Falmouth Poor Law Guardians Minutes

Reference No. PUFAL/1/1
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 1-3
Date of Meeting 20 Aug 1839

Description Present – Sir C Lemon [Sir Charles Lemon], Chairman, Messrs A Fox, Pender, J Ellis, R Sowell, H Rowe, Hamilton, Bond, Knowles, Rundle, J Rowe, Osler, Corfield, John S Enys. Notice of marriage of James Reynolds read for first time. Orders signed for – Falmouth Town House – Notwill, 120 loaves at 7½d, ¼ cwt soda at 13s 5d; John R Rowe, 60lb meat at 5¾d, 6lb suet at 5d. James Gatley, 1 cwt oatmeal at 19s 10d; Francis Carne, 14lb tea at 3s 4½d. 1 dozen candles at 6s 5d; Thomas Rogers, 40 yards cotton at 10½d; J Palmer and Company 12 yards of worsted at 2s 4d. Penryn House – Samuel Dunstan, 110 loaves at 7½d; J R Rowe, 49 beef at 5¾d, 3lbs mutton at 5¾d, 6lb suet at 5d; James Gatley, ½ cwt oatmeal at 19s 10d; John Notwill, 1lb mustard at 7d; Francis Carne, 10lb butter at 8½d. 2 quarts vinegar at 10d. 10lb treacle at 3s 1½d. 1 dozen candles at 6s 5d. Falmouth Parish House – John Notwill, 32 loaves at 7½d; J R Rowe, 8lb beef at 5¾d, 2lb mutton at 5 ¾ d, 4lb suet at 5d; Francis Carne, 3lb sugar at 6½d. Out Relief – Falmouth District, Notwill, 171 loaves at 7½d; Penryn District, Dunstan, 198 loaves at 7½d; Cheques for £20 each paid to Relieving Officers, Mr J S Skinner and Mr Thomas Mitchell. Concern about lack of proper treatment for paupers suffering from the Itch [Scabies] by Medical Officer and Matron of Falmouth House. Mr Fox assisted by Mr Street and Mr Symons examine the paupers and confer about this disease and also about general health of paupers in Falmouth Town House and report back. Call on parishes due on 26 August.

Reference No. PUFAL/1/2
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 4-7
Date of Meeting 27 Aug 1839

Description Guardians present listed including The Venerable Archdeacon Sheepshanks, Mr Mayne, Mr Stephens, Mr Clarke, Mr C Fox, Mr Falck, Mr Carvosso. Notice of marriage read for James Reynolds for second time and Elizabeth Tabb for first time. Details of goods bought including Thomas Corfield, 15 tons of coal at £20 9s. Cheques to Mr Henry Symons, Registrar of Births and Deaths, Falmouth Town, £4 5s 0d, Falmouth Parish, £1 5s 0d, Budock, £1 2d 0d, Mr SJ Street, Registrar of Births and Deaths, Penryn, £2 13s 0d, St Gluvias, £18s, Mr Thomas Dunstan, Registrar of Births and Deaths Constantine £1 8s 0d, Mabe 7s, Mawnan 9s. Mr Skinner, Relieving Office £6 16s 0d for extra costs. Report on Itch at Falmouth; it was decided to have general inquiry about, health, ventilation and diet. Reported inconvenience of Indoor paupers wanting relief out of the Workhouse, A book to be kept of such requests by Master or Matron and examined at each meeting. Bread for Falmouth not of good quality – Contractor to attend next meeting to explain. Letter from Mr Symonds [sic] about contract as Medical Officer for Constantine. To be considered at later meeting. Letter from Sir C Lemon about lease of Poor House at Mylor, stating that if the plot of land was not used as Workhouse the lease should be void, and if used for another purpose a peppercorn rent to be paid and he would not feel bound beyond three years. The situation or diet likely to be prejudicial to eradication of itch at Falmouth Town House. Mr Board added to Visiting Committee. Copies of the yearly abstract to be obtained.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 8-10

Date of Meeting 3 Sep 1839

Description Guardians present listed, Marriage of James Reynolds read for third time, Elizabeth Tabb for second time. Contractors listed. Mr George Rowe, (straw), Mr Charles Devonshire, (repairs), Proprietors of West Briton, Mr George Rowe, (potatoes), Mr William Thornton, (clothing goods), Mr William Timmins, (potatoes), Mr Alex Reynolds, (fish), Mr John Powell, (beer, porter etc), Mr Robert Johns, (potatoes), Mr James Jennings (clothes), Mr William Hannah,(repairing shoes) Mr William Sandoe, (clothes). Cheques also to Porter of Penryn House, 13s 0d, Matron of Falmouth House £3 12s 0d on account, Mr Thomas S Skinner, Relieving Officers £20 0s 0d on account, Superindent Registrar for books supplied from HM Stationery Office, Overseers of Falmouth Town, (rent), Overseers of Falmouth Parish, (rent), Mr Richard Osler (to pay bills), Samples of cloth to be obtained for inspection. Payments to Relieving Officers for expenses of Out Relief. Orders signed for food and stores for the three houses. Mr Richards of Helston attended with plans of Falmouth Town and Mylor Workhouses and answered questions. Mr Notwill, bread contractor said it was 'mere accident' that bread the previous week not of required standard. Mr Notwill asked to act up to the terms of his contract in future.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 11-12

Date of Meeting 10 Sep 1839

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Elizabeth Tabb read for third time and Richard Hosking for first time. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders including Mr Timmins, (shoes for Falmouth) six pairs at 3s 6d. Mr Timmins (shoes for Penryn) four pairs boys, [unpriced] and one pair for women at 3s 6d.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 13-17

Date of Meeting 17 Sep 1839

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Richard Hosking read for second time. The Guardians for Constantine, (Mr Pender), Mawnan (Mr Edwards), and Mabe (Mr Knowles) recommended Mr Bullock to be Medical Officer for the ensuing half year. Motion 'whilst we lament the existence of those moral and physical circumstances that which oblige some of the Poor to become Inmates of a Workhouse often with constitutions greatly enfeebled and in a state peculiarly liable to the Visitations of disease and unable to struggle through it we have reason to believe that the mortality in the Falmouth Town House has not been greater than that amongst others of like age and similar classes'. Copy of statistical information – Over period of seven years 11 months, ending 30 September 1837 an average of 66 deaths a year with an average number of inmates of 112. Rather more than 8% of casualties consumption cases and deaths from cholera and smallpox are included. Four sailors casualties in one year. Five cases of smallpox, five cholera and one mortified leg. In one year 11 months to June, (Midsummer day) 320 persons including many sick brought in from Out Parishes including bastardy cases. Deaths 43 in the period. nine at 80 and above, four at age 76 and 78, four at age 71-73. Of the 12 deaths at ages 5-70, out of 186 present, about 3½%. Two were from consumption, one scrofula, 2 fever, one ulcerated leg, one fractured skull, one atrophy, one inflammation of the stomach, one old age. Of 36 children under one year seven died, a smaller proportion than in London (including the children of the wealthy) where the Medical Quarterly Review states the rate to be 32%. A large proportion of these children were illegitimate, a circumstance which in Prussia is found to increase the mortality rate on average by one half. Payments to Relieving Officers as usual and to Superintendent Registrar for two years’ rent. Supplies ordered. Overseers of parishes in arrears to be written to requesting immediate payment. Meeting adjourned to 27
September for examination of accounts. Resolved all contractors to be required to give sureties. Mr H Rowe gave notice about plans of several houses with view to adoption of some.

Reference No  PUFAL/1/6  
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 17-20  
Date of Meeting  24 Sep 1839  
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Richard Hosking read for third time, Jenfer Jennings for first time. About Medical Officer for the Constantine District, it was resolved that it was inexpedient to cancel contracts made by previous Board except with consent of all parties or on 'solid grounds' on non performance, of which there was no evidence. Proposed to forward plans and information to Poor Law Commissioners of both Falmouth Houses and ask which of them should be retained for the use of the Union in addition to the Penryn House. Also that all information on estimates and plans for the Falmouth Houses be forwarded. Balances from parishes to be paid. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference No  PUFAL/1/6  
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 20-21  
Date of Meeting  27 Sep 1839  
Description  Adjourned meeting. Guardians present listed. Payment to contractors listed – Charged to Establishment – Mr Thomas Corfield (coals), Editor Falmouth Packet (advertisement), Mr R Ellis (printing, stationery), Mr Edward Gilbert (brushes), Knight and Company (stationery etc), Falmouth Express (advertisement), Mr Richard Newcombe, Mr Thomas Pearce, Mr William Rusden junior, Mr P Williams and Mrs Peggy Bawden listed as supplying ‘goods’. Other bills relate to food supplies including Mr James Gatley (groceries etc) Edward Edwards and William Trevena (milk). Also paid were Matron of Falmouth Town House and the Clerk of the Union both on account. Relieving Officers paid for Out Relief. Master of Penryn House produced estimates of supplies needed for the Union Houses which were approved.

Reference  PUFAL/1/7  
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, page 22  
Date of Meeting  1 Oct 1839  
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Jeneph Jennings read for second time. Estimates and orders for the Union Houses. Payments for Relieving Officers. Letter from Mr Symons, Medical Relief for Constantine for current half year received. Mr Bullock [proposed replacement] to produce qualifications as surgeon.
Date of Meeting | 8 Oct 1839
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Description | Guardians present listed. Marriage of Jenepher Jennings read for third time. Resolution of 24th September 1839 about adoption of Falmouth Town Workhouse for the purposes of the Union to be rescinded – agreed. Agreed that all plans, reports and information about Falmouth and Mylor Workhouses as far as they relate to the Falmouth and Mylor Workhouses to be passed to the Poor Law Commissioners and the latter to be recommended for the uses of this Union. Also agreed that reports of Committees and the resolutions of the Board about abandonment of Falmouth be also forwarded. Also to request permission to alter the Penryn House, agreeable to plans and to consider general matters relating to each House. Suggested that Ratepayers to be admitted to meetings on production of last payment of Poor Rate Receipt. Evidence of Mr Bullock’s [Proposed Medical Officer] qualifications satisfactory. Mr Simmons to return the books in his possession for Constantine Medical District. Mr Robert B Upton, Clerk to the Society of Apothecaries, letter about Mr Bullock somewhat equivocal as to man granted their certificate and to be sent to the Poor Law Commissioners as the only evidence of Mr Bullock’s qualifications. Orders made out for Union Houses. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and the Clerk given £7 6s 7d for disbursements for past two quarters.

Date of Meeting | 15 Oct 1839
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Description | Guardians present listed. Contractors requiring to give sureties listed. John Hawke, bread, £50.0s 0d. Alexander Teague, bread, £50 0s 0d. John Dunning, butcher, £50 0s 0d. Thomas Corfield, coal, £20 0s 0d. Thomas Timmins, shoemaker, £10 0s 0d. Thomas Rogers, linen draper, £20 0s 0d. Francis Carne, grocer, £20 0s 0d. William Sandoe, tailor, £8 0s 0d. Caleb Knowles, milk, £5 0s 0d. Samuel Rogers, coffins, £5 0s 0d. Geach and another [sic], coffins, £5 0s 0d. Orders signed for goods for Union Workhouses. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Bills paid for Matrons, Falmouth Town, £7 10s 4d, Falmouth Parish £3 0s 0d. Cheque for Olvers and Sons for plans of Workhouse, £10 10s 0d. Calls for Poor Rate on several parishes due 4 November 1839, remaining ½ by 9th December 1839.

Date of Meeting | 22 Oct 1839
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Description | Guardians present listed. Resolved that Mr Teague be asked to supply five good loaves of barley bread in lieu of five loaves which Mr Mitchell, the Relieving Officer, said were of poor quality. Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parishes of Constantine and Mylor asked to pay their respective Calls on or before Monday next. Payments to Relieving Officers for Out Relief. Pay to Philip Treglohan jr [unspecified] charged to Establishment Account. Orders for supplies to Union Houses and orders to various Contractors.
Reference  PUFAL/1/11
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, page 30
Date of Meeting  29 Oct 1839
Description  Guardians present listed. Resolved that the Guardians of the parishes of Constantine and Mylor together with Mr Broad and Mr Sowell be summoned before the magistrates to show why they refuse to obey the orders of the Board of Guardians. Complaint against Master of Penryn Workhouse for ill using a pauper named Mary Perry. Mr Sowell and Mr Trenerry to enquire and report. Cheques paid to Relieving Officers of Falmouth and Penryn. Cheque for £50 0s 0d paid to Mr Notwill, bread contractor, on account. Union Houses supplies list ordered.

Reference  PUFAL/1/12
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 31-33
Date of Meeting  5 Nov 1839
Description  List of Guardians – Ex Officio – Sir C Lemon, Chairman, John S Enys Esquire, Vice Chairman, The Venerable Archdeacon Sheepshanks. Elected Guardians – Mr Sowell, Mr Pender, Mr Edwards, Mr Knowles, Mr Osler, Mr Broad, Mr A Fox, Mr Hamilton, Mr Richards, Mr Rundle, Mr Carvosso, Mr R W Fox, Mr C Fox, Mr J Rowe, Mr H Rowe, Mr Corfield, Mr Falck, Mr Trenerry, Mr Stephens. Notice of marriage of J J Hamilton read. Guardians for Constantine and Mylor to tell Parish Officers that unless they pay their balance [of Poor Rate] they will be prosecuted. Two letters from Poor Law Commissioners, One approving plan of proposed alterations for Mylor and Penryn Workhouses. Agreed advertisements for work to be done, amendment for delay lost. Also Poor Law Commissioners letter stating Mr Upton’s letter not sufficient evidence of Mr Bullock’s qualifications without proof of identity. Board to reply that they are satisfied – Mr Bullock’s certificates lost during his service under the Brazilian Government. Poor Law Commissioners also against allowing rate payers into meetings as interfering ‘with the tranquillity and Good order of the proceedings’ and hoping that the ‘Guardians would relieve them of necessity of issuing and order preventing the presence of strangers’. Matron of Falmouth Parish House asks for assistance of female pauper. The Visiting Committee to select a fit person. Overseers of Falmouth Parish letter stating the Vestry is willing to forego the rent of their Workhouse if Falmouth Town and Penryn did the same. The investigation into allegations of abuse against Master of Penryn Workhouse, Mr Tregaskis, by Mary Ann Perry finds the charge false and unfounded. The report accepted. Payments to Relieving Officers for Out Relief. Mr Notwill given £24 17s 1d on account. Mr Thomas Richards paid for Plans and specifications for Mylor and Falmouth Town Workhouses. Also cheques for quarterly salaries to Mr Ws Genn, Clerk, £25, Mr PV Robinson, Auditor, £3 15s 0d, Mr J S Skinner, Relieving Officer, £20, Mr Thomas Mitchell, Relieving Officer, £20, Mr Fox, Medical Officer Falmouth District, £11 5s 0d, Mr Sheet, Medical Officer Penryn District, £8 15s 0d, Mr Symons, Medical Officer Mylor and Constantine, £10.15s 0d, Mr Tregaskis, Master of Workhouse [Penryn] £7 10s 0d, Mrs Dight, Matron, £6 5s 0d, Miss Budgen, Matron, £4 4s 0d. Total cost £37 9s 0d.

Reference  PUFAL/1/13
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, page 34
Date of Meeting  12 Nov 1839
Reference PUFAL/1/14
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, Pages 37-38
Date of Meeting 19 Nov 1839
Description Guardians present listed. Notice of marriage of Samuel Scott read for first time. Letter from Matron of Falmouth Parish House complaining of bad quality of peas and other articles supplied by Mr Carne. Resolved to ask Mr Carne to attend and explain why goods not of contracted quality. Also Visiting Committee to purchase peas and charge Mr Carne the difference if any. Contract Bond by Contractors to be executed by 26 November 1839. Supplies ordered for Union Houses ordered. Relieving Officers paid, also Mr Thomas Richards for plan and specifications for Mylor and Falmouth Town Workhouses.

Reference PUFAL/1/15
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 38-41
Date of Meeting 26 Nov 1839
Description Second reading of notice of marriage of Samuel Scott. Mr Carne attended and explained that the peas complained of ‘similar to those contracted for but not so good quality although taken from same lot’. Complaint about barley bread supplied by Mr Teague. Resolved to ask Contractor to supply barley meal instead of barley bread and on the paupers ‘making and bringing same to his bakehouse, he be requested to bake it at cost price’. List of Out Relief paupers wanted – name, age, occupation and parish, also present address. Matron of Falmouth Parish House had complaint against Mrs Carne, wife of Mr Carne one of the Contractors. Decided that Mr and Mrs Carne and Frances Budgen, (Matron), with Dorothy Downing and Naomi Bass, ‘who it was said could speak to the expressions used by Mrs Carne’ should come to the next meeting. Suggested that investigation be made into possibility of saving £80 by not paying rent for Workhouses. Committee to examine that if boys were to occupy rent free the Workhouse at Penryn at the ending of the existing medical and other contracts. Consideration of procuring for separate establishments and expense of ‘boys’ rent’, they being educated gratuitously in Mr C Fox’s school on the British System and also sometimes employed on the land, in husbandry or adjacent mines at a suitable age. Consideration of preparing Mylor House for male adults and some married couples. Governors perhaps housed in the Women’s house? Orders signed for Union Houses. Cheques signed for Contractors including Ann Rogers, pilchards and William Hannah, shoe repairs. A total of £10 17s 11d charged to Constantine District as follows, Constantine £2, Mabe 7s 0d, Mawgan 13s 0d. Falmouth District – Falmouth Town £3 3s 0d, Falmouth Parish £1 4s 0d, Budock 19s 0d. Mylor District – Mylor £2 13s 0d, Perranwell £1 6s 0d. Penryn District – Penryn £2 13s 0d, St Gluvias £1 6s 0d. Superintendent Registrar to pay Clergymen for certified copies of marriages for quarter ending June 1839. Constantine 1s 0d, Falmouth Town 5s 4d, Falmouth Parish 2s 8d, Penryn 2s 0d, St Gluvias 1s 0d, Mylor 2s 6d, Perranwell 6d.

Reference PUFAL/1/16
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 42-45
Date of Meeting 3 Dec 1839
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Samuel Scott read for third time. Medical Officer [Mr Street] for Penryn claimed William Johnson saved from dangerous illness by his ‘exertions’. Asks for renewal of contract for another year or compensation. Agreed to ask Reverend W S Cooper, Rector of Falmouth ‘with his Brethren’ to establish a regular attendance at Falmouth Town Workhouse. Decided to appoint a Committee to study Establishment Charges and to consider any possible reduction. Consideration of quality of supplies to Falmouth Town and Falmouth Parish Workhouses. Matron of Falmouth Parish House and three inmates made some statements as to the conduct of Mr Carne. Discussion about voiding Mr Carne’s contract. Relieving Officers paid for Out Relief and part of salary and £5.0s 0d on account paid to Matron of Falmouth Parish House.
Reference PUFAL/1/17
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 45-46
Date of Meeting 10 December 1839
Description Guardians present listed. Paupers to be told that they must apply in person for relief unless prevented by sickness, infirmity or other sufficient cause or relief discontinued. Visiting Committee asked to supply indoor paupers with ‘usual dinner’ on Christmas Day. Two samples of peas sent by Mr Carne, boiled and not found to be of standard ‘Board thinks proper for use of indoor paupers’. Mr Carne says the peas of quality contracted for. Decided to pay Mr Carne 7s 0d instead of 6s 8d a bushel. Mr Carne agreed. Call of 1s 6d on different parishes in two halves 1 January and 10 February 1840. Order for Union Houses’ goods approved. Usual payments to Relieving Officers, paid.

Reference PUFAL/1/18
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 47-48
Date of Meeting 17 Dec 1839
Description Guardians present listed. Returns of medical cases required by Poor Law Commissioners read. Report on Establishment Charges entered into Committee Report Book. Names of the Committee on the education of Boys to be given to Mr Sheepshanks and he to confer with Mr Fox and convene an early meeting. Orders for provisions for Union Workhouses agreed. Relieving Officers paid for expenditure and money on account.

Reference PUFAL/1/19
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 49-50
Date of Meeting 24 Dec 1839
Description Guardians present listed. Attention of Overseers of Mylor drawn to the case of Lyle. Either to obtain half pay or attach wages of husband to repay loan. Grace Pearce to be recommended as fit subject for Cornwall Infirmary. Mr Timmins, contractor for shoes, appeared and stated that if Board continued to employ paupers to make shoes, he would abandon his contract. Orders for Union Workhouses and payments for Relieving Officers approved. Matron of Falmouth Town House paid £5 0s 0d on account.

Reference PUFAL/1/20
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 50-51
Date of Meeting 31 Dec 1839
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Charles Gilpin read for first time. All Contractors to sign contracts within next week or they would become void. Finance Committee to meet on 6 January to examine the Quarterly Accounts. Orders signed for needs of Union Workhouses. Payments to Relieving Officers. Call for second payment on 10 February to be rescinded.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 51-58

Date of Meeting 7 Jan 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Charles Gilpin read for second time, that of John Dunning for first time. Rescinded call for money from parishes for 10 February, call now in equal parts 20th January, 24 February and 16th March. Clerk to obtain a Union seal at a price not exceeding 13s 6d. Allowance of 2s 6d to Contractor on children’s coffins to be discontinued. Printing needed by the Board to be as far as possible by public competition. Greatest economy in advertising. Suggested that F Michell the Registering Officer of Penryn District to be Master of Penryn House and Relieving Officer for parishes of Perran, St Gluvias, Mabe and Penryn. Thomas J Skinner Relieving Officer of Falmouth District to be Relieving Officer for the remaining parishes. No addition to Mr Skinner’s salary and a reduction to Mr Michell to allow for board and lodging. The present Master of Penryn House to be removed to Falmouth Town House and to keep the books for the other Workhouses. Referred to those affected, Mr Skinner, Mr Michell and Mr Tregaskis and they will consider and report their decision. Salary of Clerk to be reduced to £75. Reverend WJ Cooper willing to attend Falmouth Town House if desired, this agreed. Penryn Guardians report that the Workhouse can be retained on the same terms as Falmouth Workhouses. Currently 29 boys in Penryn Workhouse – seven from Penryn, three Budock, three Mabe, three Mylor. One aged fifteen, one aged fourteen, seven aged twelve, eight aged eleven, four aged ten, five eight, one aged seven, one aged six, and one aged five. Seven are illegitimate, six orphaned and two deserted. The older boys on examination are ‘sufficiently acquainted with the elements of an intellectual education to render it desirable they should at the earliest period be employed in manual labour in agriculture or at sea or in learning some trade’. Suggestion that a garden be provided under a trustworthy pauper for training and younger boys to learn straw plaiting and knitting. Stone breaking, used at present, only temporary expedient. Suggested some ratepayers be asked to seek a situation for one boy and undertake ‘moral responsibility’. Some weekly relief until he can wholly or in part support himself. Reports to be made on health, conduct and earnings. This would make ratepayers more aware of the needs of the boys. Contractors paid, including Mr Rusden, cutting hair, Mr O’Brien, pattens and Mr Trood, earthenware. Relieving Officers paid and orders for Union Houses goods approved.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 59-61

Date of Meeting 14 Jan 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of Charles Gilpin read for third time, John Dunning for second time, Mary Burt and Eliza Sims for first time. Problem with paying outstanding claims on Union as funds insufficient. Mr RW Fox and Mr J Rowe offered loans of £50 which were accepted. Reorganisation – Mr Skinner wants more time, Mr Mitchell has sick wife so will accept reduction in pay rather than take post in Workhouse, Mr Tregaskis asked whether as labour increased pay would be – told not, he wanted time to decide. Mr Knowles, Guardian for Mabe asked Board to apply to Poor Law Commissioners for sale of Mabe Workhouse and documents required. This agreed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Workhouse supplies approved. Insurance paid on Falmouth Parish Workhouse.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 62-63

Date of Meeting 21 Jan 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Dunning read for third time, Mary Burt and Eliza Sims for second time. Parishes that have not paid ¼ of call due on 20 January to be told that unless paid by Monday next legal proceedings will be started. Letter from Mr Symons, surgeon complaining of conduct of Mr Mitchell, Relieving Officer for Penryn District – to attend next meeting. Family of William Wood belonging to Budock to be allowed to stay in Workhouse but such relief to be charged to him as a loan. Overseers of Penryn to pay Overseers of Kea £1 6s 0d expenses for William Martin – provided they agree he belongs to them. Mr C Fox moved that whether or not Board had the power to reduce the Clerk’s salary it should only be so decided after ‘free conference’ with him. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Goods ordered.

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Date of Meeting 28 Jan 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of Mary Burt and Eliza Sims read for third time, James Hill for first time. Mr Symons, Medical Officer, appeared and Mr Michell, Relieving Officer, stated that on 1 November 1839 he gave an order to Mr Symons to visit Jane Lobb, pauper of Perran. He gave a verbal instruction on 15 November and another order on 22 November. She was visited by Mr Symons on 24 November. Widow Browning was seen by Mr Symons who certified she could not attend the board on account of her pregnancy. He had taken 10s from her on taking her child [to the Board]. Mr Symons admitted not visiting Jane Lobb for one week after order. Widow Browning he regarded as a private patient but admitted he had heard her children were chargeable to the Union. Mr Simmons[sic] to pay strict attention to orders of Relieving Officer and Mr Michell to keep records for orders to visit and in case of neglect to report at once. Also Mr Symons be recommended to pay back the 10s received from Widow Browning. Rough Minute Book to be provided. Resolution on 7 January rescinded. Committee appointed 3 December last – suggest reduce advertising and no charges for messengers. All printing required by law made by advertising for tenders. Different arrangement of Relieving Officers and Masters and Matrons of present Houses. One Relieving Officer as Master of Falmouth Town Workhouse and Relieving Officer of town and parish of Falmouth. The other Relieving Officer to remaining parishes and town of Penryn. Salaries of Relieving Officers to be reduced to £60. Clerk to be allowed £70 per annum. No more rent to be paid by board for any of the Union Workhouses. To be forwarded to the Poor Law commissioners for approval. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Orders for goods approved.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 68-69

Date of Meeting 4 Feb 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of James Hill read for second time. Overseers of parishes in arrears are asked to pay £25 to Relieving Officers and expenditure on Out Relief. Orders for supplies agreed. Payments of quarterly salaries – Clerk to Union £25, Auditor £3 15s 0d, Medical Officer, Falmouth £11 5s 0d, Medical Officer, Penryn £8 15s 0d, Medical Officer, Constantine £5 5s 0d, Medical Officer, Mylor £5, Relieving Officer, Falmouth £20, Relieving Officer, Penryn £20, Master of Union, £7 10s 0d, Matron of Union £6 5s 0d, Matron Falmouth Parish Union House £4 4s 0d, Matron Falmouth Town House £5.
Reference  PUFAL/1/26
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, page 69a
Date of Meeting  11 Feb 1840
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of James Hill read third time. W S Gilbert, Assistant Poor Law Commission asking what reasons Mr Symons gave for not attending sooner upon Order. Widow Browning to come to next meeting. Steps taken to settle outstanding debts with other Unions, particularly with Redruth. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Orders for Goods approved.

Reference  PUFAL/1/27
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 69-70a
Date of Meeting  18 Feb 1840.
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Bosisto read first time. Payments wanted from several parishes. Widow Browning present and stated that she thought Mr Symons knew she was getting relief when she had the child. She had certificate from Mr Symons stating she was unable to attend the Board. On Relief ever since. Confined three months after Relief started. Mr Symons paid every attention at that time. She offered him 10s 6d without being asked. He returned 6d but not the 10s. She had thought that by taking the children he was to be paid extra. She had saved 10s 6d for that purpose. Mr Symons had also attended one of her children three months before. Statement to be sent to W S Gilbert, Assistant Poor Law Commissioner and be informed that no Order was presented in this case and the Board does not sanction attendance of Medical Officer without an Order. The Board consider the matter has been sufficiently investigated. Resolved: Relieving Officers in future give weekly return of Relief ordered by surgeons for each parish. Earnings of paupers for year to Christmas 1839 to be presented to Board by Master and Matrons. Salary of Matron of Falmouth Parish House to be £10 10s 0d with ration equal to woman above 60, Master of Penryn House to keep the books of Falmouth Parish House and to be paid extra as Board ‘deems sufficient’, Loan Books to be produced regularly. Order about James Warren’s family to be rescinded, that his four children be relieved in the workhouse as loan. The father is willing secure town of Falmouth against loss. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and goods ordered for Union Houses.

Reference  PUFAL/1/28
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 71-73
Date of Meeting  25 Feb 1840
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Bosisto read second time. Steps to be taken to obtain Order from putative father of child of Elizabeth Trelease, pauper of Perranarworthal. Relief to the pauper meanwhile at the discretion of the Relieving Officer. Forms of advertisement now settled. Notice for provisions to be printed and posted throughout Union and advertisements in two Falmouth papers. Lists of requirements to be printed for distribution to those who apply. Notice for tenders for Medical Relief to be advertised only. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Goods for Union Houses ordered. Cheques signed for Overseers rent on Falmouth Town House, salaries and various items including ‘Mrs Furze for Indian Grass £1 2s 0d chargeable to Clothing Account’. These chargeable to the various parishes as before.
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3 March 1840

Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Bosisto read for third time. Clerk of Penzance Union wrote asking whether the Board would consent to arrangement proposed earlier that each Union pay for the funeral expenses of every pauper dying within it. Poor Law Commissioners refuse to sanction reduction in salaries of Relieving Officers and Clerk. W J Gilbert, Assistant Poor Law Commissioner to enquire into idea of making Relieving Officer of Falmouth District also Master of Workhouse and the Commissioners would decide on receiving his report. Cheque for £4 3s 3d for Mr Selden of Falmouth Town House. Payments to Relieving Officers also Matron of Falmouth Town House. Goods ordered for Union Houses.

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10 March 1840

Guardians present listed. Marriage of Samuel Carvossa read first time. Reputed father of child of Elizabeth Trelease, a pauper living in Perranarworthal, has consented to contribute to maintenance. Pauper not belonging to Perranarworthal so ‘Order of Filiation’ suspended. Parishes in areas to pay by Monday next. Visiting Committee to get dresses for pauper inmates of Falmouth Town Workhouse under the age of forty. Copy of the resolution to be sent to members of Visiting Committee. Usual payments to Relieving Officers, also to Master of Penryn House and Matron of Falmouth Parish House. Goods ordered for Union Houses.

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17 March 1840

Guardians present listed. Order of Filiation to reputed father of bastard child of Elizabeth Trelease, pauper of parish of Perranarworthal. Resolved that age at which paupers to be clothed in a specific dress be altered from 40 to 45. Cheques for Relieving Officers and Goods ordered for Union Workhouses. Tenders for Medical Relief until 25 March 1841. Falmouth District – Mr Cornish and Mr Bullmore £40, Mr Fox and Mr Williams £45, Mr Williams £40. Penryn District – Mr JS Street £35, Mr Jewell £24. Constantine District – Mr Jewell £18. Mylor District – Mr H Symons £20, Mr Jewell £14 19s 0d. Chosen – Falmouth – Mr Cornish and Mr Bullmore, Penryn – Mr Street, ‘in consideration of past services’, Mylor – Mr Jewell.

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23 March 1840

Adjourned Meeting. Three Guardians present. Accounts settled.
Guardians present listed. Mr Robert White, Registrar of Births and Deaths for Falmouth District asks for confirmation of Mr William Buckett as deputy. Agreed. Parishes in arrears to pay by Monday next or proceedings to be taken for enforcement. Contractors to send bills with each delivery. List of Contractors and goods including Mr E Tucker, £1 0s 9d for tuition. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

List of Guardians elected for the parishes of the Falmouth Union for year to 25 March 1840. Falmouth Town – Mr W H Bond, Mr J Ellis, Mr R Osler, Mr W S Clarke. Falmouth Parish – Mr R W Fox, Mr A Fox, Mr W Broad. Budock – Mr J G Falck, Mr E A Bullimore. Constantine – Mr Francis Pender, Mr James Mayn. Mawnan – Mr William Edwards. Mabe – Mr John Knowles. Mylor – Mr J Rowe, Mr W Carcosso, Mr R Rundle. Penryn Borough – Mr W Corfield, Mr S Stephens, Mr R Sowell, Mr T G Trener. Perranarworthal – Mr Charles Fox, Mr Philip Richards, St Gluvias – Mr Henry Rowe. Guardians present listed. Proceedings to be instituted in parishes in arrears on Monday next. Guardians of these parishes to see the Overseers in the mean time. Miss Frances Budgen, resigning her post as Matron of Falmouth Parish House at Midsummer 1840. Letter from Poor Law commissioners enclosing copy of letter from Mr Vigours asking for order for payment of £1 1s 0d for attendance on John Read with broken leg from fall last September. Mr Osler reported on the case and read letter from Mr Joseph Fox. Agreed that the statement of facts made by last Overseer of Falmouth Town and last Medical Officer of Falmouth District be sent to the Poor Law Commissioners. Letter from Mr Bullock, last Medical Officer of Constantine asking for testimonial. Tender from William Rusden for shaving and cutting hair at Penryn House. Consideration postponed till next meeting to see if Trelease [Master] or any other inmate could be taught to shave other inmates. Order from Poor Law commissioners for sale of Mabe Workhouse with conditions of sale – referred to Mabe Vestry for consideration before Guardians. Mr Edwards, Guardian for Mawnan, produced resolution from Vestry asking approval of sale. To be forwarded to the Commissioners. Intention to apply at next Petty Sessions for order on putative father of Bastard child of Elizabeth Trelease, pauper of Perran. State of Falmouth Town House, inmates and management discussed. Decided that for the improvement of inmates a committee be appointed to consider the present state of Union Workhouses and try to produce more satisfactory arrangement. Committee – Mr H Rowe, Mr Sowell, Mr Osler, Mr Bond. Sir C Lemon chosen Chairman. Proposed to have two Vice Chairmen, J S Enys Esquire and Mr Sutton. Finance Committee – Mr R W Fox, Mr C Fox, Mr Pender, Mr H Rowe, Mr Edwards, Mr Ellis, Mr Osler, Mr Clark, Mr Sowell, Mr Stephens, Mr Carvosso, Mr Bullimore. Visiting Committee – Mr Osler, Mr Clarke, Mr A Fox, Mr Broad, Mr Falck, Mr Carvosso, Mr Corfield, Mr Trener, Mr H Rowe, Mr Charles Fox, Mr Rundle, Mr Stephens Mr Sowell, Mr Bond. Visiting Committee Report – Dress for women of age specified in addition to usual Union garments to consist of bedgown, skirt and apron of blue and white check of broad inch pattern. 400 yards of blue and white check to be ordered from Mr Rogers, Contractor to be made up into 50 dresses. Material for bonnets to be provided to same pattern as those at Falmouth Parish House. Worsted to be provide for procuring knitting work for the paupers of this group and the paupers be compelled to knit ‘their own and such other stockings as may be required’. Report adopted. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Orders on several Contractors signed.
Reference  PUFAL/1/35
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 91-92

Date of Meeting  7 Apr 1840
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Eliza Williams read first time. Call of ⅓ to be paid by Monday next. Resolved that the Mabe Workhouse and land belonging be sold by public auction. Guardians and Overseers of Mabe to organise sale under conditions set by Poor Law Commission. Contractors for bread to be asked to bake loaves under kettles instead of batch for Outrelief to ensure even weight. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference  PUFAL/1/36
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 93-94

Date of Meeting  14 April 1840
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Eliza Williams read second time, Nancy Pidwell first time. Mr Broad asked to buy from 25-26 cwt of Junk for inmates of Penryn and Falmouth Town Workhouses. Contractor for bread said more expensive to bake bread in kettles and asking ¼ d more each loaf as with Falmouth Contract. Decided that Contractors be told each loaf to be four pounds in weight and not variable. Visiting Committee be told of non employment of boys in Penryn House and asked to procure work for them immediately. Agreed that Visiting Committee examine Penryn and Falmouth Houses with view to building piggeries in the yards and buying pigs. Clerk to write to the Clerk of the Liverpool Union for copy of the 'Dietary' used by that Union. George Frederick of parish of Falmouth recommended as 'Indoor patient' of Cornwall Infirmary. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Also £5 on account to Matron of Falmouth Town House. Union Houses orders approved.

Reference  PUFAL/1/37
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 95-96

Date of Meeting  21 April 1840
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Eliza Williams read third time, Nancy Pidwell second time, David Cowen first time. Mr Osler, member of Visiting Committee reported that Susan Pascoe, Martha Stanley, Ann Ford and Grace Shepherd refused to do the work assigned to them – making dresses for inmates and washing clothes. They were called on and admitted refusal and it was decided that proceedings be taken against them before the Borough Justices of Falmouth in order that they be punished according to law. Orders for provisions for Workhouses agreed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference  PUFAL/1/38
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, page 97

Date of Meeting  28 April 1840
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Nancy Pidwell read third time, David Cowen second time, John Tiddy first time. Complaint made about bread for Penryn District, Mr Alexander Teague to attend next week. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Provisions for Work Houses approved.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 98-99

Date of Meeting 5 May 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage David Cowen read third time, John Tiddy second time. Agreed that Order for Maintenance on Thomas Lobb, the reputed father of a bastard child ‘born on body of Lydia Visick’ be presented for signature at next meeting. Overseers of parish of Perranwell to be repaid 11s 6d given by them to Mr Symons, surgeon for attendance in March last on Eliz[abeth] Tabb. Visiting Committee to build a wood shed in yard at Penryn House to protect inmates picking oakum in bad weather at cost of no more than 40s 0d. Coals available at very low rate so Visiting Committee asked to? coals for the various Union Workhouses at their discretion. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Mr Broad paid for 26 cwt of Junk at 8s 9d. Matron of Falmouth Town House £5 on account. Salaries paid including – Clerk, £25, Auditor, £3 15s 0d, Medical Officers – Penryn £8 15s 0d, Falmouth £11 5s 0d, Constantine £5 5s 0d, Mylor £5, Master of Penryn House £7 10s 0d, Matrons – Falmouth Town House £6 5s 0d, Falmouth Parish £2 12s 6d.

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Date of Meeting 12 May 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Tiddy read third time. Case to be provided for pens and ink for Board use. Account of 11 February last to be settled immediately. Parish of St Gluvias Church Wardens and Overseers denying the settlement of ---- Halvosso. Quarterly Abstracts Schedule B forms signed. Cheques to Contractors including Mrs Coomes for labour (clothing) and Mr O’Brien for Carpet bag. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders for provisions approved.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 101-102

Date of Meeting 19 May 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Caroline Thomas read first time. Medical Officers of Falmouth District to inform the board whether or not Mary Ann McFarlane is pregnant. Complaint by Relieving Officer of Penryn District against Henry Davies, Contractor for shoes. He to attend next week to show cause why shoes supplied not in accordance with contract. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders for supplies approved.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, page 103

Date of Meeting 26 May 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Caroline Thomas read for second time. Henry Davies, Contractor for shoes present. Resolved that shoes complained of be returned and others provided of ‘better description’ and in case of further complaint Contractor and Surety be called on for payment of penalty. Visiting Committee asked to get estimates for repair of the pump in the yard of Falmouth Town House. Usual payments to Relieving Officers, also Master of Penryn House £4 on account and orders for Union Houses approved.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 104-105

Date of Meeting 2 Jun 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Caroline Thomas read for third time. Agreed that bread produced at Board meetings be sample of that supplied Thursday previous for Out relief. Redruth Union asks the Board to stop pay of Ann Collins and take home Catherine Lundy, Joanna Spargo, James Smith, Elizabeth Raile and Charity Brokenshire. Agreed that Ann Collins be ordered home and the others to be paid for by our Relieving Officers until further notice. Mr A Fox, Mr R Sowell and Mr S Stephens asked to buy coals up to 70 tons. Provisions agreed for Union Houses. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Matron of Falmouth Town House given £5 on account. Shoemaker and Tailor of Penryn paid 10s.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 106-107

Date of Meeting 9 Jun 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Humphrey Earnell read. Parishes to be reminded next instalment due. Letter from Poor Law Commissioners about Pensioners and ‘instructions theron’. Letter from Messrs Renfrew, Still and Reed referring to ‘The United Society of Boot and Shoe Makers’ stating that they had decided not to employ anyone who is a member of that Society but those employed may continue if they agree to break off any connection with such societies. Bread supplied to Union Houses to be supplied daily and not in quantities as at present. Dorothy Downing a pauper of parish of Mawnan not to be allowed to leave her bastard child in Parish Workhouse on payment of 1s per week. Mr Osler to obtain competent person for repairs to the pump in the yard at Falmouth Town House and obtaining a ‘sufficiency of water’. Copy of the Resolution to be sent to the Poor Law Commission and to ask for approval without delay. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders to Contractors for provisions.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 108-109

Date of Meeting 16 Jun 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Humphrey Earnell read for second time. Furniture at the Penryn House to be insured against fire. Calls of ¼ of annual average to be paid equally in 6 July, 2 August, 7 September. Payments to the Registrars of the Districts and to Captain John Cooper for coals, also Mr C Devonshire for repairs. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Order for provisions agreed.
Reference: PUFAL/1/46
Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 110-112
Date of Meeting: 23 Jun 1840
Description: Guardians present listed. Marriage of Humphrey Earnell read third time. Samuel Lavin read first time. New notice to be served on Thomas Lobb about order for maintenance of bastard child of Lydia Vysick, pauper of Perranarworthal. List of pensioners resident in Union to be obtained from Relieving Officers. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Suggestions for alterations at Falmouth Town House to be left to Mr Osler and Mr Bond to produce plans and estimates. Orders to Contractors signed. Mr Osler and Mr Sowell to see about pump in kitchen at Falmouth Town House. This to be deepened and collared up. Poor Law Commissioners agree to afternoon meeting instead of morning. All Guardians to be informed.

Reference: PUFAL/1/47
Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, page 112
Date of Meeting: 27 June 1840
Description: Adjourned Meeting. Only Mr Sowell present. He examined the bills to be presented at next meeting.

Reference: PUFAL/1/48
Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 113-116
Date of Meeting: 30 Jun 1840
Description: Guardians present listed. Marriage of Samuel Lavin read second time. Mr Bullmore and Mr Cornish had dissolved partnership and Mr Bullmore would be performing duties of Medical Officer for Falmouth District for the rest of the year. Letter from Clerk of Helston Union recommending relief for pauper Edward Wilkins, stated as belong to Penryn. Penryn Parish Officers refuse to admit Edward Wilkins settlement. Decided to consider the propriety of alterations at Falmouth Town House to make more lodging rooms for inmates, a probationary ward, and waiting room for applicants by using Vestry Room of Board Room and other space as required. Cheques signed for Contractors, including John Dyson for repair to fountain at Penryn House, Mr Rusden junior for shaving, Overseers of Falmouth town for Magistrate's Clerks expenses for prosecuting refractory paupers and Mr Tucker for schooling. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Peggy Bawden paid 7s for cleaning the Board Room at Penryn.

Reference: PUFAL/1/49
Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 117-118
Date of Meeting: 7 Jul 1840
Description: Guardians present listed. Marriage of Samuel Lavin read for third time. Clerk to find out whether any vacant beds at Truro Infirmary so that Andrew Hocking, pauper of Falmouth Town might be sent there. Parishes in arrears to be called on for payment. Complaint that Mr Teague, one of Contractors, did not deliver goods to the several houses but only to Falmouth Town House. Mr Teague to be told that according to his contract he must deliver to such of the houses as may have ordered. Letter from Messrs Olvers offering to make the alterations to Falmouth Town House. Passed to Visiting Committee. Usual payments to Relieving Officers, also Master of Penryn House and Matron of Falmouth Town House on account. Orders on different Contractors agreed.
Reference PUFAL/1/50
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, page 119
Date of Meeting 14 Jul 1840
Description Guardians present listed. Resolved that ‘competent man and his wife without encumbrances’ be sought for Falmouth Town House at a salary ‘not less than £30 pa with four rations’. Draft advertisement to be drawn up. Also agreed that Mrs Dight, present Matron be informed and told that in the event of ‘other persons being engaged’ for Falmouth Town House, the Board would ‘at its own option’ retain her services for three months, or pay her salary without rations for that period. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/51
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, page 120
Date of Meeting 21 Jul 1840
Description Guardians present listed. Draft advertisement for Falmouth Town House approved and to be inserted for six weeks alternately in The Falmouth Express and West Briton, and Falmouth Packet and Cornwall Gazette newspapers. Usual payments to Relieving Officers, also Matron Falmouth Town House and Matron Falmouth Parish House. Orders for Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/52
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, page 121
Date of Meeting 28 Jul 1840
Description Guardians present listed. Circular from Poor Law Commissioners about pensions. Decided that Thomas S Skinner, Receiving Officer, be appointed to receive the pensions. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/53
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 122-123
Date of Meeting 4 Aug 1840
Description Guardians present listed. Sons of Richard Warren, pauper of Falmouth Town, to be told that unless they maintained their parents, proceedings will be taken against them. Parishes in arrears called on to pay in balances due. Master of Penryn House had refused to take possession of some clothes from William Sandoe because of delay in supply. Decided that goods were to be received. Decided that room at entrance to proposed new Board Room should have a timber floor. Clerk to order brief and comprehensive abstract of accounts to Midsummer 1840. Cheques signed for salaries. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/54
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, page 124
Date of Meeting 11 Aug 1840
Description Guardians present listed. List of Pensions referred to at 2 and 3 Vict c 57 to be prepared and forwarded to Collector of Excise with papers necessary to collect such pensions. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Master of Penryn House paid on account. Orders for goods signed.
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Date of Meeting 18 Aug 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of Mary Ann Luke and Jane Isaac read for first time. Agreed that Master and Matrons of Union Houses not to receive more or less meat than ordered week by week for supply of each House. Parishes in arrears to pay. Master of Penryn House to inform Board of amount of oakum and Junk not picked. Abstracts of Accounts to be printed and distributed to Parish Officers. Cheques signed including annual account to the Treasurer of the Cornwall Royal Infirmary. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors orders agreed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 127-129

Date of Meeting 25 Aug 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of Mary Ann Luke and Jane Isaac read for second time. Relieving Officers and District Registrars paid. Draft of proposed conveyance of the Workhouse at Mabe to Mr Tucker. He did not want expense of conveyance and would be satisfied with receipt from Churchwardens and Overseers of Mabe. This to be referred to the Poor Law Commissioners. The Poor Law Commissioners ask whether Mawnan Workhouse Lease is the original, answer to be sent. Masters of Penryn and Falmouth Town Houses to give expense of candles for last two years. Gas Company to be asked to give estimate for lighting the Union Houses at Falmouth and Penryn with fittings and repairs included. Relieving Officers to produce Diaries for the past year and are asked that they bring as few applicants for Relief as possible. Orders to Contractors signed.

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Date of Meeting 1 Sep 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of Mary Ann Luke and Jane Isaac read for third time. Candidates for post of Master and Matron of Falmouth Town House listed. All married. Thomas Spargo, J T Oliver, Ezekiel Nicholls, Richard Davison, John Collins, Thomas D Smith, Almond C Whitford, William Trout, George Berry, John Evelyn, John Smith, William A Oatey and William Cunnack. Candidates interviewed and members voted for not more than four. Thomas D Smith and Eliza, his wife chosen. Decided they would be paid salary of £30 a year and rations. It was to be understood they could be moved at discretion of the Board to other houses as needed. Poor Law Commissioners to be informed and asked for approval. Inventory of furniture in Union Houses to be done at once. Relieving Officers paid also Mr Broad for wood for pump16s 3d. Orders for Contractors signed.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 133-135

8 Sep 1840

Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Henry Porter read for first time. Money on account to Masters of Falmouth Town House and Penryn House, also payment to Mr Broad for coals to Falmouth Parish House. Notice from Poor Law Commission about vaccination to be discussed in a fortnight after consultation with Medical Officers. Overseers of Penryn with William Chalk of same place to come next week regarding the burial of the child of a vagrant who died at lodging house kept by Chalk. Mr Henry Rowe and Mr Stephens proposed that £60 a year sufficient salary for Relieving Officers. Motion lost. Mr Henry Rowe proposed £70 a year sufficient salary for Clerk. No seconder. Committee to be appointed to revise the averages on the Parishes on which the charges calculated for ‘Establishment’. Committee to consist of Mr H Rowe, Mr Osler, Mr Sowell, Mr Carvosso, Mr Edwards. Any three for a quorum. Mr Stephens moved that salary of Master of Penryn House be reduced to that of Falmouth Town House, and that Mr Tregaskis to find dwelling out of the Union House for his family. Motion lost. Furniture to be bought for Master of Falmouth Town House to cost not more than 10s. Supplies for different Houses ordered. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

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15 Sep 1840

Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Henry Porter read second time. Relieving Officers paid, also Matron of Falmouth Parish House and Mr Howell for coals. Parishes in arrears to pay by Saturday next. Mrs Dight, former Matron of Falmouth House to be allowed her rations until 21 September. Tenders for supply of gas to light Workhouses read and decided to be ‘inexpedient’ at present. Paupers of each parish, resident or non resident to be examined by Committees of Board appointed for the purpose and to report as soon as complete. Four Committees for separate Districts which are to be the same as those as those of Registrars of Births and Deaths except Mabe which is to be joined to Penryn. Committees to be composed of Guardians of the parishes within the Districts. Inmates complaining of the quality of supplies at Falmouth Town House. Decided sample of tea contracted for to be sent to Mr Teague and he be asked to supply tea of similar quality. Complaints about quality of suet supplied to Falmouth Houses by Mr John R Rowe and oatmeal supplied to Falmouth Town House by Mr Teague it was decided that both be asked to attend the next meeting. Mr Clarke produced list of supplies for Falmouth Town House, agreed. Discussion on contracts for future supplies. Visiting Committee to prepare list of articles for which it might be expedient to contract. Orders for supplies signed.

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22 Sep 1840

Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Henry Porter read for third time, Ann Renfree for first time. Mrs Dight paid the balance of account. Medical Officers attended and long discussion on best way to carry out Act for extending the practice of vaccination. Medical Officers ultimately agreed to carry out the provisions of the Act. Mr Frederick Charles Bullmore for Falmouth Town Parish and Budock, one station at his house in Dunstanville Terrace, Budock on first and eighth of each month from eight till half past nine. Mr Samuel Spyre for Penryn Borough and Parish of St Gluvias, one station at his house in Penryn first and eighth each month from eight till half past nine. Mr D M Jewell, Constantine and Mylor District, six stations – Mawnan Workhouse first Thursday in month and eighth day afterwards from ten am to eleven, Constantine Churchtown at Collinse’s Inn same days from twelve to one, Mabe, Carnsew Cottage on same day two to three, Perranworthal Workhouse on first Thursday each month and eighth day following from ten to eleven, Mylor Workhouse
first Wednesday in the month and eighth day following from ten to eleven. Flushing Mylor
same days from twelve to one. Payment 1s 6d each successful case. Contracts until 25
March 1841. Details of contracts and forms required. Orders for supplies agreed. Letter
from Poor Law Commissioners about death of child of Elizabeth Jane Quick, reported by Mr
White, Registrar. She was alleged to have died of destitution. Mr Bullmore’s explanation that
the child died because deserted by the mother to be sent to Poor Law Commissioners. Usual
payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference           PUFAL/1/61
Title                Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 147-
                     149
Date of Meeting      29 Sep 1840
Description          Guardians present listed. Marriage of Ann Renfree read for second time.
                     Clerk to discover price of Captain Wildey’s Cocoa nut fibre. Agreed that work done by
                     Charles Moon to be surveyed and valued – Visiting Committee to do this. Call on parishes for
                     one sixth in three instalments, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December. Mrs Dight, former
                     Matron of Falmouth Town Workhouse be asked to attend in a fortnight. Agreed not to give
                     the cook at Falmouth Town House 6d a week on Chairman’s casting vote. Visiting
                     Committee to take steps to install piggery at Falmouth Town House. Policy from Royal
                     Exchange Insurance Company with 6% extra for picking oakum to be accepted. Cheques
                     signed for Contractors and orders agreed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers, also Master
                     of Falmouth Town House paid £5.

Reference           PUFAL/1/62
Title                Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 150-151
Date of Meeting      6 Oct 1840
Description          Guardians present listed. Marriage Ann Renfree read third time, William
                     Nicholls and Maria May each first time. List of articles to be contracted for confirmed.
                     Consideration of Captain Wildey’s Coconu’t fibre. Mr Sowell to enquire the price. Parishes
                     in arrears to pay immediately. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference           PUFAL/1/63
Title                Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 152-
                     154
Date of Meeting      13 Oct 1840
Description          Guardians present listed. Marriages of William Nicholls and Maria May
                     read second time. Proceedings to be taken against parishes in arrears. Poor Law
                     Commissioners want a proper conveyance to Mr Tucker for Mabe Workhouse. Moneys
                     received for labour to be paid to Treasurer. Order for 4 cwt of cocoanut fibre for use by
                     Falmouth Town Workhouse. Mrs Dight, former Matron of Falmouth Town House agreed she
                     had sold turnips and candles to Inmates but that they were her own private property. Decided
                     to accept her explanation. Also decided not to pursue matter of disappearance of four towels,
                     seen by Jane Pascoe a few days before Mrs Dight left the Workhouse. Decided that instead
                     of quarter’s salary for Mrs Dight £10 be substituted. Usual payments to Relieving Officers,
                     Master of Penryn House and postage account.
Reference PUFAL/1/64
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 155-156

Date of Meeting 20 Oct 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of William Nicholls and Maria May read second time [sic], Mary Ann Nancarrow for first time. Master of Falmouth Town House paid on account. Agreed Mrs Dight be paid her quarter's salary. Clerk to obtain forms to obtain pensions of those on relief. Poor Law Commissioners to be asked to which account money found in the clothes of deceased paupers should be credited. Orders on Contractors signed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference PUFAL/1/65
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 157-160

Date of Meeting 27 Oct 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of William Nicholls and Maria May read for third time. Mary Ann Nancarrow for second time. Cheques for Contractors and salaries signed. Payment of £6 5s 0d to Mrs Dight, former Matron of Falmouth Town House queried and deferred. Master of Falmouth Town House complained that Mary Ann Perry had tried to take ‘gown piece’, using profane language and then offering to pay at 6d a week. Given half an hour to fetch the gown but was away all night until eleven next morning. Also calling Caroline Worden ‘a d – d stinking whore’. Pauper agreed the latter part true. Decided that for disobedience she should lose her butter and tea for a month. The gown to be handed in by the end of the period when the Master was to report on her conduct. Mr Carvosso, Mr Ellis and Mr Sowell to examine and report on tenders for Contracts. Some agreed unanimously including Mr Hawke for bread for Falmouth District and Mr Dunstan for Penryn District, Mr Emmett for hats and Mr Reynolds for housing the hearse. Coffin Contracts for each district. Miss Budgen, Matron of Falmouth Parish House asks for assistance as her current assistant leaving. Decided that Jane Pascoe and Mary Ann Rule from Falmouth Town House be sent to Falmouth Parish House, the latter only while the children were ill. Child Thomas Stephens to be placed in bedroom separate from parent. Porter of Falmouth Town House admitted that he left the House and got drunk on two days during the last week. Decided salary to be suspended for a fortnight. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference PUFAL/1/66
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 161-162.

Date of Meeting 3 Nov 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Mary Ann Nancarrow read third time. Mr Jewell and Mr Street attended and signed their Vaccination Contracts. Master of Falmouth Town House to buy enough potatoes for the Workhouse for six weeks. Mr Osler, Mr Sowell and Mr Carvosso to be a committee to prepare a New Dietary for the use of the Union as soon as possible. Masters and Matrons asked to attend. Receiving Officer payments and Contractors orders as usual.
Date of Meeting 10 Nov 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Master of Falmouth Town House complained about quality of tea – Bohea supplied instead of Cougou and late delivery. Decided supplies returned and to Mr Teague and he be ‘requested to furnish tea of the proper description’. Also Mr Teague to attend Board at next meeting and his contract not to be executed until after that meeting. Parishes in arrears to pay immediately. Mr Geach of Mawnan and Thomas Tresidder to be offered contract to supply coffins at same rate as previously – 15s for Large and 8s for small. Letter from Poor Law Commissioners about appropriation of money found on deceased persons, also letter confirming appointment of Master and Matron of Falmouth Town House. Finally decided to give Mrs Dight £2 5s 0d, the balance of wages due, less the rations she received from quitting to the end of the September quarter. Mr Bullock, Medical Officer given a copy authenticated by the Chairman of letter from Mr Upton of Apothecaries Hall about his qualification. Elizabeth Thursfield refused to get out of bed in the morning. Reprimanded but not punished on her promising to be more obedient. Charlotte Tresidder refused to attend ‘Divine Service’, reprimanded and Master to report in a fortnight on her conduct. Relieving Officers paid as usual, also Overseers of Mylor for Good. Contractors’ orders signed.

Date of Meeting 17 Nov 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Martha Mitchell read for first time. Mr H Rowe paid for Bibles and Testaments for Penryn House. Mr Teague, Contractor for groceries said he wasn’t aware of quality of tea supplied but promised to be correct in future. He said Friday more convenient for deliveries to Falmouth. Relieving Officers paid as usual also Contractors orders. Change of Meeting time summer and winter. To be sent to Poor Law Commissioners for approval.

Date of Meeting 24 Nov 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Martha Mitchell read for second time and of Ann Pidwell for first time. Mr Sowell and Mr Osler to pay bills. Master of Falmouth Town House complained of the ‘conduct of Servant of Mr Teague the Contractor’ who on ‘Friday night burst open the front door of the House’. Guardians for Penryn to deal with the matter and report to the next meeting. Complaint of quality of tea supplied by Mr Teague and he to be told to furnish tea according to his contract. Relieving Officers paid as usual and Contractors orders signed.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 171-175

Date of Meeting 1 Dec 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of Martha Mitchell read for third time and Anne Pidwell for second time. Overseers of Mylor to examine Peggy Tumion and Elizabeth Richards with a view to their removal. Master of Union asked to allow Florence Scantlebury, inmate belonging to Falmouth Town to draw the rations but not to come into the Workhouse while attending on family with smallpox. Agreed that Mr Carvosso should take the boy John Thomas, inmate of Penryn House, who had been working with him, for one year and board and lodging him if Parish of Mylor to which he belonged would clothe him. Also boy, John Prout of Falmouth Town House to go on same terms to Mr Carvosso's son, Robert of Carvinack in Mylor. Mr Broad stated that shirts supplied recently to Patrick O'Keefe, pauper of Parish of Falmouth, recently deceased, were unworn. Relieving Officers to demand shirts from daughter on behalf of Union. Visiting Committee empowered to have mast erected in yard at Penryn to help train boys for 'seafaring life'. Committee to obtain estimate of price. Mr Sowell asked to enquire price of piece of land near Penryn Workhouse for keeping inmates employed and growing vegetables for the use of the Union. Some paupers at Penryn House not supplied with clean clothes sufficiently often and were saying Mrs Tregaskis not the Matron. Agreed that Mary, wife of Edward Tregaskis, be Matron of Penryn House. Deferred to next meeting the clothing needed to supply the inmates of the Penryn House with proper changes. Relieving Officers paid as usual. Orders on Contractors signed and payments to Registrars of Districts.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 176-178

Date of Meeting 8 Dec 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Anne Pidwell read for third time. Land at Penryn currently unavailable but Board given preference when some becomes available. Relieving Officers reported about two shirts given to Patrick O'Keefe. One was used for his burial and the other portion of shirt Calico used for pauper daughter's children, her husband's clothing used by deceased during lifetime. Funeral expenses borne by Club. Letter from Mr Symons, Registrar of Births and Deaths of Mylor District, nominating Jonathan Randle of Flushing in Mylor as deputy. Approved. Clerk to write that past resolution of Truro Union as to funeral expenses has been rescinded by some of the other Unions in the County and as this Union suffers considerably from its effect and unless it is rescinded for this Union the Board will have to refuse to relieve the non resident paupers of Truro Union. Call of ¼ of average in three parts, 14 January, 1 February, 1 March 1841. Mr Bullock and Mr Street to report at next meeting on progress of vaccination especially with inmates of the Union Houses. The books of Falmouth Parish House to be kept in future by the Master of Falmouth Town House. Ann Overington, aunt of Elizabeth Ann Halvasso, belonging to St Gluvias, former inmate of Falmouth Parish House, complains that her niece had been ill used by Frances Bridger, Matron. All parties to attend in a fortnight to examine complaint. Relieving Officers given usual payments. Contractors' orders signed. Masters' books signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 179-180

Date of Meeting 15 Dec 1840

Description Guardians present listed. Visiting Committee to spend not more than 9d a head to provide Christmas dinner for inmates of Union Houses. Committee appointed to prepare new Dietary made their report. New Dietary was included. Thanked for their efforts and proposed to adopt new Dietary in a fortnight. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Orders on Contractors signed.
Reference  PUFAL/1/73
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 181-182
Date of Meeting  22 Dec 1840
Description  Guardians present listed. Matron of Falmouth Parish House present to answer complaint of Ann Overington of ill treatment of her niece Elizabeth Ann Halvosso formerly inmate of Falmouth Parish House and belonging to St Gluvias. Elizabeth Ann Halvosso stated that the Matron beat her in the yard on her back with yard measure for not washing the potatoes sufficiently. She did not dirt the well. Matron said she saw the child dirt the well, that she had done it four or five times, that she made water in the pitcher. She usually punished the children by striking them on the palm of the hand but E A Halvosso refused to hold out her hand so blows struck back of body. Decided that Elizabeth Ann Halvosso merited severe chastisement for the ‘filthy offences’ of which she has been guilty, but that they cannot agree with the ‘mode of punishment’. The friends of Phillippa Goldsmith, inmate of Falmouth Town House, whose body lies there, to be allowed to take her body and bury it at their own expense. Reports and fresh recommendations to be obtained in the cases of non resident paupers. Letter from Poor Law Commissioners approving measures taken for provisions of Vaccination Act except for use of Collins Inn in Mr Jewell’s contract for Constantine. Decided to use Vestry Room instead. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders for Contractors.

Reference  PUFAL/1/74
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 183-185
Date of Meeting  29 Dec 1840
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Henry Polglase read for first time. New Dietary accepted unanimously and copy to be sent to Poor Law Commissioners for approval. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Contractors orders signed and they paid and listed.

Reference  PUFAL/1/75
Title  Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 185-187
Date of Meeting  5 Jan 1841
Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Henry Polglase read for second time and Henry Kelway for first time. Mr Jewell willing to use Vestry Room for Vaccinations at Constantine instead of Collins Inn. Vaccination Books to be produced weekly. Master of Penryn House to give account of oakum purchased by Mr Broad. Visiting Committee to supply enough capes or cloaks for Falmouth Parish Workhouse. Weekly report required for paupers leaving Workhouses on business or otherwise from Masters and Matrons. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders signed for Contractors.
Reference PUFAL/1/76
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 187a-188
Date of Meeting 12 Jan 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Henry Polglase read for third time, Henry Kelway for second time and P H Gutheridge for first time. Parishes in arrears to pay or be summoned. Mr Glasson to have contents of 'Dung Pit' at Penryn. In future contents dung of Workhouse to be sold by auction. Complaint of Matron of Falmouth Parish House against Elizabeth Ann Halvasso who left the House on 1 January without leave, taking a bundle of clothes. She admitted the charge and promised to behave better in future so 'admonished' and ordered to return to the House. Visiting Committee to buy 'cooking apparatus' for Union Houses at Penryn and Falmouth Parish. ‘Stamp’ to be bought for marking Union supplies that will not be acted on by acid. Thanks of Board to Mr Broad for purchase of Junk and he to be asked to buy more as soon as possible. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Contractors’ orders signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/77
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 189-190
Date of Meeting 19 Jan 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Henry Kelway read for third time and P H Gutheridge for second time. Order from Poor Law Commissioners for sale of Workhouse at Mawnan produced and ‘measures for sale’ agreed. The attention of Bread Contractor for Penryn to be drawn to this week’s supply which is sour. Master of Falmouth Town House asked to obtain eighteen chairs for the use of the Board similar to the one produced, also set of fire irons. Master of Penryn House to obtain four loads of ‘spar’ to be broken in yard adjoining House to cover it. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors orders signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/78
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 191-192
Date of Meeting 26 Jan 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of P H Gutheridge read for third time. Poor Law Commissioners agreed New Dietary but thought too much variety in dinner menus. Board to answer that variety of food at dinner ‘consistent with habits of County and conducive to health of inmates’. Also New Dietary cheaper and more satisfactory to inmates and no more trouble to prepare. Complaint against Samuel Rogers, Contractor for coffins for Falmouth District, on behaviour at burial of foreigner at Budock. To attend next meeting to explain also officiating Minister asked to attend. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders to Contractors signed.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 193-195

Date of Meeting: 2 Feb 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Meeting with Reverend H Shillingworth, officiating Minister at Budock, and Samuel Rogers, Contractor for supplying coffins for Falmouth District. Mr Shillingworth stated that at the funeral of a foreigner at Budock, the Contractor and others were drunk and that Rogers had said that coins found in deceased pockets were given to ‘the Boys’. Rogers answered that he had to make two coffins, one for a case of the smallpox and the foreigner found drowned. Both bodies very decomposed and he drank spirits found in pocket of latter. Also the money in the pockets - two ‘francs’, another silver coin and two copper pieces – these given to the boys who found the body at the request of the Constable, and being busy and unused to spirits he got a little intoxicated. Resolved that behaviour ‘most reprehensible’ and called for ‘severe censure’. Also resolved that Masters of Union Houses and Relieving Officers of Union make sure either by ‘communicating with Overseers or otherwise’ to ensure ‘decent solemnization of funeral rites’. Details of Resolution passed at Parish of Mawnan about sale of their Workhouse. Agreed by Board. Master and Matron of Falmouth Town House were offering themselves as Master and Matron of Penzance and Pembroke and wanted testimonials. Agreed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors orders signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 196-197

Date of Meeting: 9 Feb 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Rogers read for first time. Letter about intention of Poor law Commissioners about taking ‘New Averages’. Parishes in arrears to pay immediately. Visiting Committee to obtain stones for Penryn House to be broken by able bodied paupers of the several parishes. Cheques signed for salaries including Medical Officers and Relieving Officers. Also usual payments and Contractors orders signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 198-200

Date of Meeting: 16 Feb 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Rogers read for second time and of John Grigg for first time. Poor Law Commissioners letter about amended Dietary. Master of Falmouth Town House complained of the behaviour of Caroline Worden. Thomasine Jenkin, Dorothy Downing, Elizabeth Francis, Elizabeth Wood, Ann Boswarthick and Caroline Knuckey, for bad language to Master and Matron and behaving riotously. Decided after hearing facts and explanations – Caroline Wordon, complaint to Borough Magistrates. Elizabeth Wood said that Caroline Worden had pulled her into place where she was confined. Decided no milk in gruel for three weeks and meals taken apart. Thomasine Jenking [sic] also report from Medical Officer about refusal to take medicine. Decided diet reduced for one month as agreed with Medical Officer and meals taken apart. Caroline Knuckey and Ann Boswarthick admitted they had taken potatoes from Caroline Worden and Ann Boswarthick admitted that she ‘wilfully wasted them’. Decided that Caroline Knuckey no milk in gruel for one week and Ann Boswarthick no milk for five weeks and also during that time, eight ounces of bread and water instead of pie on Sunday. Dorothy Downing and Elizabeth Francis no milk in gruel for seventeen days. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors orders signed.
Reference: PUFAL/1/82

Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 201-203

Date of Meeting: 23 Feb 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Rogers read for third time and that of John Grigg read second time. Contractors listed and paid. R Newcombe, lime, (Penryn); N Pedlar, chairs (Penryn); J Jennings, cloth for repairs (Penryn); Hingston and Doherty, crooks for clothesline (Penryn); J Bartlett, cropery ([Falmouth] Town House); J Searle, baskets, etc (Penryn); Chamberlains Wharf Company, wharfage of Cocoanut fibre (Penryn); Caleb Knowles, potatoes (Penryn); J Barnicoat, coffins (Penryn); Mrs Bullockes, sundries (Falmouth Town House);  W Treverton, glass (Penryn); S Rogers, coffins (Falmouth Town House); W Crouch and Son, coals (Falmouth Parish House); J Polglase, boiler (Falmouth Town House); N Christopher, potatoes (Falmouth Houses); E Gilbert, goods (Falmouth Houses); J Worden, smithery (Falmouth Town House); H Rowe, apparatus (Falmouth Parish House), smithery (Falmouth Town House); Dennis and Company ‘ditto’ (Falmouth Town House); J Richards, leather (Falmouth Parish House); W Trevena, milk (Penryn); J Rundle, goods (Penryn); Caleb Knowles, milk (Falmouth Town House); George Rowe, potatoes (Penryn); J Goodman, leather (Penryn); R Rawlings, lodgings for ‘Mr and Mrs’ of Falmouth House till Workhouse ready. Parishes in arears reminded. Visiting Committee to cause the Refractory Ward in town of Falmouth to be boarded up closely and shutters provided for windows of Falmouth Parish House. Reported that Caroline Worden summoned before Borough Justices and committed for one week, Ann Boswarthick for three days. Amended Dietary as furnished by Poor law Commissioners sent back for adoption. Circular about relief for vagrants. Board thought powers vested in Guardians advantageous but six hours of detention referred to should be to the working houses. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors orders signed.

Reference: PUFAL/1/83

Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 204-206

Date of Meeting: 2 Mar 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Marriage John Grigg read for third time. Medical Officer of Penryn District to supply a truss to Thomas James a pauper of Penryn. Report that a man named Nicholls had died in the ‘Cashot’ in the Penryn House. Mr Sowell and the Master reported that the man had died in the Probationary Ward where he was with two others. There were three beds in the room which is not used as a ‘Cashot’. He was filthy and lousy, and had refused to allow the Medical Officer to cleanse him and Mr Street, the Medical Officer considered his death was from exhaustion. The Visiting Committee asked to invite Waywardens of the town and parish of Falmouth to deposit stone in the entrance yard of Falmouth Town House to be broken by able bodied refractory female paupers and the Master of the House to prepare list of able bodied female paupers with several ages in order for them ‘being so employed’ and that they break the stones for 2 successive hours in rotation in which they are listed. Mr Bullmore offered to go house to house to vaccinate children of the poor at 1s 0d extra each case. Decided as contracts soon to end not to interfere with the present system. Visiting Committee to carry out former resolution and supply sufficient supply of ‘linet’ [?] to make bonnets for junior inmates and Establishment Caps be also provided and strict orders that hair be worn plain. Masters to prepare quarterly statements of stock received and on hand and ‘quantity expended during quarter’. The Clerk to advertise for tenders for provisions for next half year and medical relief for next year which are to include vaccination at 1s 0d for each successful case. Visiting Committee to obtain iron bed (turn up) for Falmouth Town House. Master of Falmouth [Town] House to put refractory inmates to take up pavement in front yard and ‘spalt’ them. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders to Contractors signed.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 207-8

Date of Meeting 9 Mar 1841

Description Guardians present listed. Letter from Poor Law Commissioners about future medical contracts. Mr Symons, Registrar of Births and Deaths for Mylor resigning and Mr J Mayne Randle, present Deputy Registrar offers himself for vacant post. Decided that the Superintendent Registrar make arrangements for applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the vacancy. Vaccination contracts end 7 April. Complaint about quality of shoes provided by Contractor. He to attend the next Board. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors’ orders signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 209-212

Date of Meeting 16 Mar 1841

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of Joseph Roberts and William John Easterbrook read for first time. Shoe Contractor attended and said that shoes supplied were ‘slighter’ than usual because of sickly appearance of pauper for whom intended, and were more expensive than normal ones supplied. He to supply shoes according to contract in future. Committee consisting of Messrs A Fox [Alfred Fox], Sowell and Osler to look into accounts of the parish of Budock. Call on parishes. Poor Law Commissioners circular on medical relief. Decided to inform Poor Law Commissioners the custom of Guardians to supply medical relief by tender, that from ‘respectability of officers, size of Union and other circumstances none of the difficulties pointed out had been felt. Bread to Penryn District seemed to be sour. The Contractor’s attention drawn to this. Grace Stephens wished to take her children to her brother’s house for a change of air and to have ‘use of her gown’. To be dealt with by Visiting Committee. Ann Perry of Falmouth Town House refused to do assigned work. She said she had rheumatic pain which would return if she worked in damp passage. Medical Officer to report and describe work she is equal to. Usual payments to Receiving Officers and Contractors orders signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 213-217

Date of Meeting 23 Mar 1841

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of Joseph Roberts and William John Easterbrook read for second time. Tenders accepted listed. Medical Officers tenders listed. Those accepted – Mr S S Street £24 for Penryn, Mr Jewel £17.10s 0d for Constantine, and £18 for Mylor, Mr Bullmore £40 for Falmouth, all plus 1s 6d for each successful vaccination. Letter from Clerk of Liskeard Union about petitioning Parliament to exempt Union Houses from chargeability from Poor Rates. Deferred to next Meeting. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors’ orders signed. Payment for fender to Mr Hawke at 13s 7d and payments to Registrars and Clergy
Reference PUFAL/1/87
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 216-217
Date of Meeting 28 Mar 1841
Description Adjourned Meeting. Guardians present listed. Contractor for bread for Penryn had refused to comply with order of the Board of 23 March therefore the Master of the Penryn House had ordered fifty loaves at 7d a loaf from Mr S Dunstan – order confirmed. Cheques to Contractors listed.

Reference PUFAL/1/88
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 218-221
Date of Meeting 30 Mar 1841
Description List of Guardians for 1841 – Ex Officio – Sir Charles Lemon, John S Enys, Robert Shuttleworth Sutton, ‘John Sheepshanks and R M Usticke-Clerks’. Elected Guardians – Budock – John Goodridge Falck, Edward Augustus Bullmore; Constantine – Francis Pender, James Mayn; Falmouth Town – Richard Osler, John Ellis, John Thomas Pasko, William Lobb [in pencil]; Falmouth Parish – Robert Were Fox, Alfred Fox, James Caddy; Mabe – John Knowles; Mawnan – William Edwards; Mylor – William Carvosso, Robert Rundle, John Rowe; Penryn – Richard Sowell, Sampson Stephens, Thomas Grey Trementy, William Corfield; Perranwell – Charles Fox, P Richards; Gluvias – Henry Rowe. Guardians present at meeting listed. Marriage of William John Easterbrook read for third time. Agreed Sir Charles Lemon to be Chairman, R S Sutton and John Samuel Enys Vice Chairmen. Arrangements made 23 June 1840 about paupers to be continued. Finance Committee to consist of – Messrs A Fox, F Pender, H Rowe, Edwards, Ellis, Osler, Sowell, Stephens, Carvosso and Bullmore. The Visiting Committee to consist of – Messrs Osler, R W Fox, Falck, Cavosso, Corfield, Treneray, H Rowe, C Fox, Pender, Stephens, Sowell, and Ellis. Order from Poor Law Commissioners for adoption of new Dietary. Mr John Notwill wished to withdraw from his contract to supply bread for Falmouth District because of illness. His illness regretted and it was hoped he would be recovered enough to fulfil contract next week. Mr Alexander Teague’s tender for supplying bread for Penryn District at 6d a loaf was accepted. Messrs J M Rundle, J Mitchell, S Steele, Thomas Truscott, Thomas Treeve all candidates for post of Registrar of Births and Deaths for Mylor District of Union. Mr Thomas Mitchell, Relieving Officer for Penryn District offers to perform duties of Registrar of Births and Deaths ‘gratuitously’ for Mylor District. Offer accepted. Clerk to prepare statement of amount paid by the Union to Royal Cornwall Infirmary, the number of paupers sent, length of stay and ‘whether relieved or not’. Clerk to prepare petition to Parliament for alteration in present law regarding the rating of Workhouses. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference PUFAL/1/89
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 222-223
Date of Meeting 6 Apr 1841
Description Guardians present listed. James Caddy, elected Guardian for Falmouth Parish resigned, Thomas Williams Reed, Overseer of Mylor, asks how to obtain £4 11s 6d amount for furniture sold to Union from the Parish and which William Carvosso had retained for the future repair of Mylor Workhouse. Discussion deferred. Master of Falmouth Town House to send to Penryn for sufficient number of men for funerals of all paupers dying in Falmouth Town House. Overseers to pay call by Monday next. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Orders an Contractors.
Reference        PUFAL/1/90
Title            Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1,  pages 224-225
Date of Meeting  13 Apr 1841
Description      Guardians present listed. Letter from Helston Union about Thomasine Jenking, pauper of Constantine, who had left her bastard child at house of Nicholas Williams in parish of Wendron. Child now chargeable to the Union. Ask whether subject to satisfactory proof of identity being given Parish Authorities of Constantine would receive the child. Agreed on those terms. No decision about furniture at Mylor. Poor Law Commissioners told of resignation of Mr Caddy as Guardian of Parish of Falmouth and asked to order new election. Also asked to reply to letter about elections for Falmouth Town. Room to be arranged at Penryn House for Board Meetings by Visiting Committee. Letter to Poor Law Commissioners about new Averages based on three years expenditure. Orders on Contractors and usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference        PUFAL/1/91
Title            Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1,  pages 226-227
Date of Meeting  20 Apr 1841
Description      Guardians present listed. Agreed extra pay for Master of Falmouth Town House, now £30 per annum and three rations. To be increased by 2s weekly. Matron of the Parish House to receive 1s 6d weekly as well as £10 10s 0d annually, and one ration. Mr Broad thanked for his work in securing Junk for the Union. Parishes to pay balances. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Reference        PUFAL/1/92
Title            Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1,  pages 228-230
Date of Meeting  27 Apr 1841
Description      Guardians present listed. Letter from Chelsea Hospital about communication from Anthony Rowe on subject of his pension. Agreed to reply that Anthony Rowe cohabits with another woman, that he has ill-used his wife to such a degree as to make her consider it unsafe for her to live with him and the statements in his letter not founded on fact. Mr Symonds wants a testimonial, he is applying as Medical Officer at St Germans – agreed. Poor Law Commissioners sent letter from Vestry of Falmouth Town about election of Mr William Lobb who was disqualified from holding office of Guardian and asking for new election. Mr John Thomas Pasko, Guardian for Falmouth Town resigns as Guardian because of ‘circumstances of a domestic nature’. Clerk to send Mr Pasko’s letter to Poor Law Commissioners and ask for election in his place as well as a replacement for Mr Lobb. Master of Falmouth Town House reported that on Thursday last, Caroline Worden, an inmate, had refused to whitewash the Mess Room and break stones. On Sunday last had been calling out from the Eastern Yard that she was starved and the other inmates also. She said she would do anything except whitewash the Mess Room which she had not promised to do. She was reprimanded and directed immediately to whitewash the Mess Room. Elizabeth Jones had exchanged a handkerchief with Caroline Worden for part of her bread allowance – reprimanded. Elizabeth Francis had refused to wash off the whitewash from the paint in the Board Room – reprimanded. Elizabeth Thursfield had refused to leave her room at a proper hour in the morning – reprimanded. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed. Payment to Clerk for conducting elections of £21 8s Od of which £10 14s Od to be charged as follows – Mawnan 19s 0d, Falmouth Town £6 2s 2d and Falmouth Parish £3 12s 6d.
Description: Guardians present listed. Master of Penryn House said many of old men in need of clothes. Mr Sowell deputed to visit Mr Lovey's and other cloth manufacturers to discover whether a supply of cloth can be found in the neighbourhood. Parishes in arrears to pay. Clerk to draw up list of 'all monies due from and due to parishes in the Union from the several parishes in other Unions.' Stating amount paid and received each year from Union's start to present time. Letter from Mr Reed Overseer for Mylor asking for payment of £4 11s 6d for furniture sold to Union. Reply that Mr Carvosso, Guardian for Mylor, had received the money on behalf of the Parish Officers. Overseers of Falmouth parish ask for repayment of £1 2s 6d for fire insurance of Falmouth Parish Workhouse. Cheque given. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Cheques to Medical Officers and Masters and Matrons of Workhouses etc including £15 on account to Mr Jewell for Vaccination.

Reference PUFAL/1/94
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 234-236
Date of Meeting 11 May 1841
Description: Guardians present listed. Messrs Hawke, Tregaskis, Mitchell and Pidwell to examine 'cooking apparatus' at Mylor to examine its condition and whether it could be used in Penryn House, keeping in view the baking in the House, and report to the next. Fifty copies of the amended Dietary to be printed. Letter from majority of Parish Officers at Mylor asking for payment of £4 11s 6d for furniture. Mr Sowell reported no cloth suitable for purposes of Penryn House available locally. Asked to get samples of blue and grey cloth from House of Castle and Luck and Company for inspection by the Board. Usual payments to Relieving officers. Masters' reports signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/95
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 237-238
Date of Meeting 18 May 1841
Description: Guardians present listed. Report on condition of 'apparatus in kitchen at Mylor Poor House' Decided to buy it if Parish Officers of Mylor will sell for £5. Guardians of the parish to confer with the Parish Officers. Mr Ellis, one of Visiting Committee and the Master of Falmouth Town House complain about Henry Roberts, porter, for drunkenness and refractory conduct. He to be removed from post and sent back to Penryn House and Francis Bolitho be 'elected Porter in his stead'. Orders signed on Contractors and usual payments to Relieving Officers and cheques including Nicholas Pedlar for 'sparstone'.
Description  Guardians present listed. Mr Dunstan, Registrar of Constantine nominates John Reynolds of parish of Constantine as deputy. Appointment confirmed. ‘Apparatus’ from Mylor bought for Penryn for £5. Mr Rowe moved and Mr Ellis seconded motion for setting up committee of four to examine as to how far the general business of the Board can be discharged by fortnightly meetings. Committee to consist of Messrs Henry Rowe, Osler, Shepherd and Ellis. Mr Osler, Mr Ellis and the Master of Falmouth Town House complained of ‘refractory conduct’ of Caroline Worden and Penelope Grangey. After discussion Colonel Wade said he would attend Workhouse and take depositions from paupers and others on the matter. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders signed.

Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Edward Polmin read for first time. Motion by Mr Sowell and Mr Bullmore that parishes more than one week in arrears on their calls be ‘summoned before the Magistrates to show cause why they refuse to comply’. Masters of Workhouses to produce Admission and Discharge Books each week. Betty Medlar, pauper of Penryn, complained of sourness of the bread supplied by the Receiving Officer. Similar complaint made by Visitors. Decided that Mr Teague, Contractor, to attend the Board and if the supply for this week is not of the quality contracted for, the Visiting Guardians be empowered to purchase the bread and charge Mr Teague the difference. Mary Perry to be transferred from Falmouth House to Penryn. The Visiting Committee to order sufficient clothing for the men at the Penryn House. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Description  Guardians present listed. Marriage of Edward Polmin read for second time. ‘Meat to be substituted for hocks of beef if more advantageous’. ‘Sale of Dung from Penryn House to be suspended.’ Visiting Guardians to buy coal for Union Houses as soon as possible. Complaint from Mr Snow about ‘stench from sewer’ from Workhouse through his premises. Agreed that sewer be repaired. Approval sought by Master of Falmouth Town House for securing the comfort of the old people and enforcing on younger inmates the ‘duties of cleanliness and obedience’. Master’s statement ‘deserves the favourable consideration’ of the Poor Law Commissioners. Caroline Worden whose ‘conduct since her confession to R W Fox, Alfred Fox, Richard Osler and John Ellis has been marked by the strictest propriety’ and who appeared to be ‘heartily sorry she had deposed any circumstances not founded on fact’. To be treated leniently. Clerk to forward this resolution and the Master’s statement to Poor Law Commissioners. Visiting Guardians residing in Falmouth and Penryn to be authorised to admit friends of paupers to the Workhouses in special cases. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed. Clerk to repay expense of £1 19s 0d for ‘attempt to sell the Workhouse at Mawnan’. To be charged to Mawnan.
Reference PUFAL/1/99
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, page 246
Date of Meeting 15 Jun 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Edward Polmin read for third time, John Rowe for first time. Relieving Officers paid. Contractors for supplies who have not 'executed their contract' to do so immediately.

Reference PUFAL/1/100
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, page 247
Date of Meeting 22 Jun 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Rowe read for second time. Usual call of ¼ to be paid on first Monday of July, August and September. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Board adjourned to Saturday next at Assembly Room, Penryn at 5pm. Master's reports signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/101
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 248-249
Date of Meeting 26 Jun 1841
Description Adjourned Meeting. Guardians present listed. Bills on Contractors listed and confirmed.

Reference PUFAL/1/102
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, page 250
Date of Meeting 29 Jun 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Rowe read for third time. Letter from Poor Law Commissioners on investigation on conduct of Mr T A Smith, Master of Falmouth Town House. Copy to be passed to Masters and Matrons of different Workhouses. Relieving Officers paid.

Reference PUFAL/1/103
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 251-252
Date of Meeting 6 Jul 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Nicholls read for first time. Forms of Relieving Officers Dietary and notices for relief received from Assistant Poor Law Commissioner adopted. Master of Falmouth Town House reported that Contractor for suet had supplied mutton suet instead of beef and 'bosom of beef with neck attached'. He was told to return the suet and Contractor to supply beef suet and Contractor to be told to supply what has been ordered and the exact quantity. Usual payments to Relieving Officers, also Mary Coombes paid £1 6s 8d for bonnet etc.
Date of Meeting 13 Jul 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Nicholls read for second time, Those of W H Rosser, James Medlar and R B Lawrance for first time. Calls on different parishes in proportion to expenditure for same quarter last year, excluding relief to paupers belonging to other Unions. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders to Contractors signed.

Date of Meeting 20 Jul 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Nicholls read for third time, W H Rosser, James Medlar and R B Lawrance for second time, George Sargent for first time. Call of 1/12 of annual average made. Receiving Officers diaries produced and read and usual payments made. Grace Plint, formerly inmate of Falmouth Parish House complained that she was beaten by Matron of House and struck fourteen times on hand, twice on the back and on the head for not doing work. Catherine Bryant was present part of the time. Matron stated that she had given her three ‘custices’ [stick used for punishment] on each hand for neglecting her work and behaving ill in the garden attached to the house. Catherine Bryant said she saw Matron give Grace Plint three ‘custices’ on each hand. Louisa Duke said she was in the kitchen with Catherine Bryant on Friday evening and had seen three ‘custices’ on each hand and one on back but none on head though she had felt one bump on it after. Grace Plint had asked for ‘bust or stays’ so she might be beaten as she was afraid her aunt would not take her in if she were not bruised. Elizabeth Webster agreed, and said like Louisa Duke that Grace Plint deserved it. Matron cautioned. Mr Tresidder’s estimate for mending drain from Falmouth Town House through Mr Snow’s premises accepted and work to be done immediately.

Date of Meeting 27 Jul 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of W H Rosser, James Medlen and R B Lawrance read for third time, George Sargent for second time and Richard Warne for the first time. Three Strait Jackets to be bought. Mr Teague questioned about the quality of bread gave a ‘satisfactory answer’. Mr Broad had purchased eleven cwt of Junk and asked that one of the Masters check the weight. Master of Falmouth Town House asked to do this. Mary Ann Medlock of Helston and Jane Warren of Truro to be removed to their Unions as soon as the Medical Officer judges it safe to do so. Mr Palmer and Mr Dixon, newly elected Guardians for Falmouth Town to be appointed to the Visiting Committee. Nine chairs to be bought for Penryn Boardroom. Vaccination payments to Medical Officers and allocated to the various parishes. Salary cheque to Peggy Bawden for 10s for cleaning Boardroom at Penryn. Her employment terminated and Master of Penryn House asked for someone to do this duty. Superintendent of Asylum at Bodmin to be asked whether there is a vacancy for lunatic pauper. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders signed.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 260-262

Date of Meeting 3 Aug 1841

Description Guardians present listed. George Sargent and Richard Warne marriages read for third time. Matron of Falmouth Parish House to resign because of ‘severe indisposition’. Two Guardians for Falmouth Town and one for Falmouth Parish elected and expenses (£7 2s 2d) allocated; Falmouth Town, voting papers £1 3s 0d and ¼ d per head of population £4 9s 2d. Falmouth Parish posting notices £1. Cheques for Registering officers and Clergy. Mr Duckham appointed to Visiting Committee. Rosina Boyd, inmate of Falmouth Town House reported for calling her mother ‘a drunken old devil’ and other similar expressions. Refused work and ‘behaved ill’. Ruth Pascoe and Jane Webb corroborated Master’s statement. Rosina Boyd found guilty and placed on bread and water for seven days. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 263-264

Date of Meeting 10 Aug 1841

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Richard Wearne read for third time and Christian Kelly for first time. James Chenoweth and John Medlen to be sent to Asylum. Mr Carvosso produced a frock supplied by Relieving Officer to Sarah Moore, now his servant, and gave his opinion that quantity (six yards) not put in. Board examined dress. Mr Palmer thought six yards in dress but quantity of similar print not enough for a grown person. Decided that in future as much print as required be provided. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors’ orders signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 265-267

Date of Meeting 17 Aug 1841

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Christian Kelly read for second time. Relieving Officers and Medical Officers salaries paid. Complaint about Porter at Falmouth Town House; decided to send him to Penryn and Visiting Committee to make different arrangements. Messrs Tweedy and Company calling attention to debt on St Gluvias for £105 13s 2d and one year eight months interest. Messrs Tweedy to be informed that St Gluvias is not a Union House and the letter to be forwarded to the Parish Overseers. Mary Berryman transferred from Penryn to Budock without the consent of their Parish Officers. Discussion postponed for three weeks. Mr Palmer stated that Contractor for meat had supplied Falmouth Town House with inferior quality suet, which was produced. Agreed suet to be returned to Contractor and he to send equal quantity of better quality and be informed that the Guardians ‘not at all pleased’ and disapprove of method of supplying meat and hope he will keep strictly to the terms of his contract. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed. Cheque for £1 9s 3d drawn on 29 December last to be cancelled and a new cheque issued to Mr Pearce. Clerk to inform the Treasurer.
Date of Meeting 24 Aug 1841

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Christian Kelly read for third time. Abstract of expenditure approved and Mr Ellis to print five hundred copies at cost of £2. Master of Falmouth Town House reported that Ann Prangle and Rosina Boyd absconded taking articles belonging to Union. Ann Prangle had returned but not Boyd. Prangle to be dealt with at next meeting and Master of Falmouth Town House to apply to authorities for warrant against Boyd. Mr Hicks of Bodmin stated there was a vacancy and John Medlen, a lunatic in Penryn Workhouse to be sent. Mr Duckham reported that ‘launders’ [gutters on buildings] at Falmouth Parish House were defective and offered to supervise repair – accepted.
vacancy. Complaint against Ann Prangle for throwing away some oakum material. She admitted the fault and promising to behave, was reprimanded. Committee to spend 40s on altering the wall and iron rails at the side door of the House to prevent inmates getting over it. Master of Falmouth Town House to purchase five cwt of oakum material from Messrs Carne's rope walk. Quarterly abstracts signed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors' orders signed. Clerk to prepare application of notice of bastardy for Mary Ann Dunstan, a pauper of Perranarworthal.

Reference PUFAL/1/114
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 276-277
Date of Meeting 21 Sep 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Alexander Holman read for third time and Joseph Mitchell first time. Parishes in arrears to pay by next Monday. Mr Duckham to get a drain made at Falmouth Parish House. Problem of Relief in Kind because of expiration of contract for bread. Agreed that Relieving Officers to pay 6d in lieu to such paupers as 'they deem advisable'. Clerk to write to the Clerks of several Unions in the county enclosing printed copy of Return of last year's expenditure asking for statement of expenses per head of their paupers, items included in cost and any particulars required in explanation of expenditure. Also copy of Dietary on use at their several Unions. Poor Law Commissioners to be asked again about question on Averages. William Datsun, Shoemaker, willing to take Thomas Bray, inmate of Workhouse as apprentice for 50s of clothing for the first year. Agreed. Relieving officers paid. Reports and orders signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/115
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 278-280
Date of Meeting 28 Sep 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Joseph Mitchell read for second time. Estimates from Messrs S and J Tresidder for excavating and building cess pit at Falmouth Parish Workhouse and alterations at Falmouth Town House to 'prevent the escape of paupers' and specification and estimate for building house of confinement at Falmouth Town House. Visiting Committee agree to the cess pit at Falmouth Parish House and the alteration to yard wall at Falmouth Town House. Consideration for making place of confinement deferred for a fortnight. Agreed that contracts for provisions and shoes be entered into. Motion to take steps to reduce Outdoor Relief lost, as was motion that resident paupers be charged to separate account and not to parishes in which they resided. Mr Dunstan, responding to criticism of flour supplied by him to Mr Notwill for bread, stated he had not supplied Mr Notwill for the last nine weeks. Mr Notwill thought it was 7 July last. Mr Read's tender for clothes, Mrs Margaretta Carne's for groceries, Mr William Ball's for coffins for Mylor, Penryn and Falmouth Districts. Mr Moon's tender for coffins for Constantine District and Mr William Carne's for housing the Union hearse all accepted. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Meeting adjourned to Saturday next.
Adjourned meeting. Guardians present listed. Bills examined and cheques signed, listed. Masters of Workhouses which had oakum to dispose of; to do so at best price possible.

Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Woon read for second time. Clerk to communicate with Justices to arrange early session for complaints against Parish Authorities for those parishes in arrears. Mr Pender and Mr A Fox produced letter from Mr Robert Hunt of the Polytechnic Society including analysis of flour sample which seemed to exclude fraud. Details given. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Woon read for third time. Registrars of various districts paid, also clergymen for marriages. Demand exists for fishing nets and Master of Falmouth [Town] House can teach the inmates. Decided to obtain twine up to value of 40s and ‘also knitting stockings’. Elizabeth Francis, now assisting in household work at Falmouth Parish House asks that while there she could wear her own clothes; agreed. Clerk to write to Redruth and Helston [Unions] to see whether they had any objection to a visit from the Masters of the Falmouth Houses. Visiting Committee to communicate with J S Enys about a place near Penryn House for keeping the hearse and a specification for making a shed for it to be obtained. Master of Falmouth Town House to buy enough potatoes to last the Union Houses until ‘about Christmas next.’ Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Woon read for third time [sic] and William Lancaster and Paul Mitchell for the first time. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.
Reference PUFAL/1/120
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, Pages 291-292

Date of Meeting 26 Oct 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of William Lancaster and Paul Mitchell read for second time. Registering Officers paid, also payments for taking 1841 Census, charged to the various parishes, listed. Overseers of Budock, Falmouth Town, Mylor, Constantine and Penryn to be summoned before Justices at next Petty Sessions for arrears. Masters report large quantity of oakum; circulars to be printed and distributed to shipwrights of county. Mr Sutton left the chair and Mr Ellis took it while information of parishes in arrears discussed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/121
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 293-295

Date of Meeting 2 Nov 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of William Lancaster and Paul Mitchell read for third time and that of Roger Richards for first time. Clerk to write to Truro Union and demand explanation why Nicholas Philip, a pauper of Merther removed from Penryn some months since was sent back to Penryn. Vacancy at Royal Cornwall Infirmary sought for Edward Hellings. Proposed by Mr Alfred Fox, seconded by Mr Duckham that cost of prosecuting refractory prisoners be borne by the Union but maintenance while in Borough Prison be borne by the parish to which the paupers belong; to be discussed in a fortnight. Decided that attention of Magistrates of Falmouth Town be drawn to fact that one of the Constables failed to execute warrant against person called Boyd [Rosina Boyd] frequently seen at large. Call on parishes. Letter from Colonel Wade, Assistant Commissioner [of Poor Law] recommending a committee be appointed to ‘inquire into and add to Out Relief the rents of Workhouses belonging to parishes either actually paid or allowed to paupers by their gratuitous occupation thereof.’ Committee of five to be appointed. Master of Penryn House to pay £16 7s 2d to William Hennah for shoe mending. Relieving Officers paid and orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/122
Title Minutes of Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 297-298

Date of Meeting 9 Nov 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Roger Richards read for second time. Damage done to Workhouse by stones thrown against the door and window. Decided to offer reward of 10s for information leading to conviction. Offer of 35s by Mr Henry Rowe for dung pit at Falmouth Town House accepted. Messrs R W Fox, Ellis, Sowell, Carvossa and Falck to be committee appointed to obtain information required by Poor Law Commissioners and report at next meeting. Overseers of parishes affected to attend first meeting on Tuesday next. Letter from majority of Church Wardens and Overseers of Mylor requesting payment of £9 11s 6d for ‘furniture’. Mr Carvossa had promised to return the portion in his hands. The Parish Officers of Mylor to be informed of this arrangement. Cheques signed for salaries etc and usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors.
Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 299-300

Date of Meeting: 16 Nov 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Marriage of Roger Richards read for third time. Action to be taken to obtain Fanny Webster's clothes from Mrs Jane Woolcock. Report of Visiting Committee and Masters of Workhouses as to value of work done by indoor paupers with view to redirection of Establishment charges. Contracts to be continued until countermanded. Clerk to write again to Clerk of Truro Union about Nicholas Philp. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference: PUFAL/1/123

Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 301-302

Date of Meeting: 23 Nov 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Usual call for one twelfth by 6 December. Report of Committee to consider amount to be added to outrelief for those paupers living in workhouses rent free. Budock two, Constantine four, Mawnan four, St Gluvias four, Perran[arworthal] two, Mylor seven [units not stated] Report adopted. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors' orders signed.

Reference: PUFAL/1/124

Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, page 203

Date of Meeting: 30 Nov 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Cheques signed including 12s to Clerk to Magistrates for presentation of paupers for felony. Medical Officer reports Mary Ann Rule should be removed from Falmouth Parish House to Falmouth Town House as she is ill and cannot assist Matron of the former in her duties. Agreed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors orders signed.

Reference: PUFAL/1/125

Title: Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 304-305

Date of Meeting: 7 Dec 1841

Description: Guardians present listed. Expense of maintaining pauper in Workhouse until Michaelmas was 2s 2d, while for last nine weeks with no contracts and Masters purchasing provisions of superior quality as required the cost was 1s 9 ¾ d. Agreed that Masters continue with purchasing. James Jenking, inmate at Penryn House, charged with striking Samuel Alexander, who complained last meeting but was unable to attend through illness. On examination decided James Jenking was offered severe provocation, therefore reprimanded and cautioned as to future conduct. Cheques signed, usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.
Reference PUFAL/1/127
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 306-307
Date of Meeting 14 Dec 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Mr Ellis and Mr Henry Rowe as Guardians and the Clerk to attend the Redruth Board on Monday next with account of monies due to this Union and to request immediate payment with authority to adjust 'any matter of difficulty or dispute'. Copy to be sent to Clerk of Redruth Union asking that he prepare an account of his demands against Falmouth Union. Letter from Poor Law Commissioners from Overseers of Falmouth about settlement of several accounts. Decided that paupers residing in Falmouth Town but having acknowledged settlements in other parishes out of this Union be recommended to parishes for removal. The Board will stop paying for them from 18 January 1842. Rosina Boyd charged with stealing some of Union clothes brought before Justices and imprisoned for one week. Clerk to find out the offence of which she was convicted and sentenced. Visiting Committee to arrange usual Christmas dinner for pauper inmates. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference PUFAL/1/128
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 308-309
Date of Meeting 21 Dec 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of John Pascoe and William Evans read for first time. Call of one twelfth on averages made for 3 January next. Mr Ellis and the Clerk attended meeting at Redruth and the accounts of this Union were correct and were now settled. Expenses of the visit to be paid. Poor Law Commissioners ask Guardians to reconsider their decision on Contractors. A copy of the resolution of 7 December sent to them. Letter from the Secretary of Chelsea Hospital with letter from Anthony Rowe about his pension, denying co-habitation with person with whom he lived. Relieving Officer for Falmouth District enquired and original allegation was true. Statement by Relieving Officer sent to Commissioners of the hospital. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference PUFAL/1/129
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 310-311
Date of Meeting 28 Dec 1841
Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of John Pascoe and William Evans read for second time. Visiting Committee to get estimates for alterations to Falmouth Town Workhouse. Also to get donkey and cart for pauper at Penryn at cost of no more than £4. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed. Meeting adjourned to 29 December.

Reference PUFAL/1/130
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 311-312
Date of Meeting 29 Dec 1841
Description Adjourned Meeting. Only three Guardians present. Bills paid.
Reference PUFAL/1/131
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, page 313
Date of Meeting 4 Jan 1842
Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of John Pascoe and William Evans read for third time. Visiting Committee and Master to superintend the alterations at Falmouth Town House. Clerk authorised to pay Bills of Exchange of Mr Trethowan for £11 2s 0d and ‘pay same to the Treasurer’. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors paid.

Reference PUFAL/1/132
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 314-315
Date of Meeting 11 Jan 1842
Description Guardians present listed. Mr Henry Rowe postponed for a fortnight motion rescinding order for taking William Southard into the Union House. Relieving Officer to make a special report on the case. Overseers of St Gluvias ordered to prosecute Samuel Fox for neglecting to maintain his wife and children. Clerk to write to Medical Officer of Bodmin [Asylum] for report on John Medlyn, pauper of Budock. Masters, Matrons paid. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/133
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 315A-316
Date of Meeting 18 Jan 1842
Description Guardians present listed. In consequence of a marriage solemnized in the Superintendent Registrars Office and the legality questioned it was resolved that ‘That in addition to the usual mode of publishing the Notices of Marriages the Clerk be requested to publish them immediately after applications for 5 out of the 10 parishes have been heard; at which, the largest number of Guardians is generally present.’ Copy of the resolution forwarded to the Registrar General. Medical Officers to fill up the various columns in medical reports, especially the parishes to which paupers belong. Overseers to pay their balances on or before Monday or Justices will be asked to hold a meeting to enforce payment. Poor Law Commissioners disapprove of method now used for supplies to the Union Houses and point out the evils likely to result. This to be considered a fortnight hence. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and reports from Masters and Medical Officers read.

Reference PUFAL/1/134
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 318-319
Date of Meeting 25 Jan 1842
Description Guardians present listed. Salaries for Masters and Matrons paid. Magistrates to be asked for early meeting to deal with the Overseers of the parishes in arrears. Enlargement of the ‘wash kitchen’ at Falmouth Town House agreed within estimate, and under the supervision of the Visiting Committee. If friends of any deceased pauper wishes to pay the expenses of burial, they may, if they remove the body to their house immediately in Union shell, the expense of the shell to be borne by them. Usual payments to Relieving Officers, orders on Contractors signed.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 320-323

Date of Meeting 1 Feb 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of James Buttershill read for first time. Cheques signed for various Officers and Contractors, also Superintendent Registrar for Clergymen’s fees. Proceedings for Orders in Bastardy on John Virgo, reputed father of child of Ann Kirken, a pauper of Perranarworthal; also on John Bray reputed father of Jane [name in pencil] William’s bastard child now chargeable to Constantine. Overseers of Falmouth Town asked to take steps to make Edward Angove maintain his family. Report from Medical Superintendent of County Asylum at Bodmin on condition of pauper inmates. Letter from Registrar General acknowledging letter about marriage notices. Poor Law Commissioners disapprove of method currently used of supplying provisions and point out likely consequences. This considered and resolved that they are anxious to conform with Poor Law Commissioners Appendix I that all supplies be purchased best calculated to prevent imposition and promote economical management’ and the current method satisfies the Visiting Committee, paupers and rate payers. System of tender does not always have desirable results. This to be forwarded to Poor Law Commissioners. Usual payments to Relieving Officers etc.

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Date of Meeting 8 Feb 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriages of James Battershill and James Every Hellings read. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors orders signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 325-327

Date of Meeting 15 Feb 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of James Battershill read for third time, James Every Hellings for second time. To get estimate for alteration to Master’s apartments in Falmouth Town House which was planned by Messrs Olver earlier, and which would enable the Master to overlook the yards. Carried by amendment that question of extra Guardians for Falmouth Town one between the Poor Law Commissioners and the ratepayers of Falmouth. Motion on equipping children taken from Union House lost on Chairman’s casting vote. Letter from Poor Law Commissioners stating that they were sending Mr Tufnell, Assistant Commissioner, to report whether circumstances justify the current method of supplying provisions to the Union. Usual payments to Relieving Officers. Orders on Contractors signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 328-329

Date of Meeting 22 Feb 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of James Every Hellings read for third time and William Symons for first time. [latter in pencil]. Penryn Overseers asked to take steps for immediate prosecution of John Sedgemond for neglecting support of his family and Thomas Williams for deserting wife and children ‘thereby leaving them chargeable on the parish’. Poor Law Commissioners to be informed the Guardians have no comment on Averages. Charles Price, boy now in Penryn House, having ‘made statements reflecting on conduct of Master of the Brigantine, Maria Lowther, from which he had been sent ashore at
Falmouth. Clerk to examine boy and bring forward copy to owners of the vessel to reclaim amount spent on boy. Oakum to be sold at price agreed with Mr Alfred Fox. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference PUFAL/1/139

Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 330-332

Date of Meeting 1 Mar 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Symons read for second time and John Trengove first time. Usual Call payable on 6 February. Messrs Olver's tender of £5 to complete the work at Falmouth Town House accepted. Agreed that Mr Bullmore and Mr Street, Medical Officers to continue for year at same tender. Mr Jewel unwilling. Decided to advertise for Medical Officers for Constantine and Mylor. Masters and Matrons to work on present Workhouse rules until advised to the contrary. Guardians to discuss new rules from Poor Law Commissioners on Tuesday next. Statement of Balances due from parishes to accompany the call. Master of Falmouth Town House to get two rations and 4s 6d weekly. Matron of Falmouth Parish House allowed to use fresh butter instead of salt and tea of better quality than that used by paupers. Visiting Committee to confirm allowances and payment to the Cook, Nurses and Porters at the Town House. Shelving to be erected in Union office for books. Clerk to check Medical Officers willing to continue on present terms. Usual advertisements for provisions to be inserted. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Reference PUFAL/1/140

Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 333-336

Date of Meeting 8 Mar 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of William Symons read for third time, of John Trengove for second time and Edward Henley Hamblyn for the first time. Medical Officers and Visiting Committee to prepare reports on capacity of Workhouses as required by Poor Law Commissioners. Inmates of Falmouth Town House to have means of preserving their bread etc. Master of Falmouth Town House allowed to exchange bread with Contractor for flour or bread. Forms that are required to be obtained. Any Guardian to be allowed to enter either of the Union Workhouses 'on his application to do so'. Overseers at Penryn ordered to prosecute Thomas Williams for not maintaining his family. Letter from William Rogers on 2 March 1842 resigning as Treasurer. Decided to advertise for replacement. Applications to be in by Monday next. A printed copy of Workhouse rules to be obtained for each Guardian. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and cheques signed for Contractors.

Reference PUFAL/1/141

Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 236-327

Date of Meeting 15 Mar 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of John Trengove read for third time, of Edward Henley Hamblyn for second time. Applications for Treasurer from Mr William Tweedy and Mr E C Carne [Edward Clifton Carne]. Mr Carne appointed. Mr Street's tender as Medical Officer at Mylor at £17 per annum declined. Mr Jewel's at £18 for Mylor and £20 for Constantine accepted. Elizabeth Saunders and family transferred from Penryn to Perran [Perranarworthal] their Officers consenting. Clerk to write to Poor Law Commissioners asking whether Relieving Officers on application for 'Medical Relief' only, have the power to order Medical Officers to visit those not in receipt of Parish Relief. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and Contractors' orders signed. Falmouth Vestry complaining of increase in Poor Rates. Agreed that a variety of circumstances have increased expenditure, over which the Board have no control.
Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 239-243

Date of Meeting 22 Mar 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Edward Henley Hamblyn read for third time and of Joseph Mitchell for first time. Report from Visiting Committee about whether Cook, Doorkeeper, etc. to be re-establishment with small salaries or to continue with present mode [unspecified]. As discipline of the House, careful supervision of the sick and firm and proper management of ‘articles of consumption’ highly satisfactory it was decided not to make any change. Agreed that there should be no Contracts for meat and shoes. Tenders accepted for Bread for Penryn from Mr Alexander Teague. Best seconds at 6d each 4lb loaf. Mrs M Carne to supply groceries for the whole Union. Mr Edward Read to supply clothing for the Union. Mr Ball to supply coffins for paupers dying in Falmouth and Penryn and in parishes of Budock, Mylor. St Gluvias and Perranarworthal. Mr Charles Rowe to supply coffins for those dying in parishes of Constantine and Mawgan. Agreed for six months from 25 March. Following postponed for one week; Mr Notwill tender for best seconds for the Falmouth District at 6½d each loaf, Mr Rusden's tender for cutting hair and shaving inmates of Penryn House at £6 10s 0d pa. The Visiting Committee to ‘discover whether any inmates capable of ‘performing that duty’. Also postponed Mr Caleb Knowles for milk to Falmouth Town House. Maintenance of Nicholas Philip hitherto by the Union to be charged to parish of Mylor, which parish to repay expense of previous maintenance. Visiting Committee to investigate possibility of better arrangement for cooking dinners at Penryn House. Visiting Guardians to buy hats for Penryn House. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 344-347

Date of Meeting 29 Mar 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Joseph Mitchell read for second time. Voting papers for contested election at Penryn presented. Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Committees, etc confirmed. Arrangements regarding paupers made 1840 and 1841 to be continued. Arrangements for recovery of balances due in arrears from parishes to be put into effect. ‘Request of the Authorities of Falmouth Town to deposit their lamps in the Falmouth Town Workhouse to be acceded to’. Mary Hawkes’ child, a girl above seven, to be moved from Falmouth Town to Falmouth Parish Workhouse. Call on the parishes equal to last year’s amount. Decided that in cases other than those referring to a ‘quantum of relief’ where division takes place, names of Guardians voting and votes be inserted, also names of members present at start at beginning and end of meeting. Sum up to £3 for paving the passage entrance of Penryn Workhouse. Boardroom at Falmouth Workhouse to be papered. Attention of the Visiting Committee and the Master to be called to state of cleanliness of the floors of Penryn House. Eliza Thursfield lately removed from Falmouth Town House to Penryn to be allowed to wear her own clothes instead of those of the Union. Board to make arrangements for scrutiny of the claims of the paupers of the several parishes in the Union on the last week in April. Mr Rusden’s tender for shaving inmates at Penryn House be accepted. Also Mr Caleb Knowles’ tender of 3d a gallon for skimmed milk to Falmouth Town House and Mr Trevena’s tender for milk to Penryn House at same price. Henry Roberts, pauper of Falmouth Parish to be proceeded against for absconding from Union House with clothes belonging to the Union. Mr Notwill to continue to supply bread at 6½d a loaf without entering into a contract. Nurses and Porters etc of Penryn (4) and Falmouth Town (6) be allowed 6d a week each. Mr Pender thanked for his efforts and regular attendance as member. Usual payments to Relieving Officers Meeting adjourned.
Adjourned Meeting. Guardians present listed. Mr Notwill offer of supplying bread to Falmouth Town and Parish at 6d a loaf. Master of Penryn House to take steps to prosecute Henry Roberts for leaving the Workhouse with the Union clothes. Medical Officer of Penryn District and Master of Penryn House report that James Mills of the town of Falmouth and inmate of the House is a dangerous lunatic. Master directed to use proper, reasonable restraint for his safe keeping and if necessary use 'strait jacket' until provision made for sending him to Bodmin Asylum. Board to consider the case next Tuesday. Cheques drawn for bills including one for £1 17s 11d to ‘J Cook and others for Labour in removing rubbish washed down in the Penryn Yard during the late floods’.

Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Joseph Mitchell read for third time and of John Kidd for first time. Order for W Rogers (late Treasurer) to pay £1 19s 0d signed [no payee]. Mats to be made by inmates of Penryn House for use in the House. Medical Officers to be asked for report on James Mills, reported as dangerous lunatic in Penryn House. Summons against Overseers of Penryn for non payment of Calls. Agreed that Medical Officers are to execute their contracts before next meeting. Masters of Workhouses to dispose of oakum at best possible price. Stationery to be bought at cheapest rate. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Resolution from Select Vestry of the Town of Falmouth ‘That the attention of the Board of Guardians be directed to the evil arising from children to receive the relief granted to their relatives, which has a tendency to mature pauperism and destroy that independent spirit so desirable to be cultivated in the Young minds and the Vestry hope that the Board of Guardians will take such measures as shall, for the future prevent an evil of such magnitude.’ Resolved that, except in very peculiar cases, the Relieving Officers be ordered not to pay the relief except to paupers in person. Visiting Committee to make enquiries as to purchase of clock for the use of the Falmouth Town House. Visiting Committee to meet fortnightly one hour before the Board Meeting. The Overseers of Falmouth Town be directed to prosecute
the husband of Louisa Osborne for deserting his family. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/148

Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 359-360

Date of Meeting 26 Apr 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Cheques for Registrars of Districts charged to the various parishes. Agreed to buy clock for Falmouth Town House for £2. Letter from Mr Tuckey, one of the Overseers of Penryn stating he had paid £98 2s 6d on account of balance due from the Borough and asks that late overseers 'not be hard pressed as no exertion shall be wanting on his part to satisfy, and that speedily the demand of the Board'. Agreed to delay the Warrant of Distress made by Justices for fourteen days. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/149

Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 361-364

Date of Meeting 3 May 1842

Description Guardians present listed. Maintenance charges for Alice Smith, inmate of Falmouth Town House transferred from parish of Mawna to parish of Budock. Mr Sowell and Visiting Committee authorised to spend up to £10 to put in a new apparatus and erect a new scullery at Penryn House. Forms A and B from Poor Law Commissioners required information about capacity of Union Houses. This information read and approved. Falmouth Town House can lodge 94 or 95 adults and 14 more can be accommodated if the Board Room is used as the old women's Day Room and the old room used as a bedroom. The total would be one hundred adults apart from the Master's family. In this arrangement sufficient space is allowed. Infants of class five and children above two and under seven to be lodged at proportion of five children to three adults. A [blank] fever raging in the town, often fatally but not one severe case in the Workhouse. The Inmates enjoyed very good health. Medical Officer visits almost daily but cases trifling. Seven deaths only last year; six aged 58-88 and one illegitimate infant. Currently 73 adults and 25 children. The 'late arrangements in the House have contributed materially to the comfort of the aged, infirm and imbecile'. Health attributed to the alteration in the Dietary and the 'great attention to cleanliness and ventilation paid by the Master and Matron'. The Parish House has 25 children and one adult. Additional 35 can be accommodated if required. Inmates healthy and rarely require a visit. This due to new Dietary and attention to cleanliness. One death since 7 July. Signed T C Bullmore to W S Genn, Clerk. Samuel Spyre Street writes about Penryn House. Sixty adults and 36 boys can be accommodated. Currently 49 adults and 25 boys which includes two women mending clothes. If double bedsteads put into one of the wards instead of singles 16 more adults could be accepted. House is healthy and in sheltered spot with fine spring of water for cooking. Ten deaths since start of Union and only four under thirty and these from 'pulmonary consumption'. Rest mainly from old age. No boys have died. Finance Committee to meet every six weeks to examine bills and Officers accounts; first meeting to be held at Penryn on 17 May. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.
Meeting of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 365-366

Date of Meeting 10 May 1842

Description
Guardians present listed. Master of Falmouth Town House to obtain paint for the 'external parts' of the Falmouth Parish House. Mary Ann Nicholls and Ann Prangle to be taken before Magistrates for absconding from Union House with clothes belonging to Union, according to Article 54. Masters of Workhouses to get Junk for oakum. Distress Warrant for non payment by Penryn delayed for one week. Cheques for salaries for Masters, Matrons and Medical Officers. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 367-368

Date of Meeting 17 May 1842

Description
Guardians present listed. Distress Warrant against Penryn postponed for two weeks, without prejudice and no further postponement. Masters of Penryn and Falmouth Town Houses to have £5 each to buy butter for use of Houses. Finance report adopted. Cheques signed. Usual payments to Relieving Officers.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 368-369

Date of Meeting 24 May 1842

Description
Mary Ann Simmons, inmate of Falmouth Parish House, to be allowed to leave the Workhouse and take Union dress for ten days. Relieving Officer of Penryn 'empowered to take out of pawn the articles pledged by Mary Fox of St Gluvias as are or will be forfeited between this and the meeting of 7 June'. Usual monthly call for 6 June next, payable to Edward Clifton Carne esq at Western District Bank, Falmouth. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 370-372

Date of Meeting 31 May 1842

Description
Guardians present listed. Distress Warrant on Penryn Churchwardens and Overseers suspended until tomorrow. Overseers of Perranarworthal to be told proceedings will be taken against them unless they pay arrears immediately and 'they report to the Board at the next meeting what they have done in the meantime'. St Gluvias Overseers instructed to take measures to compel Samuel Fox to maintain his wife and family, inmates in Union House. Resolved that maintenance of refractory paupers of Falmouth Town House, if committed to Borough gaol, be charged to the parish to which pauper belonged, 'provided that expense of such maintenance does not exceed the current rate per head of supporting such paupers in the Union House'. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors etc signed.
Reference PUFAL/1/154
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 373-375
Date of Meeting 7 Jun 1842
Description Guardians present listed. Superintendent Registrar to pay Clergymen of listed parishes [for marriages]. Churchwardens and Overseers of defaulting parishes to be summoned before Magistrates. Master of Falmouth Town House reported that on 3 June Penelope Grangey, an inmate had used obscene language to him and other inmates and ‘particularly had told him to ‘kiss her a – e’ and had persisted in creating noise and disturbance. Grangey, when called in, admitted her offence. Decided she to have bread and water for dinner and deprived of broth for forty hours and to be confined in a separate room for 24 hours. The previous confinement by order of the Visiting Guardians was taken into account. Master of Falmouth Town House stated that Ann Prangle, an inmate had been collecting clothes, the property of the Union, for the purpose of absconding from the House. She to be reprimanded and cautioned as to her future conduct. The past and future expense of maintaining this pauper in Falmouth Town House, previously mistakenly charged to parish of Mylor, to be transferred to Falmouth Town. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/155
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Penryn, volume 1, pages 376-378
Date of Meeting 14 June 1842
Description Guardians present listed. Call on Parishes for 4 July, based on same quarter last year. Letter from Mr John Stephens about terms and conditions of his taking a boy called Bray as apprentice. By amendment this passed to committee to report on the circumstances. Committee to consist of Messrs Carvosso, H Rowe and R W Fox. The Visiting Committee to supply books and papers ‘as necessary’ to teach the inmates of the Falmouth Parish House writing and arithmetic. Medical Officer to report on the circumstances of Joanna Spargo, pauper of Budock, with ‘view to her being sent to Royal Cornwall Infirmary’. Also to report on ‘propriety of William Houghton, pauper of the parish of Falmouth’, being admitted to Workhouse. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders etc signed.

Reference PUFAL/1/156
Title Minutes of the Board of Guardians held at Falmouth, volume 1, pages 379-381
Date of Meeting 21 Jun 1842
Description Guardians present listed. Marriage of Philip Harvey read for first time. Resolved that parishes with balances due be ordered to pay by 2 July next. as follows, Penryn Borough £119 2s 11d, Perranarworthal £16 7s 11d, Mabe £4 9s 7d, Constantine £8 19s 3d. Clerk to apply to Redruth Union for repayment of burial costs of Araminta Toy, a pauper of Stithians, who died suddenly at Penryn and was interred at the expense of that Borough. Medical Officer to decide on the mental condition of Elizabeth Dennis, inmate of Falmouth Town House. Decided on report of committee appointed at last meeting to consider circumstances connected with Mr Stephens possible apprentice to accept recommendation that the parish to which the boy belonged should pay 20s towards the cost of Indenture. Mr Palmer called attention to a paragraph in ‘The Royal Cornwall Gazette’ newspaper of last week stating that the immediate cause of the suicide of Richard Eady of Penryn was dread of the Union. Also that in consequence of a dispute over his settlement, relief had failed him. Also an old woman who died in one of the vans while passing Penryn on her way to the House and she had repeatedly declared she would die if sent to the Union. ‘She was sent and she died on the road’. Decided that the Clerk should prepare a statement of facts connected with these cases and send it to the Editor of the paper. Usual payments to Relieving Officers and orders on Contractors signed. Meeting adjourned.
Adjourned Meeting. Guardians present listed. Bills examined and cheques signed for various goods and services, listed. Mr Rickerby’s bill for £1 4s 0d for advertising sale of Mawnan Workhouse to be paid by that parish. The Clerk’s fee for the last election of Guardians to be considered at the next meeting. Letter from the Clerk to ‘The Cornwall Gazette’ and published that day was read. Quoting the various claims about dread of the Workhouse and failure to obtain relief because of a dispute about settlement and asking that their reply be published in the next edition. The wife [of Richard Eady] had stated her husband ill and she made application for Parish Relief aid for her family, ‘consisting of herself, her husband and son aged twelve’. This relief given immediately, first week at 2s, the ten weeks following at 5s 6d, and two weeks at 5s. The husband received also 3s weekly from the Merchant Seamen’s Hospital. The boy could have earned an average of 3s a week. The Officer several times told the wife that if more were needed she should apply to him, or to the Medical Officer but no application was made. The order for removal of family appealed against, but no alteration in treatment of deceased who, for two weeks before death, suffered severe depression. Relief in the Workhouse was never offered, nor contemplated, by Guardians who could find no evidence that this thought influenced the deceased. The old woman was a pauper belonging to a parish in a neighbouring Union, was 80 years old, and had, for some time, been an inmate of Workhouse in her own Union and had left on a visit to a relation in Falmouth, but circumstances soon after her arrival, meant she had to shorten her stay. And died on her way to the Workhouse at Penryn. There was no evidence she expressed a fear of the Workhouse.