

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.20pm held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth. TR11 3QA

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, A J Jewell CC, J S Kirkham CC, A L Rowe, D W Saunby CC, E E Seiler, J M Spargo and Z Young.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Councillor L Magowan (Cornwall Council –Arwenack ED)
S Aldridge (Georgia’s Voice – Mayoral Charity)
Rev B Stuart-White (Mayor’s Chaplain)

Prior to the commencement of business prayers were said by the Mayor’s Chaplain.

C5639 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors G F Evans (family matter), Robinson (family matter) and Ross (family matter).

C5640 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

C5641 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Eva seconded by Councillor Edwards and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor Eva seconded by Councillor Edwards and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 16th May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C5642 TOWN MAYOR’S REPORT

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillors to the Council Chamber which had not been used during the Covid pandemic restrictions. He reported on his civic attendances, including the Falklands War 40th anniversary events. Falmouth’s Jubilee events had been very successful and well attended. He was looking forward to Falmouth’s summer events and recognised the sterling work of the Town Team in delivering those.

The Mayor presented a £1000 contribution to his 2021 Mayoral Charity, introducing Sophie Aldridge of Georgia’s Voice who addressed the Council on the work of the charity (C5645).

C5643 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor updated on her civic and community event attendance. She had assisted the environmental 'Yellow Fish' Campaign, led the Falmouth Pride Parade, participated in schools' jubilee events and Hate Crime and ASB measures, military day at Royal Cornwall Show and had toured the Harbour Office and facilities. The beach toy exchange, repurposed telephone box on Cliff Road was now set up.

C5644 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C5645 MAYORAL CHARITY – GEORGIA'S VOICE

Sophie Aldridge advised that she was a founder of the charity, a legacy of her daughter who had taken her own life in 2020. The charity provided support groups for young women aged 18-25 with mental health concerns. There were two trained facilitators who ran wellbeing activities and talking therapies. There were ten groups running and a further three being established. A charity shop was in Killigrew Street, Falmouth. She thanked the mayor for his support. In response to questions, she advised that over one hundred young women had so far benefited with groups sized between four and six, although the Falmouth group was over twenty. There were options for participants to transition out and provide support for others.

C5646 POLICE REPORT

None received.

C5647 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FIRE REPORT

None received.

C5648 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER REPORT

None received.

C5649 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Arwenack

Councillor Magowan provided an update on matters relating to his electoral division. Cornwall Council had slipped back on progress towards its environmental and carbon-neutral targets, and he felt needed better communications on this with residents. He updated on recent planning appeals at Bells Court and Sheldon House.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell provided an update on matters relating to his electoral division. He had been reappointed to Chair the Central Planning Committee and updated on some planning applications. He was concerned that a footpath to be provided by the Linden Homes development was still not provided, nor was play and green space areas required by the Wainhomes development permission. The 20-mph speed limit pilot was starting to be rolled out locally.

Trescobeas and Budock

Councillor Saunby provided an update on matters relating to his electoral division. The Acacia and Oakfield one-way traffic system was being consulted on; he would like to see a fuller scheme provided. Overgrown hedgerows were an issue and he had dealt with a significant number of housing queries.

Penwerris

Councillor Kirkham provided an update on matters relating to her electoral division. Invasive plant species on verges was an issue. She served the Adult Care Scrutiny Committee and was worried regarding the poor availability of dentists in Cornwall and Falmouth. She was looking at external licensing requirements for Houses in Multiple Occupation. She Chaired the Falmouth Place Shaping Board and was hopeful that national Levelling up and Shared Prosperity Funding would be available for Falmouth schemes.

C5650 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 25th April 2022 was presented by Councillor Eva.

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor Clegg and

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 25th April 2022 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 4th April 2022 was presented Councillor Rowe, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 4th April 2022 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 25th April 2022 was presented by Councillor Rowe, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 25th April 2022 be approved.

The Planning and Licensing Committee Report dated 23rd May 2022 was presented by Councillor Rowe, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 23rd May 2022 be approved.

The Grounds and Facilities Committee Report dated 9th May 2022 was presented by Councillor Edwards.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 9th May 2022 be approved

The Cultural Services Report dated 11th April 2022 was presented by Councillor Edwards, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 11th April 2022 be approved

C5651 PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE REFERRAL

The Council considered the request for split Vice-Chair's for committee functions.

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

RESOLVED that for the Planning and Licensing Committee Councillor Spargo assumes the role of Vice-Chair (Planning) to assist the Committee Chair with planning application considerations and Councillor Clegg assumes the role of Vice-Chair (Licensing) to assist the Committee Chair with the consideration of licensing applications. Standing Orders to reflect this arrangement.

C5652 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Councillor D V Evans reported on the scheme and requested that the Council supports a local Falmouth scheme.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council endorses the creation of a Falmouth Speed Watch Scheme and supports Councillor D V Evans in establishing the scheme.

C5653 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town Managers report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C5654 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT PART I

The Town presented the Town Clerk's report regarding Residents Surgeries arrangements, recommencing in June 2022, which was duly noted.

C5655 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor Edwards 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.



Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 13/06/22

General points

- There is an array of new businesses opened up over the last couple of months which is good to see. While any town will have 'churn' of some businesses there continues to be positive interest in many sites.
- There are many things the Town Team have been working but I have focused on the recent Jubilee and also the upcoming shanty and classics event as they will take place very shortly.

Queen's Jubilee

- This was a huge success with so many positive comments across the various events. From the Beacon Lighting to Jubilee in the Park. The street parade was well attended with lots of support from the public.
Colin and the team did a great job for the Tea Dance at the Pavilion including dressing the venue in very effective red/white and blue drapes.
The Street Party was an absolute brilliant atmosphere, we were lucky as the weather in the early morning was heavy rain as well as rain forecast throughout the day that did not materialise. Over 800 registered for the street party which took place in Market Street.
I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that helped out over various events, it was a huge amount of work and effort by so many.

Shanty Festival

- Straight off the back of the Jubilee the shanty festival is fast approaching on the 17th-19th June. This promises to be a significant event especially coming off the back of Covid and no physical event for the last couple of years.
- There is lots of information via www.falmouthseashanty.co.uk so I will not repeat here as well but a few key points below:
- There are 70+ plus groups performing from across the UK and internationally.
- The performances will be across 25+ venues across the town including the main stages. These are: The Greenbank Stage, The Seven Stars Stage, The Pier Stage, Church Street

car park stage (new for this year), The Seasalt Custom House Quay Stage and Skinners Events Square Stage as well as all the other venues.

- The latest performances schedule for the groups is available here: <https://www.falmouthseashanty.co.uk/news/heres-the-programme/>
- On Church Street car park as well as the new stage that will be on the lower car park section there will be an Arts & Crafts Market on the top section. Some of the traders are existing businesses within the town but are also trading in this location. That helps fund the stage and also other requirements.
- The Market on the Moor will take place from the Thurs-Sat inclusive due to the festival taking place.
- There is a reusable festival cup again this year which is available from various venues as part of the festival for £2. Thanks to Seasalt for the design of the cup.
- Huge thank you to all the sponsors/partners of the festival including the main sponsors Skinners Brewery & Seasalt Cornwall and key sponsors The Greenbank Hotel, Falmouth Town Council & Falmouth BID. South West Bars & Falmouth Events have also played a major role in this event taking place.

Falmouth Classics 17th-19th June

- Taking place at the same time as the shanty festival you can find all about the Classics here: <https://www.falmouthclassics.org.uk> Including all the sponsors and partners of the event.
- There are over 170 boats taking part and Falmouth Haven as well as the harbour will be very busy.