

## FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cultural Services and Leisure Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Atherton Suite, The Old Post Office, The Moor, Falmouth TR11 2RT.

Present: Councillors E E Seiler (Chair) L D Coley (Vice Chair), D V Evans BEM, D A Konik, T M Pearce, J M Spargo and Z Young

Also present: Councillor D W Saunby CC

Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
M Palmer-Williams (General Manager, Princess Pavilion)  
V Rogers (Administrative Officer)  
H Attree (Administration Assistant)

The Chair reminded attendees that the Council had committed to the Civility and Respect Pledge, that is to treat everyone participating in the meeting tonight with civility and respect in their roles. For us respect is treating others with dignity, recognizing boundaries, being non-judgmental and accepting of differences. Behaviour breaching that commitment will not be tolerated. In dealing with the business of the meeting we will adhere to our agenda and the processes set out in our Standing Orders. Please be aware that the meeting is a public one and there may be recordings of your participation.

### **A1006 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillors G F Evans (trustee meeting).

### **A1007 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

### **A1008 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Coley, seconded by Councillor D V Evans and

**RESOLVED** that the Part I minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

### **A1008 TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented the Town Manager's report which was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

### **A1009 CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented the Cultural Services Director's Part I report which was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

The Committee noted the positive feedback that had been received regarding the planned talks in the Art Gallery.

### **A1010 PRINCESS PAVILION REPORT**

The General Manager, Princess Pavilion presented his Part I report which was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

The General Manager further updated members on the Community Ownership Fund improvements including flooring which would need to maintain the existing character whilst having longevity, which he would update Committee members on. He also further reported upon staffing and recruitment matters and current policy regarding uniform.

**A1011 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Spargo, seconded by Councillor Young and

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of contractual matters and personal information, it is advisable, in the public interest that the press and public, be excluded from the meeting.

## Events

- Remembrance Sunday

This is all planned and in place for the Sunday. The usual with security, 4x4, Coast Medic and town council staff. The parade will move through the lower end of the park and Richard's Builders will be clearing a safe path through the works with crowd barriers destinating the route.

- St Michaels Oyster Weekend

As there is no main Oyster Festival taking place this year as mentioned on the previous report there will however be an event at St Michael's Resort, further details below:

St Michaels have sponsored the Falmouth Oyster Festival for over 20 years. It's a key event in Falmouth's community and a tradition that runs deep in the local area. Expect live music from the Oggymen, Will Keating, Soul Sensations, the Military Wives Choir and many more as well as foodie demonstrations from esteemed chefs Jude Kereama, James Strawbridge, Hylton Espey and more.

Entry will be free until 6pm, with evening tickets available to purchase in advance or on the door for a £2 contribution to charity.

- Christmas Lights Switch-On 28<sup>th</sup> Nov

On Thursday 28th November, the streets of Falmouth will fill with festive fun at this years Christmas Light Switch-On event!

The evening will begin with a performance by Sing Choir on The Moor stage while the parade, led by Kernow Pipes and Drums, makes it's way through town from Events Square.

Compered by Neil and Saffy from Hits Radio Cornwall, expect performances from five local schools while tucking into your churros and hot drinks.

The person nominated to switch-on the Christmas lights will push the plunger and illuminate Falmouth at 7pm. Rock Choir will be rounding off the evening with an energetic performance to get everyone singing along.

- Christmas Tree Festival 1<sup>st</sup> Dec -2<sup>nd</sup> Jan

The grand switch-on event for the Falmouth Christmas Tree Festival, kindly sponsored by [A&P Falmouth](#), takes place on Sunday 1st December with plenty of festive celebrations. There will be evening entertainment and Christmas themed refreshments available.

Community groups from in and around Falmouth will each decorate a tree with a chosen theme.

The 'Tree of Wishes' will again be available for people to remember loved ones or make a wish for the future. All donations will go to a nominated charity.

The trees will be open to view until the 2nd January so if you can't make the grand switch on, make sure you find time to appreciate this spectacle.

- The Poly's Christmas Market 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Dec

At The Poly you will find a selection of unique crafts created by local people, giving you the chance to find that perfect gift. So come along and soak up the atmosphere in our beautiful Grade II Listed building and combine your shopping trip with some warming refreshments in Uppe cafe.

**The Poly's Christmas Market 2024**

Friday 6th December, 11am to 5pm

Saturday 7th December. 10am to 5pm

Sunday 8th December, 11am to 4pm

- Falmouth's Festive Weekend 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

Attached is the detailed flyer including the wide variety of activities that we have planned throughout the town.

# What's On Where?

11AM - 5PM THROUGHOUT FALMOUTH



## The Moor

**SNOW GLOBE - £2PP**  
Family fun in the snow globe photo attraction!

**FUN CHILDREN'S RIDES - £1PP**  
Have a go on the children's vintage rides!

**MIRACLE THEATRE'S REAL FATHER CHRISTMAS - FREE (SAT ONLY)**  
Donate a gift to a family in need and share your Christmas list with Santa.

**FALMOUTH MARKET - FREE**  
Come and visit the market and stock up on locally produced gifts for family and friends.

**LIVE MUSIC STAGE - FREE**  
Come and watch Falmouth's fantastic performers sing your favourite carols.

**FALMOUTH ART GALLERY - FREE (SAT ONLY 10AM-4PM)**  
Enjoy mince pies, self-led card crafting and family workshops. Gallery shop will be open!

## Events Square

**ARTIFICIAL ICE RINK - £2PP**  
An extremely popular attraction that's great fun for the whole family!

**CURLING LANE - £2PP**  
Try out this great attraction for some laid back fun and friendly competition!

**CHRISTMAS MARKET MARQUEE - FREE**  
A wide variety of local traders selling their handcrafted wares!

**SANTA'S GROTTTO - £2PP (12PM-3PM)**  
Father Christmas will be making a special trip to Falmouth this year in time for the Festive Weekend!

**NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM CORNWALL - FREE**  
Explore the NMMC with free entry over Falmouth's Festive Weekend.

## Through Town

**SNOWY STREETS - FREE**  
Head to Church Street for some wintry fun!

**THE FESTIVE LAND TRAIN - £2PP**  
Stopping at The Moor and Events Square, all aboard for Christmas cheer!

**THE POLY MARKET - FREE**  
A weekend full of beautiful crafts and festive cheer!

CASH & CARD PAYMENTS AVAILABLE, £4 MINIMUM CARD SPEND  
FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT [FALMOUTH.CO.UK](http://FALMOUTH.CO.UK)



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Business Improvement District (BID)



**FALMOUTH  
TOWN COUNCIL**

- Christmas production at the Pavilion 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

The nights are long; the winter wind rattles the windows; outside the moon glints on the frozen puddles. Time to stoke up the fire, huddle round the comforting flames, sing some songs and enjoy a gripping story of foolishness and greed, magic and morality. Miracle Theatre is excited to bring you *Duffy and the Stiltskin* – a new take on an ancient Cornish folk tale. Told with the company's trademark blend of comedy, music, physical theatre and sharp writing, the show follows the young Duffy on a fantastical adventure, through which she learns the surprising fact that life can sometimes be too easy, and some offers are too good to be true!

Gather round for a spellbinding story, with huge heart, full of fun and delight for all ages.

Approx running time: 2 hours including interval

- Fire Stations' Christmas Grotto 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Falmouth Fire Station is set to transform into a festive wonderland on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm, as it hosts a magical Drive-Through Christmas Grotto. This unique event promises to bring joy and festive spirit to the community, all while supporting a noble cause.

Santa Claus himself is flying in specially to hand out small gifts to the little ones and wish them a very merry Christmas. Families can drive through the beautifully decorated station grounds, experiencing the enchanting sights and sounds of Christmas, all from the comfort of their cars.

This festive event aims to raise funds for The Firefighters Charity, supporting the brave men and women who dedicate their lives to keeping our community safe. Attendees are encouraged to contribute to this worthy cause, ensuring that the spirit of giving extends beyond the festive season.

Join them on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December for an evening filled with holiday magic, goodwill, and the spirit of giving.

Falmouth Fire Station is located on Trescobeas Road, and the event runs from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

- Cornish Cinema Club at Pendennis Community Centre 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Join us at Pendennis Community Centre for a magical experience featuring a selection of festive films for all ages. Whether you're looking to relive your favourite Christmas classics or discover new holiday favourites, there's something for everyone.

Bring your family, friends, and loved ones to this unique outdoor movie experience, where you can enjoy the festive atmosphere from the comfort of your car. Snuggle up with blankets, sip on hot chocolate, and enjoy the twinkling lights as you get into the Christmas spirit.

Movies will be shown on our state-of-the-art LED screen spanning an impressive 8 meters in width and 4 meters in height, creating a visually stunning display that's hard to miss. With its expansive size, the all weather screen provides crystal-clear resolution and vibrant colours in breathtaking clarity.

**Thursday 19th Dec**

16:30 The Santa Clause (1994) 19:30 Home Alone 1

**Friday 20th Dec** 16:30 How The Grinch Stole Christmas (2000) 19:30 Home Alone 2

**Saturday 21st December** 13:30 Arthur Christmas 16:30 Elf 19:30 The Holiday

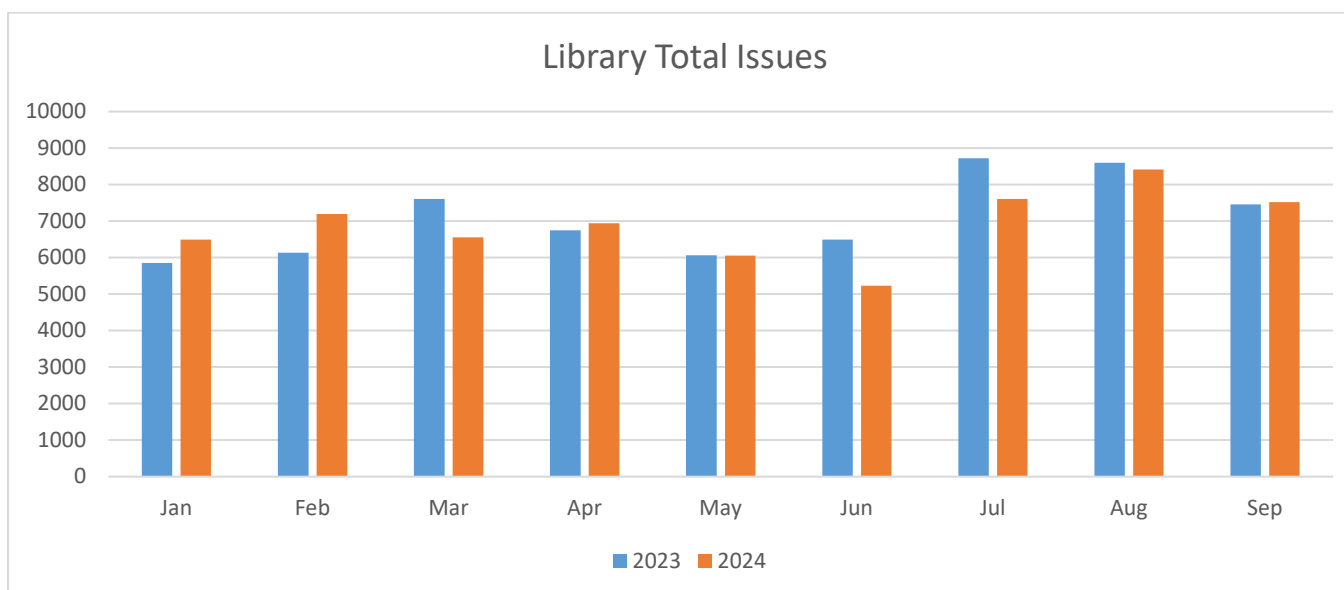
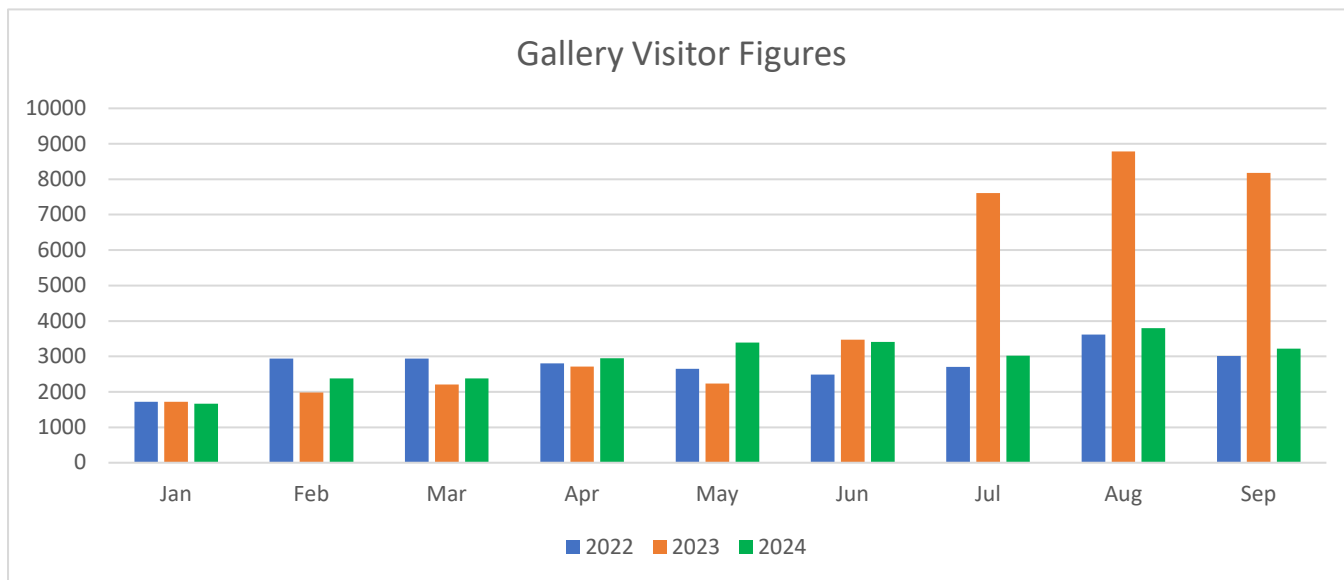
**Sunday 22nd December** 13:30 Polar Express 16:30 Elf 19:30 Love Actually

- Harmony Choir 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

The Falmouth Harmony Choir will once again fill the streets of Falmouth with festive song as they have done for over 100 years.

On Tuesday 24th December, choirs from across Cornwall will congregate near Five's Cyderhouse, Grove Place, Falmouth before leaving at approximately 10.30am, making their way through town, charming the crowds with their Cornish songs and carols, before finishing at The Moor at around 1pm.

## Part 1



## Activity Report

- The Gallery's open exhibition, *Imagine Falmouth* has opened, with over 300 people attending the preview. It has been well attended in the first three weeks. One work from the exhibition, of the Council Chamber by Falmouth artist Chris Tate, is being acquired by the Mayor for the civic collection. The show runs until 18<sup>th</sup> January, and the people's choice prize remains open throughout for visitors to vote for their favourite work, which will be announced after the show closes.



- The Gallery also currently have on display a selection of works by the surrealist photographer Lee Miller, which coincides with the release of the biopic film about her and consequently has proved extremely popular with visitors.
- The Gallery and Library's half term activities proved popular with young visitors, with approximately 150 people attending the Gallery crafts and 38 attending the library one.
- The library held their first autumn author talk on 11<sup>th</sup> September with local author Paula Rooney, with 18 people attending.
- There is now a small electrical appliance recycling point in the Municipal Building foyer provided through Cornwall libraries. This is a trial which is running until January when longer-term provision will be reviewed.

### Upcoming and current events & exhibitions

<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sep – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Exhibition – Falmouth and the Surrealists</b>	Displaying our archive of work by iconic photographer Lee Miller and others to coincide with release of biopic film.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct – 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Exhibition - Imagine Falmouth</b>	Our open show displaying a wide selection of art styles from artists of all ages.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Talk Money Week</b>	South West Water will be available in the lobby to offer advice on water bills on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November, and Barclays will be available throughout the week for debt and other financial advice.
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2:30pm</b>	<b>Author Talk</b>	Library talk with author Elaine Johns
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-4pm</b>	<b>Fun Palaces</b>	A whole-building takeover showcasing local organisations working in the arts and sciences, including the Ocean Conservation Trust, Source FM, Falmouth food co-op and Allen & Heath.
<b>Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-12pm</b>	<b>National Tree Week Sapling giveaway</b>	Cornwall Libraries is giving away 200 baby trees from the lobby – free for the public to take away.
<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am-4pm</b>	<b>Christmas Activities</b>	Crafts and activities to coincide with the Town's festive weekend, including choir performance.
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Cornwall Council Waste Transition Team stall</b>	Cornwall Council's Waste Transition Team will be available in the lobby to advise visitors on the new

		food waste, recycling and rubbish service being rolled out across our area.
<b>Thu 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2-4pm</b>	<b>Santa's Grotto in the Library</b>	Featuring our own Cllr Eva in the starring role.

### Objective Setting

Short, Medium and Long Term Planning				
	Objective	Date for completion	Progress	Notes
<b>Short Term - next 12 months</b>	Develop a Cultural Strategy	15.01.2025		Delayed by change in collections manager, will be submitted for sign off once collections policies have been finalised. Expected completion date revised to reflect this.
	Meeting room for community use	30.08.2024		Due to building leak this room has had to be repurposed to store office contents while landing office is out of action.
<b>Medium Term 2-4 years</b>	Building redevelopment			No further update
<b>Long Term 5+ years</b>	Reconfiguring layout of Municipal buildings			Start to coincide with 50th anniversary of Gallery opening in MB in 2028; Assess feasibility of Museum service
	Large public art / multi-media installation at Prince of Wales Pier			Consider Automata civic art piece for public display

Decision required: To review progress and approve the report.

## **Princess Pavilion – General Manager’s Part I Report –November 2024**

The Pavilion is moving into our annual quiet time before it picks up again for Miracle Theatres 24 date run that we have secured for this year.

### **Events:**

<https://www.falmouthtowncouncil.co.uk/princesspavilion/music/>

### **Theatre:**

<https://www.falmouthtowncouncil.co.uk/princesspavilion/theatre-dance/>

### **Community:**

<https://www.falmouthtowncouncil.co.uk/princesspavilion/community-groups-2/> (please note, this does not include all of our community group usage, and we are still providing space for a number of other groups not published on the internet.

We are seeing an increase in community use of The Pavilion with more groups using our spaces that include home schooling sketch club, cancer support group, meditation group (using the quarry garden) Gylly beach wellbeing swimmers.

We are also providing a venue for one off S.E.N group theatre performances.

### **Site Improvements through Community Ownership Fund Grant:**

#### **Solar**

Our solar installation will have begun by the time Cultural Services committee meet.

#### **Insulation**

The facilities team gained loft access and after surveying the roof have confirmed we have insulation in the roof. This means that we can direct funds from the community ownership fund towards further insulation on site.

#### **Heat pumps**

The contract for the heat pumps has been awarded and will have had their second site inspection by the time Cultural Services meets.

#### **Band stand painted**

The band stand has been painted again and looks great. We will keep doing this and hopefully look at further work next year on the band stand and a possible renovation/refurb.

#### **Power unit on wall**

We have a power outlet now available so we can supply larger events or events with multiple traders in a more efficient manner.

#### **Floor**

After consulting multiple trades people, we believe that it could be possible to sand down the garden room and lobby instead of replacing the floor, which will hopefully reduce the cost greatly

**Lighting desk upgrade**

We have ordered an new digital lighting desk. This desk brings the Princess Pavilion's lighting equipment up to date and a professional level.

Chas Palmer-Williams  
General Manager