also hold a stakeholder event to consider details of the council's scheme – this will follow on from a highly successful stakeholder event held on 11 February at County Hall attended by local members and community representatives.

Graeme Hicks, Cornwall Council cabinet member for Highways, Transport and Planning, said: "One of the first things I did following the Strategic

Planning Committee decision was to contact Penzance Town Council in the hope of meeting with them to discuss their involvement in delivering the scheme.

"This has been an emotional debate but I hope more than anything now that we can all pull together and work in partnership on a scheme that will bring massive benefits to residents in Penzance. I am in contact with the town council and we will be meeting up very soon."

Tim Wood, Project Director at Cornwall Council, said: "After we have sought the views of the town council we want to get all of the key groups together again for a stakeholder meeting so that we can advise where there is an opportunity for further public input into the detail of the new facilities in Penzance.

Cornwall Council held a highly successful event last Thursday (11 March) at the Queen's Hotel in Penzance to discuss ideas from the community for the wider regeneration of Penzance and Newlyn.

Mr Wood said: "We are keen to keep everyone with an interest in the development of the harbour fully informed of the progress of the project.

"Clearly the Isles of Scilly link will provide a chance to realise the full potential of the existing harbour and it is important now to look at the bigger picture and capitalise on what is a major opportunity for Penzance."

To clarify a statement made on the front page of the Cornishman last week, the project team would like to explain that the original project estimate was based upon works starting in 2006. We are now looking at a start in 2011 which means that the effect of 5 years of inflation and the effect of market forces has increased the forecast cost.

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