

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Princess Pavilion, Melvill Road, Falmouth on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors S D Eva (Town Mayor), K J Edwards (Deputy-Mayor), G W Chin-Quee BEM, D E Clegg, L D Coley, D V Evans BEM, G F Evans MBE, A J Jewell CC, J S Kirkham CC, J C Robinson, A Rowe, B M A Ross, J M Spargo and Z Young.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R J Gates (Town Manager)
Canon W Stuart-White (Mayor's Chaplain)

C5740 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor sought nominations. There being one nomination received.

It was proposed by Councillor Eva seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Kirstie Joanne Edwards be appointed Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Edwards duly read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor. There was a brief adjournment for the Mayor to robe.

The Town Mayor presented Councillor Eva with past Mayoral Service insignia and Councillor Eva thanked the Council for supporting him and ensuring the attainment of its recent achievements and continuous service delivery of the Council in what had been challenging times.

Councillor Edwards thanked the Council for her election, and appointed Sean Higgins as Mayoral Consort. The Mayoral Charity would be the Wave Project and she invited them to address the meeting on the work of the charity. She recognised the innovative work the Council was undertaking and would continue that with a focus on inclusion, civility and respect and environmental matters.

C5741 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Saunby (Cornwall Council business) and Seiler (illness).

C5742 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

C5743 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Town Mayor invited nominations for Deputy Mayor. There being one nomination received.

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Kirkham and

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Alan Rowe be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Rowe thanked the Council for his nomination.

C5744 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The recommendations of the Council were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the standing committees be appointed for the ensuing year as set out at Appendix I that forms part of these minutes.
- (ii) the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the standing committees be appointed for the ensuing municipal year as set out in Appendix II that forms part of these minutes.

C5745 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The recommendations of the Council were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that the representatives on outside bodies be appointed to serve the ensuing municipal year as set out at Appendix III that forms part of these minutes.

C5746 COUNCILLOR CHAMPIONS

The recommendations of the Council were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that the Champions be appointed to serve the ensuing municipal year as set out at Appendix IV that forms part of these minutes.

C5747 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

The Councillor attendance records for the 2022/23 municipal year that are attached as part of these minutes at Appendix V were duly noted.

C5748 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be agreed and operated by the Council and as previously reported including the Members Code of Conduct and the Council remains cognisant and will observe the Civility and Respect Pledge.

C5749 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings for the 2023/24 municipal year as attached to these minutes at Appendix VI were agreed.

C5750 HEALTH AND SAFETY

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that the Council's Health and Safety Policy Statement be agreed.

C5751 RISK MANAGEMENT

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that the Council’s Risk Management Policy and Risk Register previously circulated pursuant to Minute F6765 be approved.

C5752 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that the Council’s Environmental Policy previously circulated pursuant to minute GFEA56 be approved.

C5753 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that as the Council meets the conditions published in Article 2 paragraph 2 of the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 (S12012/965) it hereby adopts the General Power of Competence as provided in the Localism Act 2011 ss1-8. This declaration has effect until the Council’s Annual Meeting 2025.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed: Date: