

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7pm held at the Dracaena Centre, Dracaena Avenue, Falmouth.

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, J C Robinson, B M A Ross, D W Saunby CC, J M Spargo and Z Young.

In Attendance:	A M Williams	(Town Clerk)
	R J Gates	(Town Manager)
	V Rogers	(Administrative Officer)
	S J Walker	(Strategic Environmental Projects Officer)
	Councillor L Magowan	(Cornwall Council –Arwenack ED)
	PC A McKinnon	(Falmouth Police)
	T Eddy	(Environment Agency)
	J Evans	(iBabs)
	R May	(Dracaena Centre Charity Manager)
	K Springfield	(Youth, Facilities & Development Manager)
	C Allen	(Lead Family Worker)

C5586 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors G F Evans (property issue), Rowe (Scout Meeting) and Seiler (work).

C5587 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

C5588 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Eva seconded by Councillor Edwards and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C5589 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town Manager presented the Town Management report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C5590 iBABS DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

John Evans Sales Manager of iBABS provided a further update presentation on the use of the system and its functionality and assisted Councillors with access. It was noted that it would be now fully operational for councillors meeting documentation. All Councillors would receive copies of all agenda.

The Mayor reported that the Committee Review recommendations would be reported to the next meeting.

C5591 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported on recent civic events including a ship's visit to HMS Severn. He had presented the Spirit of Falmouth Award. He had entertained a visit by the Mayor of Truro and shortly the Mayor of St Ives. He updated on the National Armed Forces Day bid for 2023 and reported on the Place Shaping Board and the poor condition of the Prince of Wales Pier.

C5592 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor advised that the Council were amongst the first in the UK with its Motion for the Ocean. She updated on the Safer Falmouth Violence Against Woman and Girls initiative. She had attended the Community Network Panel and updated on various environmental initiatives. The water refill points projects continued to be rolled out and she updated on Tremap. She remained frustrated that Cornwall Council were unable to process the Public Space Protection Order for beach fires at Gyllyngvase. She also advised on what the Deputy Mayor role entailed and how she had undertaken the role to date.

C5593 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C5594 FLOOD RISK AND RESILIENCE

Tom Eddy for the Environment Agency presented on Falmouth Flood Risk Overview. Fluvial flooding risk – main river Bickland to Swanpool was the responsibility of the Environment Agency. Other water courses were Cornwall Council. Coastal flooding from tide, storm surge, wind, and wave. Sewer flooding (South West Water) and Surface water flooding, currently the biggest risk for areas of Falmouth and the current focus for the Agency. Current improvement works were being undertaken at Market Place. This would include property flood resilience measures.

He updated on flood warning services and noted that Falmouth did not have community flood emergency plans. He advocated continual local flood issues reporting as that would provide a metric for future investment planning.

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor D Evan and

RESOLVED that the Strategic Environment Protection Officer reports to the Council's Environmental Action Committee to create local flood resilience plans.

C5595 POLICE REPORT

PC McKinnon provided an update on the work of the Falmouth Community Team, that had been hampered operationally by Covid infections. The team would shortly see additional recruitment. She updated on the new Force priorities and the local initiatives around addressing violence against women and girls, domestic violence, and drugs. She responded to members questions around ASB, street drinking, rough sleepers, graffiti, and parking obstruction.

C5596 YOUTH SERVICES

Kate Springfield updated on a return to physical activities for youth services. A Community Sports Coach had also now been appointed. She updated on Youth Club, detached street-based youth work and outreach, Young Men's and Young Women's Groups, Holiday Clubs and activities, Active Cornwall, U+ (youth project), and tailored and community projects.

The information and wellbeing services sought to improve young people's mental health, resilience, and confidence.

What was required was funding for the 16-18 age group, service funding for youth club, lunchtime club (Falmouth School), extending the detached offer, parent support group and preventative primary school support and in town youth café. The team responded to questions and advised on funding requirements.

C5597 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Penwerris

Councillor Kirkham updated on Cornwall Council budget and service reductions. She reported upon the place Shaping Brief that was ready to go to tender. The revision work would commence now for the Neighbourhood Plan. She had been working on environmental initiatives. She was also working locally with tenants Associations. The Bus Shelter at Old hill would be renovated as part of the Town Council's contract extension decision.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Centre Place Shaping brief now proceeds to tender.

Arwenack

Councillor Magowan reported on parking issues and King Charles School street trial. He updated further on Cornwall Council's decisions around Ships and Castles and on the Pendennis Leisure CIC bid. He was concerned at the current site operation by the contractor which made it difficult to re-establish operations there.

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

RESOLVED that the Ships and Castles Leisure Centre and curtilage and car park be registered as a community asset to enable a community right to bid.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported on planning matters and Cornwall Council budget setting. The main sewer failing had caused pollution incidents which he hoped South West Water would address. A path had been re-laid at Tregonnigie Woods and local there had been issues with speed cushions and traffic calming measures starting to fail.

Trescobeas and Budock

Councillor Saunby reported he had submitted expressions of interests for highway schemes to the Community Network Panel (these were separate to those requested by the Town Council). Further housing developments would proceed at Eve Park, he felt it was important that the Falmouth and Budock communities retained their identities. He reported on street cleaning matters, enforcing student car parking restrictions, licensing, and housing matters.

C5598 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 31st January 2022 was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 31st January 2022 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 10th January 2022 was presented by Councillor Spargo, Vice Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 10th January 2022 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 31st January 2022 was presented by Councillor Spargo, Vice Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 31st January 2022 be approved.

The Cultural Services Committee Report dated 22nd January 2022 was presented by Councillor Edwards, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 22nd January 2022 be approved.

The Grounds and Facilities Committee Report dated 22nd January 2022 was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 22nd January 2022 be approved.

The Environmental Action Committee Report dated 22nd January 2022 was presented by Councillor Edwards, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 22nd January 2022 be approved.

The Princess Pavilion Working Party Report dated 15th February 2022 was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Working Party.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 15th February 2022 was noted and approved.

C5599 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022/23

The Council would set a schedule of meetings after it had considered the Committee Review Recommendations

C5600 TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2022/23

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

RESOLVED that Councillor S D Eva become Town Mayor Elect 2022/23.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor K J Edwards become Deputy Mayor Elect 2022/23.

C5601 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Council would consider committee compositions and chair and vice-chair appointments after it had considered the Committee Review Recommendations.

C5602 APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES, REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE AND BODIES AND COUNCIL CHAMPIONS

The Council would consider these matters after it had considered the Committee Review Recommendations.

C5603 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

These to be updated and presented to the Annual Meeting incorporating the recommendations of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and other necessary amendments.

Councillor D Evans requested that the dress code for Council meetings be revisited. The Mayor felt that the status quo should be retained.

C5604 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT PART I

The Town Clerk's report was duly noted.

C5605 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

COUNCIL MINUTES – PART II

C5606 COMMITTEE REPORTS – PART II

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part II Report dated 22nd January was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Part II Report of the Committee dated 22nd January 2022 be approved.

The Staffing Committee Report dated 22nd January 2022 was presented by Councillor Coley, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 22nd January 2022 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed..... Date.....



Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 21/02/22

Covid vaccines

- These are very much continuing and although quieter at the moment, with less days we have the option using the Atherton Suite to ramp up or down depending on the demand over the coming months.
- We have also used half the suite with other activities such as First Aid training for many members of staff recently on a couple of occasions.

Anti-social behaviour

- I am sure many of you aware of the various challenges we are facing across the town now. There is a Traders meeting on Tuesday 1st March at 9.30am via zoom, this meeting will be open to anyone on the weekly update but obviously has a trader's focus.
- There are various projects being worked on to help with these issues linking with many partners. Having said that there are no promises this will solve lots of the points but should at least help.
- The above includes an additional neighbourhood beat manager and also PCSO.

Town enhancements

- Planning is well advanced for this with the Spring Clean taking place the latter part of next month.
- Items such as bunting and the flag canopy in Market Street have all been ordered. A lot of people last year asked if we were going to do this again and yes, we are but with some tweaks. This is mainly to do with the summer storm last year and what we can do to protect against further bad weather. As with all these new projects they will continue to evolve and develop over time.

Queen's Jubilee

- Plans are progressing for this, and we will be announcing further details to the public next month.
- For an event such as this we would normally start planning much earlier however Covid and many other projects have been taking up considerable time and focus.

- I know some Cllrs are receiving various questions about what is taking place and Falmouth.co.uk will have an enhanced section/page on the site with details which will develop as we get closer to June.

Shanty Festival

- This like the Jubilee is developing well and a lot of work has taken place over the last few weeks.
- The full list of groups should be confirmed in the next couple of weeks and likely to be in the region of 70 groups across 27 venues.
- Several people have asked about Events Square and whether it will be used during the festival. Yes, it will be and also other outdoor areas such as Church Street car park and the Prince of Wales Pier (inner section).
- Falmouthseashanty.co.uk will have all the latest info

Falmouth Week

- We are working on this and while still early days it is ramping up day by day. There will be more detail as per usual in the coming months.

Other activities

- There is various work going on for the Oyster Festival which will return this year and various things for the Festive Weekend in December that is already planned.