

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held virtually by Zoom on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors S D Eva (Town Mayor), P A Minson (Deputy Mayor), R J Bonney, G G Chappel BEM, G F Evans CC MBE, A J Jewell CC, R J O'Shea, A Parker, J C Robinson, B M A Ross, D W Saunby CC, and J M Spargo.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R J Gates (Town Manager)
Councillor J Kirkham (Cornwall Council – Smithick Electoral Division)
PC M Cummins (Falmouth Police)
Rev W Stuart-White (Mayor's Chaplain)

PRAYERS

Prior to the commencement of the meeting prayers were said by the Mayor's Chaplain.

C5388 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Coley (family matter), Gillett (family matter) and Morgan (ill).

C5389 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

C5390 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Councillors Morgan and Saunby being recorded as having voted against the resolution at C5386 and Councillor Jewell recorded as having abstained.

C5391 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town Manager presented the Town Management Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. Further he provided detail of the G7 2021 event and that Falmouth would host the media centre.

C5392 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor updated the Council on Covid measures and the rapid escalation of restrictions. He was meeting regularly with the Town Clerk and Management Team to review service delivery. He had also met with both Falmouth University and Exeter University in Cornwall and commended the measures they had implemented regarding infection control and remote learning and student support. Event planning was underway, and the Council team would be stretched by the large delivery programme for 2021. He had also met with and welcomed Miles Carden the incoming Chief Executive of Falmouth Harbour Commissioners. Also, he had passed on the Council's best wishes to Macebearer Terry Pond and his family who was ill.

C5393 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

C5394 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C5395 POLICE REPORT

PC Cummins presented the Community Police Report that was duly noted. He advised that the G7 summit security arrangements would not impact upon community policing. The local control strategy continued to be worked on and as previously reported to the Council. Safeguarding and engagement continued to be priority. Falmouth had recently suffered from a spate of criminal damage and he was working with the Council's officers on that. He also updated on the Helston and Falmouth Crime Team. He responded to questions and advised of Police powers in regard to social distancing.

C5396 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FIRE REPORT

No report.

C5397 COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER'S REPORT

No Report

C5398 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Arwenack

Councillor Evans updated on several planning applications that were being considered.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell updated on Cornwall Council's Councillor Allowance consideration. The Manor Place planning application had been dismissed at appeal. He reported anti-social behaviour and non-observance of social distancing and lockdown restrictions at Maenporth Beach.

Smithick

Councillor Kirkham reported on forthcoming Cornwall Council meetings. It would be considering its budget in February which would be to the 5% increase cap (3% for Social Care). She reported upon Covid vaccine roll-out and the second-hand IT appeal for local schools.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported on roof works at Tregonnigie Industrial Estate which would displace some tenants. He provided an update on the cycle-path proposal at Tregonnigie Woods.

Penwerris

No report. The Mayor advised that Councillor McCarthy had recovered from illness and would be resuming representing his electoral division until the end of the municipal year.

C5399 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 11th January 2021 was presented by Councillor O'Shea, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Ross and

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 11th January 2021 be approved.

The Planning Committee Part Report dated 14th December 2020 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 14th December 2020 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 10th December 2020 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 10th December 2020 be approved.

C5400 FAIRTRADE FALMOUTH

The Fairtrade Report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C5401 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – PART I

The Town Clerk provided updates on the following: Graffiti and Antisocial behaviour; liaison with Falmouth and Exeter Universities; Local Government Elections; A30 Road Carland Cross to Chiverton Cross improvements; and Schedule of meetings. Further:

1. Public Space Protection Order – Gyllyngvase Beach

The Council's Environmental and Education Officers had collated the necessary evidence to progress this matter.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Parker and

RESOLVED that application be made to Cornwall Council for a Public Space Protection Order for Gyllyngvase Beach (antisocial behaviour and open fires) and underwritten by the Town Council.

2. Services

The Council continued to experience antisocial behaviour and poor user behaviours in the delivery of its services during the Covid lockdown, particularly in regard to public toilets and play areas. Additional safeguarding measures had been implemented for the Environmental Education and Enforcement Officers who would focus now on the Town Council's sites and their safe use. The report was noted and that the Officers be thanked for their work during Covid restrictions regime.

C5402 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor O'Shea 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.

C5403 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – PART II

The Mayor requested that the Town Clerk provide an update on the transfer of Princess Pavilion. Councillors also requested an update on public sector borrowing provisions. The report was duly noted.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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



FALMOUTH

the spirit of the sea

Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 18/01/21

Happy New Year!

Positive Engagement Plan/Grants

A big piece of work starting off 2021 is looking into what grants are available for businesses. This is changing almost daily at the moment due to Tier 1/Tier 2/Tier 3 and then lockdown all within the space of approx. ten days. This has made the situation very complicated, but the Town Team are working hard to ensure as soon as the information is available it is sent out to the town. At the time of writing, it is not 100% confirmed but likely to be that most grants will be automatic to businesses thereby saving time and obviously helping.

I have included a detailed breakdown which shows how complicated it is across the various tiers and into lockdown.

Covid Marshals

Linking with above we had Covid Marshals out across the town centre leading up to Christmas and New Year. Due to lockdown and the town centre being very quiet there are large volumes of people out on the seafront/Pendennis Point taking exercise etc. I have asked Cornwall Council to task their Covid Marshals to focus on this area, especially when it is good weather over the weekends.

Christmas activity

As I mentioned on the last report, we planned in the virtual Christmas community event on the 18th Dec and it was a great success. There was a huge selection of community submissions and a big thank you to Emma and Ruth A who worked on this behind the scenes as well as during the evening. We worked closely with the Cornwall Channel and also 3 Deep Aerial. I hope you enjoyed if you managed to catch it.

Shanty Festival

There will be work going on later this month to determine what the options are for the festival and whether it can go ahead in either a physical or virtual format. We will also be discussing with the Falmouth Classics as well. Whilst everything else is going on we have also worked on updating the shanty festival to a word-press format (something which the Town Council in due course will also move to). At the time of compiling this report the site has literally just gone live.

Falmouth Week

Work has also started on this and being the week before Tall Ships there are advantages as well as challenges, but we are progressing planning from the postponed 2020 event.

Tall Ships

Since the last report we have now confirmed the additional dates for the Tall Ships event so it will be Tues 17th -Thurs 19th August. Ships will arrive before the 17th at various times. We have been extremely busy planning this meeting with the other ports, various other planning meetings linking with Falmouth Harbour Commissioners.

Details for grants below:

Mandatory or discretionary	National lockdown; 5 th Nov – 1 st Dec 2020	Tier 1; 2 nd Dec – 25 th Dec 2020	Tier 2; 26 th Dec – 30 th Dec 2020	Tier 3; 31 st Dec 2020 – 4 th Jan 2021	National lockdown; 5 th Jan 2021 – 15 th February
M	LRSG (Closed)				
D	Additional Restrictions Grant				
M	LRSG (Sector)				
D			LRSG (Open)		
M			LRSG (Closed)		
M			Wet-pubs grant		
M				LRSG (Closed)	
M				Closed Business Lockdown payment	

Fairtrade Falmouth Steering Group



Quarterly Report to Town Council Meeting 18th January 2021

Progress to date

This is only our second quarterly report since the first lockdown in March 2020. Apart from attending monthly Fairtrade Southwest meetings on zoom, supporting the FT Nestle campaign, writing a couple of letters about Fairtrade, including one to Lidl with regard to the availability of some of their Fairtrade stock, our group has not been active and in fact we have not met face to face since February 2020.

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February – 7th March 2021

This year Fairtrade will be highlighting the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the Fairtrade community. Fairtrade supporters are urged to 'Choose the World you want' and use your voice to tell others about the challenges that Fairtrade farmers face from climate change.

The Fairtrade Foundation is hosting an online festival, bringing together schools, universities, businesses, supporters, campaigners and farmers from across the world. Their new digital platform for the Fortnight is not yet up and running and dates have not yet been finalised.

Fairtrade Connections Art Festival created by Joanna Pollard from Yorkshire Fairtrade will also be available online during Fairtrade Fortnight. People from the Southwest will be part of the entertainment. Events are free, bookable through Eventbrite, see www.fairtradeyorkshire.org.uk for more information, programme, dates etc. We would really appreciate both Festivals being promoted on the Town Council website and Facebook page too.

Fairtrade Falmouth. Over the past few years our steering group has enjoyed organising events that have enabled us to interact with local people and visitors to our town during Fairtrade Fortnight. As this will not be possible this year, we would like to explore the possibility of having a stall at one of the Town Market days. We would be looking to sell Fairtrade goods and at the same time, share information about Fairtrade and its current aims. We realise this current lockdown may still be in force when Fairtrade Fortnight begins, but if it has ended by then and the town markets are running, we hope the Town Council would support us in the action.

We also have plans to contact local shops and supermarkets with some ideas about how they can help us promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight. And if the town library is accessible to locals during FT Fortnight, we would like to erect a FT display in the foyer as we have done in previous years.

Beyond Fairtrade Fortnight, it is difficult to predict when large gatherings will again be permitted. But when it is possible, we would want to promote Fairtrade again at events like Parklive, Fun Palace etc.

Fairtrade Town accreditation

Our Fairtrade town accreditation application is now not due until September 2021