

## FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm held in the Garden Room, Princess Pavilion, Melville Road, Falmouth.

Present: Councillors S D Eva (Town Mayor), K J Edwards (Deputy Mayor), D E Clegg, L D Coley, D V Evans BEM, A J Jewell CC, J S Kirkham CC, B M A Ross, A J Rowe, D W Saunby CC, E E Seiler, J M Spargo and Z Young.

In Attendance:	A M Williams	(Town Clerk)
	R J Gates	(Town Manager)
	A Medlin	(Facilities Manager)
	A Botha	(Venue & Events Manager, Princess Pavilion)
	V Love	(Marketing Executive, Town Team)
	Councillor L Magowan	(Cornwall Council –Arwenack ED)
	PC M Cummins	(Falmouth Police)
	Canon B Stuart-White	(Mayor’s Chaplain)

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

### **C5551 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (Covid isolating), G F Evans (ill) and Robinson (family illness).

### **C5552 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

### **C5553 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Eva seconded by Councillor Edwards and

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **C5554 TOWN MAYOR’S REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported on recent civic events including Christmas activities. He was pleased that the Covid Vaccination Centre had been established on The Moor and reported correspondence from the Government thanking the Council and Falmouth for assisting the hosting of the G7 Conference in 2021.

### **C5555 DEPUTY MAYOR’S REPORT**

The Deputy Mayor updated on her civic attendances, outreach and planning work with local schools, public art murals, the Falmouth Together Project and her case work including many housing issues. She had also met with the Twinning Association.

### **C5556 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

### **C5557 APPOINTMENTS**

The Council's new staff appointments introduced themselves and updated the Council.

Andy Medlin as the Council's Facilities Manager would review the council's facilities management requirements, looking at premises and conditions assessments. Working with users he would create 5-year programmes of work with identified priorities and manage the facilities team.

Aidan Botha as the Council's Venue and Events Manager, Princess Pavilion, would evaluate the trial arrangements for the venue and inform business case recommendations to the Council to take the venue forward and to provide operational management.

Vicky Love as the Council's Marketing Executive in the Town Team, as well as destination and social media management would be helping to deliver town events.

### **C5558 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

### **C5559 POLICE REPORT**

PC Cummins provided an update on the work of the Falmouth Community Team, that had been hampered operationally by Covid infections, and responded to members questions.

### **C5560 FIRE RESCUE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICE REPORT**

The Fire Rescue and Community Safety Service Report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

### **C5561 COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER'S REPORT**

None received.

### **C5562 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

#### Penwerris

Councillor Kirkham updated on the provision of local Covid vaccination centres. As well as a proliferation of housing issues, with Cornwall Housing voids taking a long time to let. She was hoping Cornwall Council would assist an increase in social housing provision. Staff cutbacks of £18million by Cornwall Council would affect the localism service and therefore town and parish councils. Service cutbacks of £55million were also proposed.

#### Trescobeas and Budock

Councillor Saunby had identified an error on Cornwall Council's tax-base that that would reduce the Town Council's precept call increase. The Mayor thanked Councillor Saunby for that. Further he also reported Cornwall Housing allocations and renovations issues which were exacerbating the current housing crisis locally.

#### Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported sewage pollution at Maenporth Beach and new road surfacing proposals there. He had also assisted the Friends of Tregoniggie Woods with storage provision.

Arwenack

Councillor Magowan updated on his community chest spend. He had met with Cornwall Council enforcement regarding beaches, parking, and other matters. The Community Network Panel would shortly be considering priority highway schemes. He answered questions regarding planning enforcement matters..

**C5563 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 was presented by Councillor Ross, Vice Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Committee dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 was presented by Councillor Saunby, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Committee dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 was presented by Councillor Saunby, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Committee dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be approved.

**C5564 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS – OCEAN RECOVERY  
DECLARATION**

Councillor Edwards reported that the Council should declare that as it was renowned globally as the UK's maritime gateway to the world, in Falmouth the ocean is at the heart of our economy and the health and wellbeing of our community. There is great opportunity in the development of a sustainable, equitable and vibrant blue economy that delivers both ocean recovery and local prosperity. We want to attract new investment and innovative, clean technologies to Falmouth. Falmouth Town Council is leading the way in connecting people to the ocean through the development of a Beach Management Group, running community engagement programmes and supporting partners in protecting our waters. We are champions of a sustainable Falmouth Harbour and local fishing industry. We are advocates for good marine management and put these principles into practice through our local partnership projects: the SSI, Climate Working Group, Green Corridor Forum and the Fal & Helford Special Area of Conservation Management Forum, as well as many others. We believe local government at all levels has a responsibility to play its part in delivering ocean recovery.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery. It recognises that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean and the Council pledges to:

1. Report to Full Council within 6 months on the actions and projects that will begin an ocean recovery in Falmouth.
2. Embed Ocean recovery in all strategic decisions, budgets, plans and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly relating to planning, regeneration, skills, and local economy), aligning with climate emergency plans and considering ocean-based climate solutions in our journey to carbon neutrality.
3. Work with partners locally and nationally to deliver increased sustainability in local marine industries and develop a sustainable, equitable and vibrant blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity.
4. Grow Ocean literacy and marine citizenship in the town, including ensuring all pupils have a first-hand experience of the ocean before leaving primary school, including home-schooled children, and promote sustainable and equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences.
5. Create an online portal on the Town Council website as part of our green and blue space information to update on ocean recovery progress, signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges.
6. Call on the Government to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by:
  - a. Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and Natural England have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.

- b. Ensuring coastal communities have a meaningful say in the development of marine policy so that it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes.
- c. Appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities.
- d. And by listening to marine scientific advice, including marine social science, to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:
  - i. Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
  - ii. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, economic growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
  - iii. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
  - iv. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits from ocean management, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing
  - v. Stop plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics, polystyrene food and drink containers, and wet wipes, and by setting standards to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle.

#### **C5565 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT PART I**

The Town Clerk's reported on the Government's refusal to permit virtual meetings for the sector and on updated Covid measures for Council premises and meeting attendance that was duly noted.

#### **C5566 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**

**C5567 COMMITTEE REPORTS – PART II**

The Staffing Committee Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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



## **Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 10/12/22**

### **Covid vaccines**

- We have followed up with another walk-in clinic a few weeks ago and have been pushing for a semi-permanent vaccine clinic using the Atherton Suite for booked and walk-in appointments. At the time of compiling this report it is still being worked on and we have been pushing to see this happen. Once something is confirmed we will of course profile via social media/website and the normal other channels.

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

- There has been another push on Lateral Flow Tests across the town, thanks to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor & Cllr Jayne Kirkham. This is the third such focused distribution with ad-hoc drop-ins for more tests. We are one of the few places in the locality to have kits and we order when available and to keep stocks where possible. Members of the public can still call into our front desk reception on the Moor while stock is available.

### **Festive Weekend**

- This was a great success, and the feedback has been extremely positive, from both businesses and also the local community. There was a great selection of activities taking place across various locations. As with all events there are always tweaks and amends, we would make but it will be taking place again on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- One query that did come up was the snow globe white items that would escape on people's clothing for example and then outside. These are plant-based products and full biodegradable the same as vegetables for example. There will of course be additional measures put in place to inform the public in the future.

### **New Starter- Vicky Love Marketing & Events Executive**

- I am pleased to say that Vicky Love took up the position of Marketing & Events Executive mid-way through December. Vicky is getting stuck into the many projects and initiatives that we undertake.



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# Cornwall Fire, Rescue and Community Safety Service

Falmouth Town Council Report (November to January  
2022)

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to make  
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## Introduction

The data used for compiling this report has solely come from the Cornwall Council Resilient Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service reporting site. The tracker is used as a method of recording the service activities with regard to our Service delivery and core values covering Protection, Prevention and Response.

## Protection

### Site Specific Risk Information – for higher risk premises

The watches completed **4** visits this period.

A SSRI visit is an information gathering exercise where watches collate and check the data held about commercial premises.

Each Watch is now visiting two commercial premises a month gathering risk information, all information is collated and added to Fire Appliance MDT (Mobile Data Terminal)

An example of the sort of premises covered by a SSRI would be a large manufacturing company, or a medium-large hotel.

### Operation Fire Safety Visits – for lower risk premises

With Covid-19 restrictions now being eased all watches have started carrying out low risk visit each watch must completed **2 visits a month** also in addition we will be visiting farms giving fire safety advise.

An OFSV is a brief visit carried out on premises whose risk is deemed to be more generic. The aims are to identify the use and occupier of the building, and to inform and advise the occupier of their legal responsibility to protect from the risk of fire in line with the Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order 2005.

## Prevention

### Home Fire Safety Checks

During this quarter, crews carried out **30 HFSCs**.

This is a free service we offer to all residents, be they homeowners or tenants. The crew base their advice around a booklet entitled Fire Safety in the Home, but tailor the information specifically to the hazards identified during their visit. The crew also carry free smoke detectors to fit if appropriate.

Activity has been limited due to COVID 19 restrictions; however, visits have been focussed on high-risk referrals made from our central support team along with local requests from members of the public.

## Community Engagement

With the current Covid situation Community Engagement has been a bit low-

Currently all watches are working towards a community garden/allotment, which is being built on station, hopefully ready by the spring more information will follow.

Santa's drive through took place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December raising money for local charities in total we raised £400.

Watches are now starting to plan for this year's Community Engagement projects.

## Response

The following list summarises only the types of incidents we attended during this period:

Summary	November	December	January		
Fire	9	24	2		
False Alarm	13	15	3		
Special Service	6	17	2		
Grand Total	27	56	7		

During this period incidents were divided 53.33% Day and 46.67% Night.


January stats not completed only until 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.


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