

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 17th March, 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor M A Varney (Town Mayor) presiding
Councillors: A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body,
G W Chin-Quee (County Councillor), O K Cramp (County Councillor),
Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S.D. Eva, Mrs V E Eva and Ms D E Merrett

In Attendance: A.M. Williams (Town Clerk)
D Pollard (Town Manager)
M Reynolds (A&P Falmouth)
Captain M Sansom (Harbour Master)
PC M Cummings (Boslowick Neighbourhood Beat Manager)
C Smith (Chairman, Falmouth Town Forum)

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T 232 **WELCOME BY TOWN MAYOR**

The Town Mayor welcomed those present to the Town Meeting and thanked those Officers, Councillors and community partners who had assisted the achievements of the Council and the Community in the preceding twelve months.

T 233 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Booth (Holiday), Sterratt (Work) and Mrs Ryan (Holiday).

T 234 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Davies and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 19th March, 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

T 235 **REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

(1) Art Gallery Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Davies, presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

(2) Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Evans, presented a report on the work of the Committee that had overseen the gradual recovery of the Council's financial position, to one as recognised as being financially robust by the District Auditor.

He outlined the current and proposed community works.

(3) Planning Committee

The Chairman, councillor S D Eva, presented a report on a very busy year for the Committee, that had recognised the paramount need for local affordable housing and community regeneration.

He requested greater assistance from some ward members in reviewing planning applications

- (4) Staffing Committee
The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Biggins, presented a report on a settled Staffing establishment albeit with some changes of personnel.

T 236 **REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

- (1) Falmouth Twinning Association
Councillor Mrs Davies presented a report that forms part of these minutes
- (2) Transition Falmouth
Ms L Lloyd presented a report that forms part of these minutes.
- (3) Falmouth Sustainability Centre
Ms L Lloyd presented a report that forms part of these minutes.
- (4) Fairtrade Steering Group
Councillor Chin-Quee presented a report that forms part of these minutes.
- (5) Youth Forum
Councillor Chin-Quee presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

T 237 **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Town Manager presented the Town Management report that forms part of these minutes.

T 238 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

PC Cummins presented the Community Police report that forms part of these minutes.

T 239 **HARBOURMASTERS REPORT**

The Harbourmaster updated the Meeting on the operations of the Harbour Commissioners. An update on the Cruise Ship project forms part of these minutes.

T 240 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Varney reported upon the reorganisation process and that Carrick District Council were now much more reactive and supportive to Falmouth issues. Especially as Falmouth, via the Town Council, had presented a unified front. He thanked Councillors for their efforts.

T 241 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Cramp reported upon reorganisation and emphasised the role of the Town Council therein. He also referred to recent and ongoing works in Falmouth.

Councillor Chin-Quee concurred. He hoped that localism would prevail and the Town Council grasp the opportunity to control and directly deliver services. He also referred to the importance of the Boundary Review.

T 242 **TOWN FORUM REPORT**

Mr Smith, Chairman, presented the Town Forum report that forms part of these minutes.

T 243 **QUESTIONS**

Mr Saunby on behalf of 'Save the Rec' Campaign requested information regarding the appropriateness of a Deed of Dedication for the Falmouth Recreation Ground.

The Town Mayor responded that this was being considered, albeit only recently and the Council would support Falmouth Rugby Club in their aspirations to develop the club at the Recreation Ground.

T 244 **COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ELECTORS**

Mr Smith thanked the Council for its recent efforts in driving regeneration proposals and hoped that work would continue.

T 245 **CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chairman thanked those who had presented reports and hoped that the Community would continue to grow within the scope of the regeneration work identified.

There being no further business the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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