

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cultural Services Committee held on 7th September 2022 at 6.00 pm in the Falmouth Art Gallery, Municipal Building, The Moor, Falmouth TR11 2RT.

Present: Councillors K E Edwards (Chair), L D Coley, G.W. Chin-Quee, E. Seiler and D V Evans BEM

Also in Attendance: Councillor J Spargo

In Attendance: R Thomas (Responsible Financial Officer – RFO)
R. Gates (Falmouth Town Manager)
N. Rigby (Falmouth Art Gallery)
R. Abraham (Falmouth Town Team – Minutes)

A910 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Young (ill).

A911 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

A912 MINUTES

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

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

A913 FALMOUTH TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

At Full Council the events are covered under the heading of Cultural Services and Events. Falmouth Week and Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival are classed as outside events which are managed by outside organisations and sponsors with some financial and in-kind support from Falmouth Town Council. Falmouth Town Management has an annual budget of £42,000 for contributions to all Town events not to cover actual costs.

i.e.: Sea Shanty Festival costs in the region of £64,000 excluding the marquees etc. to which FTC contributes around £6,000.

FTC contributes between £5,000 to £10,000 towards Falmouth Week, this amount varies on an annual basis depending on sponsorship acquired.

Future planning look at what events the community want to see and adapting of existing events.

Lack of ‘Arts’ in the town but this is being addressed by Falmouth Creates.

Christmas activities are funded by Falmouth Town Council and Falmouth BID. Falmouth Town Council has a match-funding pot for Christmas up to £12,500.

Without FTC financial and in-kind support these community events could not go ahead and without staff involvement would not be covered by FTC insurance. Safety and security requirement costs have increased considerably to ensure the events are managed safely and professionally giving a good visitor experience. FTC does not pay security for areas managed by outside companies ie: marquee for Falmouth Week.

Christmas – out of Event budget but Christmas Lights is a separate budget. Lights energy usage is very low (breakdown of costs to follow) but will be reducing number of daytime hours they are on to reduce usage. Festive Weekend funded by FTC, Falmouth BID and match funding.

A914 CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT

Discussions over Council rebranding – when it was completed and signed off.

Future decisions it must be made clear what is being signed off – principle or detail, a mandate that all detail is clear and everyone is sure what they are agreeing to.

Thank you to Cultural Services for the huge amount of detail given in the report. Signage was signed off a few years ago and will promote both the Gallery and Library. The ‘mock ups’ shown are not what will actually be produced just the principle to move it forward as still has to go through Planning.

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

RESOLVED that the Library are thanked for running the recent ‘Drag’ event which was successful and a brave and bold decision to stage.

Falmouth Art Gallery visitor donations – is there a facility for this? YES, but may be let people know exactly what they are donating to. Location of donation point, this could be moved around to see what works best. Idea for fund raising – sponsor a tile for Kimberley Park lodge roof?

King Arthur Exhibition 17th June 2023

It is noted that FAG will require assistance in marketing this event, possibly employ a freelance PR for marketing this event.

Also

Once Art Gallery Director in post and capacity available get the right people in the room to discuss and move forward including Falmouth Art Gallery / Princess Pavilion and Falmouth Town Team.

Item for next meeting Agenda - decision making reference to support for the Arthur project.

SHORT TERM

Add ‘Arthur Project’ as priority No. 1

Second item off and Princess Pavilion off. (Kirsty to update)

NDP – work in progress

Falmouth Creates include Falmouth Art Gallery (KE to discuss with RW)

MEDIUM TERM

Passmore Edwards Building move to Short Term

LONG TERM

Remain as is.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.30 pm.

Signed: Date:

CULTURAL SERVICES ASPIRATIONS

Short terms aspirations to include:

- A changing places toilet facility be developed.
- Passmore Edwards celebration

- Arthur

Medium Term Aspirations

- Library/ Gallery Layout
- Street art and Murals

Long Term Aspirations

- Redevelopment of Municipal building
- Large Public art instillation POW and Church Street