



FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Grounds, Facilities & Environmental Action Committee

Date 17/03/2025
Time 19:00 -
Location Atherton Suite
Chair D. Clegg
Explanation Dear Councillor
I hereby invite you to attend a meeting of the Grounds, Facilities & Environmental Action Committee to be held in the Atherton Suite on Monday 17th March 2025 at 7.00pm.

The meeting will observe the requirements of the Council's commitment to the Civility and Respect Pledge. That is to treat councillors, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles. Behaviour breaching that commitment will not be tolerated.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

- 1 APOLOGIES**
To receive and approve apologies for absence.
- 2 INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS**
To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded to declare any dispensations granted.
- 3 MINUTES**
To agree the minutes of the meeting dated 15th January 2025. (1-28).
- 4 GROUNDS MANAGER OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**
To receive an overview and update from the Grounds Manager. (29-30).
- 5 FACILITIES MANAGER OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**
To receive an overview and update from the Facilities Manager. (31-39).
- 6 STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**
To receive an overview and update from the Strategic Environmental Officer. (40-42).
- 7 MOTION FOR THE OCEAN**
The Council resolved to make an Ocean Recovery Declaration in January 2022 and an overview of the Motion and progress against that aspiration is attached. (43-46).

Given that and the organizational constraints it is recommended that the Council now adapts its position and continues to recognise that our ocean, waterways, nature and climate are in a state of emergency and that the communities we serve are on the frontline. An ocean in crisis, and likewise rivers in crisis are not only bad news for our climate, but also for our fishing industry, aquaculture industry, tourism industry and for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our coastal communities. Healthy oceans and rivers are essential allies in our fight against climate change and blue carbon could play an integral role in helping us meet our net zero targets.

The Council pledges to:

1. Report to Full Council annually on the actions and projects that contribute to ocean recovery in Falmouth
2. Consider the impact of decisions on the ocean in strategic decisions whenever possible
3. Consider ocean-based climate solutions in our journey to carbon neutrality
4. Support local partners to deliver increased sustainability in local marine environments and consider how to we can contribute to a sustainable, equitable and vibrant blue economy that delivers ocean recovery
5. Grow Ocean literacy and marine citizenship in the town and promote sustainable and equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences
6. Promote activities that relate to ocean recovery progress, signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges.
7. Become active members of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine and Coastal Partnership (hosted by Cornwall Wildlife Trust)
8. Continue to pressure the Government to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Grounds, Facilities and Environmental Action Committee held on 15th January 2025 at 7.15pm at the Atherton Suite, The Old Post Office, The Moor, Falmouth.

Present: Councillors D E Clegg (Chair), D A Konik (Vice-chair), D V Evans BEM, J C Robinson, A Rowe CC, D W Saunby CC, J M Spargo and Z Young

Also present: Councillors L D Coley and T M Pearce

In attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R E Thomas (Responsible Financial Officer)
A Medlin (Facilities Manager)
S Penna (Grounds Manager)
K M Hall (Strategic Environmental Projects Officer)
V Rogers (Administration Officer)

The Chair reminded attendees that the Council had committed to the Civility and Respect Pledge, that is to treat everyone participating in the meeting tonight with civility and respect in their roles. For us respect is treating others with dignity, recognizing boundaries, being non-judgmental and accepting of differences. Behaviour breaching that commitment will not be tolerated. In dealing with the business of the meeting we will adhere to our agenda and the processes set out in our Standing Orders. Please be aware that the meeting is a public one and there may be recordings of your participation.

GFEA160 **APOLOGIES**
None received.

GFEA161 **INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**
None received.

GFEA162 **MINUTES**
Councillor Young requested that it be noted that the failed motion on public conveniences nighttime opening was to investigate sponsorship funding.

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

RESOLVED that the Part I minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the above amendment.

GFEA163 **GROUNDS MANAGER OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**
The Grounds Manager presented his report and Environmental Education and Enforcement Officers' report which were duly noted and form part of these minutes. The Committee thanked the Grounds team for stepping up to cover cemetery operations and recognised Georgia Pollard's achievement shortlisted for Apprentice of the Year Awards.

GFEA164 **FACILITIES MANAGER OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**

The Facilities Manager presented his report which was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

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

RESOLVED that any refurbishment of Gyllyngvase Toilets be deferred until a comprehensive strategic review of the site is completed with related freehold transfer timelines from Cornwall Council. The Finance and General Purposes Committee be recommended to progress the freehold transfer of the site outside of the Devo4 request.

GFEA165 **STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS OFFICER OVERVIEW AND UPDATE**

The Strategic Environmental Projects Officer's presented her report which was duly noted and is attached as part of these minutes. In response to questions she updated on the new waste management requirements from 1st April 2025.

GFEA166 **2025/26 BUDGET**

The Responsible Financial Officer responded to members questions.

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

RESOLVED that the draft budget for the Grounds services be agreed as set out.

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

RESOLVED that the draft budget for the Facilities services be agreed as set out.

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

RESOLVED that the incoming Council administration in May 2025 be recommended to prioritise the development of future strategy for the provision of public toilets by the Council.

GFEA167 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of contractual matters, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

GROUND, FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

PART II MINUTES
15TH JANUARY 2025

GFEA168 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Part II minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

There being no further business to transact the Chair closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Signed Dated.....

Grounds Report 15th January 2025

Storm Darragh: over a dozen trees down over various areas clean up recently completed.

We have a reasonably good stock of trees to plant as replacements.

Street weed treatment: looking to start in February, weather dependant.

Skatepark: x4 bench bases going in during January for donated benches, 2 benches ready and x2 to follow. Phase 3 works ready for tender, no funds held though.

Treluswell: Currently pricing a good project we have coming up to landscape opposite the filling station.

Training: Organising the team's training needs for the coming year is next on the list.

Staff: Patrick working towards botanical garden status for Gyllyngdune Gardens.

Georgia has been entered for apprentice of the year, she'll be attending the awards with her Mum 7th Feb at Eden.

Jack currently covering cemetery operations.

Team backfill covering Jack.

Environmental Education & Enforcement Officers Report – 15th January 2025

Here is what we have been focusing on above our normal duties/Patrols;

Stand at Career Fair at Falmouth Marine School

Falmouth School

- Week long daily presentations at Assemblies on ASB in our Parks and Green Spaces/PWP.
- Year 7 Work Party in Tregoniggy Woods- Litter Pick, Pond Dipping, Water Testing, engagement.
- Starting organising a Spring Stomp for April through the green corridor

Supporting Christmas Lights Switch on

Homelessness

- Removal of two camps
- Continuing engagement with rising issues
- Supported moving on vans from unfavourable locations.

Refuse and Recycling

- New bin awareness information sharing
- Supporting locals through transitional issues

ASB

- Continuing to gather information on a number of issues and sharing these with the Local Policing Team. May be called to court on a number of issues. Lots of paper work here.

Smoke Free Parks Meeting- Asked about the possibility of creating a smoke free zone in Kimberly Park.

Tessa & Eamonn

Grounds, Facilities & Environment Committee

15th January 2025

Facilities Manager Update:

1. Re-Source Project : Kimberley Park Lodge

Construction works have continued in the period including timber structures for the two flat roofs which incorporated boarding for the insulation in readiness for the flat roofing contractor to commence activity in January. Other works included completion of secondary blockwork to high level windows in readiness for the timber frame system in that area. Key milestones for January will include completion of all roof coverings and installation of windows. Project remains on programme and budget. Electrical first fix specification is under review with Source FM ensuring that the electrical installation design aligns with user expectation and system compatibility. Our further funding application (£53k) to the Good Growth : SPF Year 4 continuation was unsuccessful as funds were limited to existing projects. Arts Council Supporting Grass Roots Music application was submitted on the 3rd December (£43k) for further training budget related to the recording studio. Decision relating to this application is anticipated in February.
(Site progress photos are attached)

2. Municipal Building : Improvement Works

The original planning decision date (26th December) has been extended in order for further reviews of the proposed parapet leadwork detail to be agreed with the Architect (Historic England) and the Conservation Officer. The revised decision date is 31st January. It is likely that further conditions will be attached to the consent which will require site reviews once scaffold is in place (mortar samples). Conversations and correspondence with the Conservation Officer are ongoing and remain positive. The damp monitoring regime to analyse water ingress in the F/F office area is ongoing and is now supported with thermal camera surveys to establish causes of general deterioration in the render and stonework as well as internal humidity levels. The results of this analysis will detail the required refurbishment specification of this room which following related works will enable reoccupation and a baseline for further extensive building repairs.

3. Princess Pavilion

Community Ownership Funding (£238k) works programme:

Solar panel installation – completed in December

Low Carbon Heating Solution – heat pump installation commences 6th January.

Garden room floor refurbishment – commences January

Replacement entrance doors to garden room – commences mid February.

Sound – mixing console specified.

Lighting – enhanced scheme specified.

4. Gyllyngvase Toilets – Gender separation option appraisal

RTP Surveyors carried out a review of the potential alterations required in order to provide separate single sex provision within the existing premises. (Report attached 16.12.24)

The option to separate by internal partition the current arrangements is possible and “does not make such provision no less satisfactory than before the works are carried out.”.

Proposed internal reconfiguration works towards achievement of Building Regulations 2010 / Part T Approved Document (ADT) Plan C.

Considerations related to the progression of works:

Pros:

- Revised layout ensures privacy of female users and supports some views relating to safety whilst using wash facilities.
- Provides compliance towards Part T Approved Document (ADT) although not ideal for modern facilities of the size and scope needed in this location
- Provides interim solution prior to further strategic site facility plan.

Cons:

- Budgetary exposure (circa £45k) not currently identified in draft budget as significant service requirement.
- Male toilet provision reduced to 1 No urinal / 2 No cubicles for beach users. This will present significant issues in peak summer (queues / dissatisfaction)
- No gender neutral option. Change of disabled unit to incorporate this may also marginalise disabled users and potentially limit availability.

The Council has further received a related informal approach from Gyllyngvase Surf Life Saving Club who currently share the premises and are aware of the increased usage requirements of the site.

The enquiry relates to a proposal to progress a re-design / development of the current building in order to provide increased capacity for the club as well as designed increased and compliant toilet provision for FTC. Discussions are at an early stage but the club are keen to progress an initial conceptual proposal for committee review. Opportunities relating to grant funding will also form part of the proposal based upon the club’s charitable status.

The increasing year round beach activity and related community expectations will be key factors in ensuring that the building is fit for purpose for future years to come.

It is proposed that the decision on any interim refurbishment of the toilets is deferred until a comprehensive strategic review of the site is completed with related freehold transfer timelines from CC.

5. Pendennis Car Park

A formal application has been registered for Scheduled Monument Consent to Historic England for the resurfacing of the lower car park with Environpave environmentally recycled sustainable parking pavers. Approval is anticipated in late January with works progressing in late February with the successful surfacing contractor (CORMAC).

Re-Source Project : Progress December









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17 December 2024

Dear Mr Medlin

Re: Public Conveniences at Gyllyngvase Beach, Falmouth, Cornwall – Review of potential alterations for compliance with Building Regulations single-sex provision

I refer to the above and my inspection of the property on 16 December.

The purpose of examination/inspection was to review the existing provision and configuration of the current universal toilet provision and offer advice on the feasibility of potential alterations to achieve compliant single-sex facilities. This advice is given for temporary solutions to the existing public dissatisfaction with the combined facilities and in the context of longer-term plans to convert or develop the spaces with adjacent occupiers (this would consider new facilities).

DESCRIPTION

The accommodation comprises a single storey building with one accessible WC near the existing main entrance, 10 No. universal toilet cubicles and a shared wash-hand-basin space with two wash/dry units. The South-West part of the building has been allocated to Gylly SLCS (surfing club) for their onward use. This is separated from the existing public toilet space.

CONSTRUCTION

The building is of rendered masonry external walls, with a tiled pitched roof on timber trusses.

LIMITATIONS OF INSPECTION

We have only inspected the property for the purposes of examination of the feasibility of potential single-sex facilities provision. No services details or testing information or asbestos reports have been provided at this outline stage. For detailed design, such input would be required in order to develop designed solutions and seek appropriate Planning and Building Control Approvals.



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This report does not consider the detailed condition of any element of the building, nor the appliances contained within it. No consideration of the utilities or services has been undertaken. Any lack of comment about the condition of any part of the building or facilities should not be taken as approval of what is there, but merely an indication of the key focus being to enable single-sex facilities, as opposed to shared toilets.

FINDINGS

The Building Regulations 2010 had a new Part T Approved Document (ADT) published during 2024. This gives guidance on requirements for toilet accommodation in non-domestic buildings. One of the main requirements is that any alterations in existing buildings should not make such provision no less satisfactory than before the works are carried out. One of the key principles is that where fully enclosed universal toilets are provided, hand washing should not be in shared spaces, but instead in either single-sex spaces or in the individual toilet cubicles.

The existing provision at Gyllyngvase Beach does not comply with these requirements. Currently, the wash-hand basin area is a shared space and not single-sex. There are two wash and dry units in this space and little opportunity to separate them into two single-sex spaces without losing comfortable space around each unit and access to the window in this area.

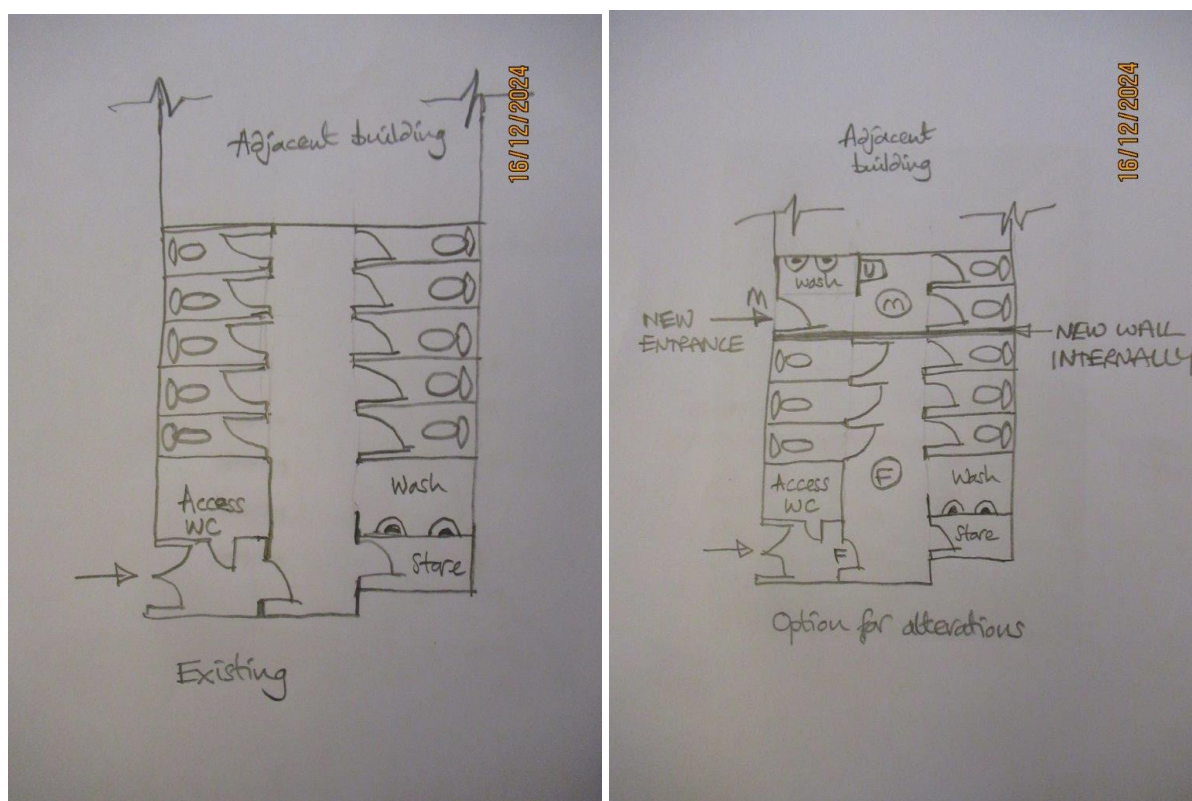
The current universal cubicles have a usable space of 950mm by 1600mm. This does not mean current requirements for universal toilets, which in ADT could be either plan A at 985mm by 2125mm or a plan B arrangement in a cubicle of 1050mm by 1685mm. Both of these options usually incorporate wash-hand-basins and drying facilities in each cubicle, to enable privacy.

The current cubicles could meet one of the single-sex arrangements in ADT, for plan C at 920mm by 1465mm with a 750mm door (without hand washing facilities). The plan D option would not be possible as the cubicles are not long enough. Plan C specification is for ambulant single-sex toilet cubicles, as long as appliances such as grab rails are also provided (ADT details the equipment required). However, for ambulant access, the door would usually be outward opening, and the current doors open inwards. The current provision in each cubicle therefore falls short of the minimum column of clearance needed for ease of access between the leading edge of the toilet seat and the door. Doors could be re-hung to open outwards to resolve this, as long as care was taken to stagger the doors (to avoid clashing in the corridor) or the doors could be made narrower for some cubicles so that these were 650mm inward opening and therefore more in line with standard single-sex cubicles (Type D). This would be a compromise and not full compliance. In the female section of the facilities, it may be best to have some retained as inward opening with smaller doors to 3 No. cubicles, with those opposite being more reflective of an ambulant design with outward opening doors in the current size.

In order to achieve single-sex compliance, or work towards that, separate entrances would be needed for male and female. If the existing Public Convenience entrance were retained at the North-East corner of the building, and the internal door after the accessible toilet re-used as a female entrance, then a new opening would be needed at the other end of the facilities to enable a male entrance to be introduced. This could be introduced at the South-West end of the building, where the last two beach-facing toilet cubicles would need to be removed,

and a new entrance lobby created. A full height dividing wall between male and female facilities would be needed in line with the new entrance lobby. With careful screen positioning internally, the two rear toilet cubicles could be retained in the male section and a small hand wash area and a urinal placed behind the screen, still allowing space to enter the cubicles. There is not sufficient space to include two urinals, allow 800mm between them, with screens, and then enable a wash-hand area to be installed. The two male cubicles would need to have their inward opening doors retained, in order to avoid clashes with those using the new lobby and wash-hand area. This is not a model solution, as an ambulant facility should ideally be provided. The female facilities would then incorporate 6 No. toilet cubicles and the current wash-hand space (which has two wash/dry units) and if half of the female toilets met ambulant needs this would be a good improvement.

An outline sketch of the existing and potential new configuration could be as follows:



It must be noted that the existing condition of facilities was not reviewed in detail as part of this work (being outside of the brief), but the photographic records show worn finishes internally and broken/missing vents in the window units. Allowance for replacement of vents and repair of finishes should be addressed if funds permit during the alteration works.

CONCLUSION

The above review has not included Part M of the Building Regulations, as no access was available to enter into the accessible WC. This needs to be reviewed along with any other alterations and improvements, such as baby changing facilities and changing places. There does not appear to be space within the current building to enable these to be provided, and therefore extensions or modern new facilities, would enable these additional requirements to be addressed.

As part of the above alteration option, the following works would need to be included in any budgeting, as well as repairs of existing appliances and finishes:

- Refurbishment Asbestos Survey
- Services and drainage tests/certification
- Construction of new internal separating wall (to divide male and female facilities)
- Removal of 2 No. toilets, and cubicle walls/fittings, including adjustments to plumbing and drainage
- Supply and fitting of 2 No. wash and dry units, including water supplies and drainage
- Supply and fitting of 1 No. urinal, including water supply and drainage
- Creation of opening in external wall (for the male entrance)
- Supply and fit new external door and internal screen
- Adjustments to female cubicle doors (re-hanging 3 No.)
- Supply and fit additional grab rails and equipment for ambulant access needs in 3 No. female cubicles
- Supply and fit 3 No. smaller cubicle doors in female space
- Improvements to accessible toilet provision
- Supply and fit new signage.

Whilst an accurate assessment of cost cannot be made without additional information, a budget estimate could be given for the above works in the region of £35,000 to £45,000 plus VAT. A more certain costing could be obtained from seeking quotes from builders, following some clarification on specification details and water/drainage runs.

In order to progress the design of the alterations, due consideration would be needed for Planning requirements (this is in a Conservation Area), as well as formal compliance with Building Regulations via Applications to Cornwall Council. RTP would be pleased to assist with this work and can provide a fee proposal upon request.

THIRD PARTIES

The contents of this report are strictly confidential to Mr Andy Medlin, Falmouth Town Council and their legal advisers, and for their use only.

No liability whatsoever can be accepted to any Third Party for any information, advice or opinions contained herein.

Yours sincerely



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February 2025 – Strategic Environmental Projects
Report for Grounds, Facilities & Environmental Action Committee

Focus	Action taken	Next steps
Community Environmental Projects/ initiatives	Marine and Coastal Partnership Conference attended on 19 November. Falmouth School working with EEOs to keep up impetus around litter.	Marine wildlife interpretation panel to be installed at Pendennis Point. Falmouth School ‘Stomp’ to be arranged for April 2 nd along Green Corridor
Carbon Reduction	Princess Pavilion (COF) –Solar installation completed on in Dec 2024. Passmore Edwards Municipal Building – planning application submitted. Total cost c. £2million. Delivery dependent on funding being secured. DECs completed for Municipal Building (B) and OPO (C). CEP assessment of PP identified further carbon saving potential. Further discussions required.	Low carbon installation to be completed before 22 March 2025 at PP. Alternative funding mechanism to be identified for PE Municipal Building. Plan is to continue replacing florescent lights with LED throughout the library as funds allow. Second section of children’s library is next in line.
Events	Recycling Roadshow event held at library on 9 Dec. Climate Emergency Event held at Atherton Suite on 30 Nov attended by 70 people.	Falmouth & Penryn CAP Marketplace Event on Tuesday, 28th January at 6:30 – 8.30pm
Water	SWW monthly update meetings set up with SEPO. Website with details of works Falmouth Sewer Improvement Scheme (southwestwater.co.uk) . SWW presented latest plans to full council on Dec 9 th	Estimates to be sought for rainwater harvesting at PP for 2025/26 budget Consider replacing push taps at toilets with water fountains to reduce water consumption
Community Engagement	SEPO attends Fal Energy Partnership and VSF Climate & Environment Alliance monthly meetings. SEPO attends Fal/Helford SAC meetings quarterly.	
Ocean Recovery	Declaration made in Jan 2022. Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine and Coastal Partnership prepared Marine Nature Recovery Opportunities for the Fal and Helford.	SEPO to attend quarterly meetings of CIOs Marine and Coastal Partnership. 4 x ‘We are the Ocean’ banners to be installed

Focus	Action taken	Next steps
	2 x 'We are the Ocean' banners installed at Grove Place.	at Grove Place on Falmouth Harbour building. 'We are the Ocean' celebration with King Charles School to be arranged
Communication	Town Council received Judge's Commendation in the Cornwall Sustainability Awards in December. Home - Cornwall Sustainability Awards Also we are finalists in NALC Awards	Award ceremony for NALC in February to receive results
Other	Yellow rattle sown at Victorian Cemetery to trial reduction in grass growth to promote wildflowers. Emergency plan (incorporating flood plan)	Communication to encourage residents to be aware of resilience methodologies Cornwall – BeFloodReady What you can do - Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Local Resilience Forum Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK Fairtrade Town signage to be prepared and installed
Recycling	CC roadshow held at Library on 9 Dec. Meeting held with unis to assist comms about changes with students. Small electricals recycling box being trialed at Falmouth Library. New legislation 'Simpler recycling' comes into effect from April 2025.	New waste service roll out to mid West area 5 (2025) has been confirmed for March 2025. Work with CC to promote. Implement Simpler recycling requirements across council by April 2025
Budget	£5,000 allocated in 2024/25 budget; £1,400 spent on rainwater harvesting tank survey at PP £800 committed to Library LED replacement £50 expenses	

Decisions requested from **Grounds, Facilities & Environmental Action Committee;**

Prepared by Karen Hall, Strategic Environmental Projects Officer

We are the ocean banner installation on Changing Places toilet wall





Environmental progress in 2024

Falmouth Town Council has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030, in line with Cornwall Council’s sustainability targets. Our holistic approach encompasses energy efficiency, waste management, water conservation, ocean recovery and community engagement. Through these initiatives, we strive to reduce our carbon footprint and inspire both residents and businesses to embrace sustainable practices.



We were recognised in the Cornwall Sustainability Awards in December with a Judge’s Commendation in the most sustainable organisation – large category. The Council is also a finalist in the NALC awards for Climate Response category.

Decarbonisation:

We published the second Carbon Audit which forms the backbone of the Decarbonisation Strategy which was adopted by Full Council in June.



We have made significant strides in reducing energy consumption, enhancing energy efficiency, and generating power from renewable sources. Our initiatives in 2024 included:

- Installing solar panels at the Princess Pavilion
- Commissioning low-carbon heating installation at Princess Pavilion (installation in Jan 2025)
- Purchasing an all-electric lawn mower for our gardening team
- Initiating a rolling programme to upgrade library lighting to LED
- Implementing timed switch-off mechanisms for lights and electrical appliances
- Transitioning Falmouth Town Council's energy supply to 100% renewable energy
- Conducting a decarbonisation feasibility study for our Passmore Edwards Municipal building
- Introducing a bike-to-work scheme for employees
- Our Procurement Policy includes reference to our consideration of location as part of the bidding process

Waste:



- Partnering with South West Bars, our event supplier, to develop a sustainability policy for events, including Falmouth Week, focusing on food, waste management, and energy efficiency.
- Organising 'Love Where You Live' litter picks, engaging over 90 participants, including local secondary school students, to connect waste management with environmental health.

- Encouraging community groups to recruit volunteers through our local website, 'Love Falmouth Volunteer,' which has successfully brought new volunteers to several environmental organisations.
- The monthly Falmouth & Penryn Repair Café is run out of one of our buildings – the Princess Pavilion

Water:

**Falmouth
Accelerated
Programme**

Storm Overflow Reduction

Charlie Ford – Project Manager
Kathy Merton – Regulatory Programme Manager
Mark Wright - Director of Mobilisation

South West
Water

- Continued to engage with South West Water around their plans for the reduction in spills across Falmouth by 2028
- Investigating the reinstatement of a non-operational stormwater tank at the Princess Pavilion.

Biodiversity:



- Managing natural habitats in the Victorian Cemetery and Pendennis headland to conserve, and promote biodiversity
- Replacing traditional shrubs with wildlife-friendly plants in three borders of the new Falmouth cemetery
- Yellow rattle trial on small section in the Victorian Cemetery working with volunteer group
- Engaged with Nature Recovery team at Cornwall Council and will monitor impact of the new 30 by 30 strategy

Ocean Recovery



- Installed 'We are the Ocean' banners at Grove Place in conjunction with University of Exeter's worldwide campaign 'We are the possible'
- Funding for interpretation panels at Falmouth Harbour to celebrate new marine habitats
- Securing external funding for MarketSetBot race markers for the POFSA sailing event during Falmouth Week reducing the impact on our seabed

Community Participation:



- A Carbon Reduction event organised by the Rotary Club, subsidised by the council, which showcased strategies for reducing energy consumption
- A "Green Week" at our Municipal Building featuring 11 sessions led by local groups on sustainable living topics, including fair trade and energy-saving tips
- Facilitating partnerships with local organisations to create volunteering opportunities via our Volunteer portal
- Hands-on projects for students from Falmouth Marine School, including pond clearance at Kimberley Park and a partnership with Cornwall Wildlife Trust to manage Swanvale Nature Reserve.

		Budget	Forecast	Adjustment/Inclusion		Proposed	NOTES
		2024/25	2024/25	2025/26		2025/26	
		C5823	From October	Budget changes	Project Movement		
CEMETERIES	EXPENDITURE						
Operational	Stationery/Phones/Office expenses/Insurance	3,000.00	2,268.00	- 500.00	-	2,500.00	Slight Reduction - reflect projection
	Repairs/Replacements	3,000.00	3,002.00	100.00	-	3,100.00	Slight Increase - inflation
	Trees/Tree Surgery	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	-	3,500.00	
	Electricity	7,500.00	6,651.00	-	-	7,500.00	
	Rates/Water/Council Tax	15,500.00	15,867.00	1,500.00	-	17,000.00	Slight Increase - inflation
	Dog Notices/Bins	500.00	500.00	-	-	500.00	
	Building and Infrastructure Repairs	5,000.00	4,878.00	10,500.00	-	15,500.00	Slight Increase - inflation
	Grounds Maintenance	4,400.00	15,647.00	5,000.00	-	9,400.00	Increased potential operational support
	Miscellaneous	10,000.00	13,712.00	2,000.00	-	12,000.00	Increase to reflect projection
	Cemetery and Burial Project Work	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	reduced no works planned
	New site misc	2,000.00	-	-	-	2,000.00	reduced no works planned
	CAPITAL						
	New Cemetery Site		-	-	-	-	
	Other Capital inc plant	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	
	INCOME						
	Cemetery Fees	39,000.00	38,331.00	-	-	39,000.00	retained
							18,600.00
							83%
CEMETERIES	EXPENDITURE						
Other	General Site Works	1,050.00	-	- 550.00	-	500.00	
	Repairs and Project works	1,050.00	10,000.00	- 550.00	-	500.00	
	CAPITAL						
	Contribution to potential further works	-	-	-	-	-	
	INCOME						
	Cemetery J&C		7,575.00	-	-	-	
							1,100.00
GROUNDS	EXPENDITURE						
	Salaries	381,731.35	388,876.00	65,914.65		447,646.00	Increased - NI/Budget move to corporate KH/recruitment and app uplift
	PPE and workwear	5,500.00	2,674.00	- 1,000.00		4,500.00	slight reduction
	Plant and Vehicle Costs	12,500.00	13,881.00	2,000.00		14,500.00	increased
	Materials and Supplies - general	5,250.00	4,902.00			5,250.00	
	Equipment - under £300	3,500.00	3,685.00			3,500.00	
	Repairs and Renewals	3,500.00	2,593.00			3,500.00	
	Misc. - licenses and on costs	4,400.00	4,570.00			4,400.00	
	Falmouth Spring Flower Show	1,500.00	1,500.00		-	1,500.00	
	Contractor Costs	387.95	1,304.00	2,000.05		2,388.00	
	CAPITAL						
	Plant and Machinery	3,000.00	8,714.00			3,000.00	
	INCOME						
	Sponsorship/services and Misc	22,000.00	27,190.00	- 13,000.00		9,000.00	Reduced as recharge income moved to toilets
							81,914.70
							21%
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	EXPENDITURE						
GYLLYNGDUNE	Plants/bedding and GM works	13,000.00	8,441.00	- 4,000.00	-	9,000.00	reduced to reflect projection
	Signage and other site matters	2,000.00	1,936.00		-	2,000.00	
	Tree Surgery/Forestry Survey	3,000.00	744.00		-	3,000.00	retained to enable works
	Property Maintenance / R&R and Other	1,000.00	1,000.00		-	1,000.00	
	Utilities EGT	-	-		-	-	
	Project Works inc play repairs	1,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	-	6,000.00	repairs of play equipment
	Falmouth Spring Flower Show						
	Capital Project works	-	-	-	-	-	
	INCOME						
	Donations	-	-			-	
	Plant Sales and Misc	6,500.00	4,317.00	-	-	6,500.00	
							1,000.00
							7%
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	EXPENDITURE						
TRESCOBEAS	Forestry/Drainage	1,000.00	1,000.00		-	1,000.00	
	Equipment/Insurance/Misc	1,500.00	1,332.00		-	1,500.00	
	Maintenance	1,500.00	2,918.00	1,500.00	-	3,000.00	

FACILITIES	EXPENDITURE	Budget	Forecast	Adjustment/Inclusion		Proposed	NOTES	
		2024/25	2024/25	2025/26		2025/26		
		C5823	From October	Budget	Project			
	Salaries	266,586.15	258,027.00	-	11,739.15		254,847.00	Staff retirement/NI and operational requirements
	PPE and workwear	3,500.00	2,561.00	-			3,500.00	
	Plant and Vehicle Costs	6,500.00	6,265.00	-			6,500.00	
	Materials and Supplies - general	2,700.00	2,641.00	-			2,700.00	
	Equipment - under £300	3,000.00	3,514.00		1,000.00		4,000.00	
	Repairs and Renewals	2,000.00	1,350.00				2,000.00	
	Misc. - licenses and on costs	1,250.00	4,006.00		3,000.00		4,250.00	
	Contractor Costs	-	937.00		2,000.00		2,000.00	
		285,536.15	279,301.00	-	1,016.15	-	279,797.00	
	CAPITAL							
	Plant and Machinery	3,000.00	3,000.00				3,000.00	
		3,000.00	3,000.00	-	-	-	3,000.00	
	INCOME							
	Sponsorship/services and Misc	-	-				-	
	TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		288,536.15	282,301.00	-	1,016.15	-	282,797.00	5,739.15

Cost Centre Increase -2%

BUILDINGS	EXPENDITURE	Budget	Forecast	Adjustment/Inclusion		Proposed	NOTES	
		2024/25	2024/25	2025/26		2025/26		
		C5823	From October	Budget	Project			
Municipal	Repairs & Renewals	40,000.00	39,003.00		-		40,000.00	
	Cleaning Costs - contract and other	33,000.00	38,935.00		7,000.00		40,000.00	uplift for inflation
	Business/Water Rates	30,000.00	28,560.00				30,000.00	
	Utilities - E and G	33,000.00	26,623.00	-	3,000.00		30,000.00	slight reduction re projection
	Alarm and Amplification System	4,000.00	6,253.00		2,000.00		6,000.00	uplift for inflation and to reflect projection
	Consumables and misc. (inc telephone)	2,100.00	6,065.00		4,000.00		6,100.00	uplift for inflation and to reflect projection
	CCTV and Security	4,500.00	-	-	2,000.00		2,500.00	
		146,600.00	145,439.00	8,000.00	-	-	154,600.00	
	CAPITAL							
	MNB Capital works	30,000.00	-	-	-		30,000.00	
		30,000.00	-	-	-	-	30,000.00	
	INCOME							
	Rent - Lodge/Cemetery	12,600.00	12,600.00		-		12,600.00	
Rent - Other	750.00	12,260.00		250.00		1,000.00		
TOTAL	13,350.00	24,860.00	250.00	-	-	13,600.00		
		163,250.00	120,579.00	7,750.00	-	-	171,000.00	7,750.00

Cost Centre Increase 5%

BUILDINGS	EXPENDITURE	Budget	Forecast	Adjustment/Inclusion		Proposed	NOTES	
		2024/25	2024/25	2025/26		2025/26		
		C5823	From October	Budget	Project			
Toilets	Rates and Water Rates and other utilities	31,000.00	26,967.00	-	1,000.00		30,000.00	reduction re projection
	Utilities (G&E)	19,000.00	14,373.00	-	2,000.00		17,000.00	reduction re projection
	Contractor Cleaning Costs	39,000.00	62,347.00		40,000.00		79,000.00	uplift change of service provision
	Repairs and Refurbishments	10,500.00	10,038.00				10,500.00	
	Misc. - facilities management and waste etc.	4,000.00	3,641.00				4,000.00	
	Consumables	35,000.00	32,373.00				35,000.00	
		138,500.00	149,739.00	37,000.00	-	-	175,500.00	
	CAPITAL							
	Building Capital Works	10,000.00	4,500.00	-	5,000.00		5,000.00	
		10,000.00	4,500.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	
	INCOME							
Advertising and Other Sponsorship Income	-	-	15,000.00			15,000.00	recharge costs	
TOTAL	-	-	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00		
		148,500.00	154,239.00	17,000.00	-	-	165,500.00	17,000.00

Cost Centre Increase 11%

BUILDINGS	EXPENDITURE	Budget	Forecast	Adjustment/Inclusion		Proposed	NOTES
		2024/25	2024/25	2025/26		2025/26	
		C5823	From October	Budget	Project		

The Old Post Office	NDBR and Water Rates	42,000.00	42,302.00	1,260.00	-	43,260.00	
	Other Utilities G&E	30,000.00	22,575.00	- 3,500.00	-	26,500.00	
	Repairs and Refurbishments	9,500.00	15,484.00	6,000.00	-	15,500.00	upflight to enable repairs
	Repairs - Shared	1,000.00	954.00		-	1,000.00	
	Misc/Equipment/Serviceing	5,600.00	2,770.00	- 2,000.00	-	3,600.00	
	Cleaning and Security	37,000.00	32,103.00	- 2,000.00	-	35,000.00	
	PWLB - repayments	67,395.54	67,395.54	- 7,088.25	-	60,307.29	
	Atherton Suite	2,000.00	6,171.00		-	2,000.00	
		194,495.54	189,754.54	- 7,328.25	-	187,167.29	
	CAPITAL						
	Capital works	-	799.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	
		-	799.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	
	INCOME						
	Other	2,000.00	1,136.00			2,000.00	
Rent - PO inc tenants and AS	100,000.00	88,865.00	- 15,000.00	-	85,000.00	reduced re projection and possible tenancy changes	
TOTAL	102,000.00	90,001.00	- 15,000.00	-	87,000.00		
	92,495.54	100,552.54	8,671.75	-	101,167.29	8,671.75	
Cost Centre Increase							9%
PRINCESS PAVILION		Budget	Forecast	Adjustment/Inclusion		Proposed	
		2024/25	2024/25	2025/26		2025/26	
	EXPENDITURE	C5823	From October	Budget	Project		
Buildings	Building Infrastructure R&R	41,000.00	43,069.00	2,000.00	-	43,000.00	Verander/Water
		41,000.00	43,069.00	2,000.00	-	43,000.00	
	CAPITAL						
		65,000.00	249,012.00	- 40,000.00	-	25,000.00	Retained £25k to allow for works to veranda/water storage reuse onsite
		65,000.00	249,012.00	- 40,000.00	-	25,000.00	
	INCOME						
	Donations/Grants	-	190,000.00	-	-	-	
	TOTAL	-	190,000.00	-	-	-	
		106,000.00	102,081.00	- 38,000.00	-	68,000.00	- 38,000.00
Cost Centre Increase							-36%
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES		Budget	Forecast	Adjustment/Inclusion		Proposed	
		2024/25	2024/25	2025/26		2025/26	
	EXPENDITURE	C5823	From October	Budget changes	Project Movement		
KIMBERLEY	Rates and Water Rates	8,700.00	4,524.00	- 2,500.00	-	6,200.00	reduced to reflect projection
	Insurance	1,500.00	783.00		-	1,500.00	
	Plants/bedding and GM works	16,500.00	15,743.00		-	16,500.00	Bank and other works
	Dog Fouling/Signs/Bins	1,034.46	2,053.00	1,300.00	-	2,334.46	increased re waste management
	Tree Surgery/Forestry Survey	2,543.00	3,080.00	2,500.00	-	5,043.00	uplift re tree works
	Property Maintenance / R&R and Other	5,000.00	3,644.00		-	5,000.00	
	Utilities EGT	5,500.00	4,142.00		-	5,500.00	
	Project Works inc play repairs	9,500.00	732,500.00	500.00	-	10,000.00	stage levels
		50,277.46	766,469.00	1,800.00	-	52,077.46	
	CAPITAL						
	Capital Project works	20,000.00	20,000.00	- 10,000.00	-	10,000.00	retained re potential add works
		20,000.00	20,000.00	- 10,000.00	-	10,000.00	
	INCOME						
	Kimberley	750.00	642,750.00	3,500.00	-	4,250.00	increased re building development
TOTAL	750.00	642,750.00	3,500.00	-	4,250.00		
	69,527.46	143,719.00	- 11,700.00	-	57,827.46	- 11,700.00	
Cost Centre Increase							-17%

Grounds Report: 17th March 2025

Staffing: Holidays being used up prior to year end. Still trying to manage sicknesses as well. We have interviewed for the additional MSO that the committee kindly approved, we had x5 strong applicants and have appointed a Mr Jack Porter who has most of the certification we commonly require so will hit the ground running from April.

Jack Aston has had the variation of his terms extended for a further 3 months to cover the Cemetery Officer whilst sick

Street Spraying: 50% completed

Falmouth Spring Flower Show: Arrangements for the event on the 22nd & 23rd March are in hand with the set-up starting on Monday 17th; please come along to view if you can, it's always quite a spectacle.

Budock Cemetery site: There is positive movement from Budock Parochial Church Council for sharing access and parking on the site.

Dracaena Sports Recreation Area: I have met with a representative from Cornwall Saracens which is a CIC that promote basketball, they have committed to raise the further funds needed to repurpose the old play area for a fenced basketball area, currently we hold £15k generated from renting the area for depot space, the project is likely to cost in the region of £40k.

The NL require evidence that the criteria (eg an overall reduction in ASB) that having a new skatepark for the town would deliver which were identified by us in the funding application have been met (final evaluation); for this purpose a film is nearing completion and will be submitted well in advance of deadlines.

Trescobeas POS: On the 18th March I will have also met with 2 people representing Kernow Padel, to explore options to site Padel courts on the POS, I'll report back at the meeting but this will most likely fall to the next Council to make any decisions on whether this can be progressed.

With Cllr elections looming may I take the opportunity to thank the Chair and our committee for their support, especially those who aren't standing for election again and those who will be sitting on a different committee with the new Council.

Please note that I am on A/L From 5th-22nd April.

Environmental Education and Enforcement Officer – Report – 17th March:

- Street patrols through town.
- Beach patrols at Gylly, Maenporth and Swanpool.
- Litter picks in conjunction with Plastic-Free Falmouth.
- Putting out open fires on beaches on night patrol.
- Clearing of abandoned tents on coastal paths.
- Regular visits to Salvation Army dealing with the public and various agencies.
- Clearing of rubbish from Prislw Woods and Fields.
- Early morning bin patrols.
- Working in conjunction with Cornwall Council to help people with new refuse collections.
- Regular patrols of Skatepark and also litter picks.
- Litter picks at Pendennis Point and Crab Quay.
- ASB meetings.
- Safer Falmouth meeting.
- Fortnightly Police check in meeting.
- Regular interaction with rough sleepers.
- Arranging a clean-up of Trescobeas Park in conjunction with Falmouth School.
- Support with van dwellers.
- Community group work with Boscawen Fields and Tregoniggie Woods volunteers.



Grounds, Facilities & Environment Committee

17th March 2025

Facilities Manager Update:

1. Re-Source Project : Kimberley Park Lodge

Construction works have continued in the period including installation of underfloor heating, ventilation, air source heat pumps and extensive electrical and digital connectivity. The cafe areas have been subject to internal timber floor preparations as well as wall plastering and commencement of kitchen installations to the servery area and larger rear kitchen preparation area. External drainage connections have been completed together with groundwork reinstatement to paths and external seating areas which include electrical service connectivity. Works relating to floor coverings and 2nd fix wiring will continue until the end of the month. Continued collaborative focus from the project and site team has ensured that completion and budgetary targets remain on track to the end of March.

Our Community Engagement Officer continues to develop links with local learners and students focusing upon music and digital upskilling specifically in the areas of music workshops and creative aspirational opportunities (Dracaena Centre, Atherton Suite, Kimberley Park). This engagement is a key requirement of grant funding outputs and outcomes.

Our further funding application (£53k) to the Good Growth : SPF Year 4 continuation was unsuccessful as funds were limited to existing projects.

Arts Council Supporting Grass Roots Music application (£43k) was also unsuccessful. It is clear that the limited availability of grant funding and related over subscription will continue to impact upon our future project aspirations. Further funding opportunities will be reviewed prior to release in the next tranche of the new financial year.

(Site progress photos are attached)

2. Municipal Building : Improvement Works

Listed building consent and conditional planning permission has been granted (25.02.25) for alterations to existing building comprising of thermal and energy related improvement, with associated repairs. **Phase 1** works to repair and remedy water ingress to the F/F offices is in progress with final work details being reviewed by the conservation officer with associated expressions of interest for the Principal Contractor role. Phase 1 works have been budgeted in 2025/26. A further grant application has been submitted (27.02.25) to the Community Levelling Up Programme (CLUP Year 4) £175K (10% FTC match) for Phase 2 works incorporating roof cavity insulation above the Art Gallery and installation of secondary glazing to all windows within the building.

3. Princess Pavilion

The following Community Ownership Funding works have been completed (£278k); Solar panel installation

Low Carbon Heating Solution – heat pump installation

Garden room floor refurbishment

Replacement entrance doors to garden room

Sound – mixing console

Lighting – enhanced theatre scheme

Works scheduled for completion prior to the end of March include external theatre storage unit and purchase of additional theatre chairs.

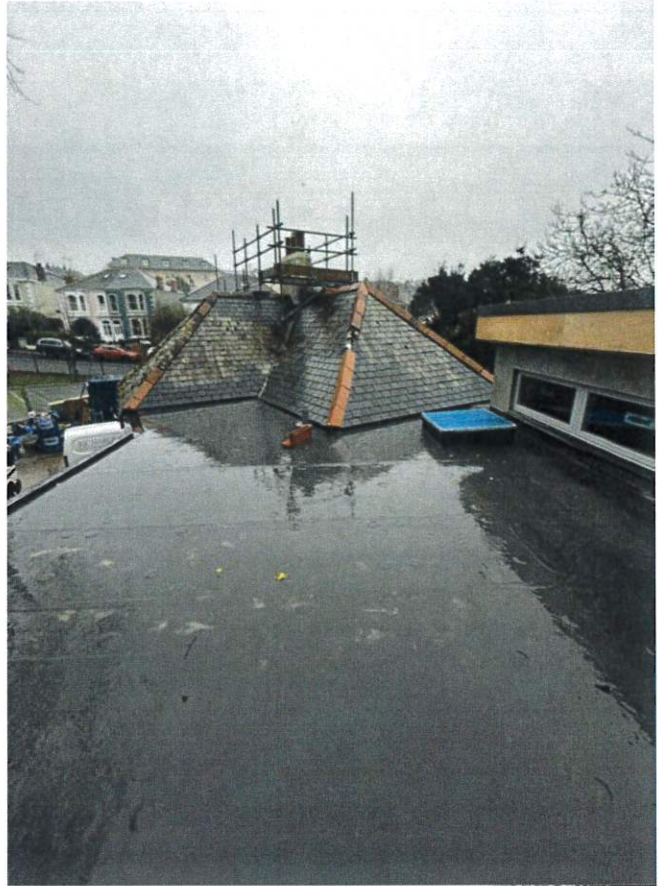
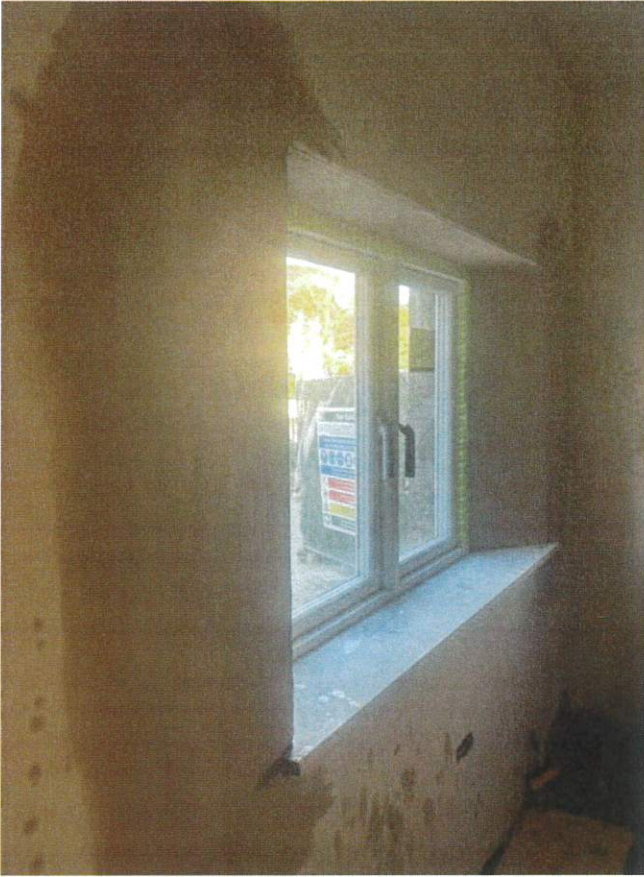
4. Pendennis Headland Car Park

Works relating to the installation of the Enviropave surfacing solution will commence on the 22nd April 2025. (CORMAC).

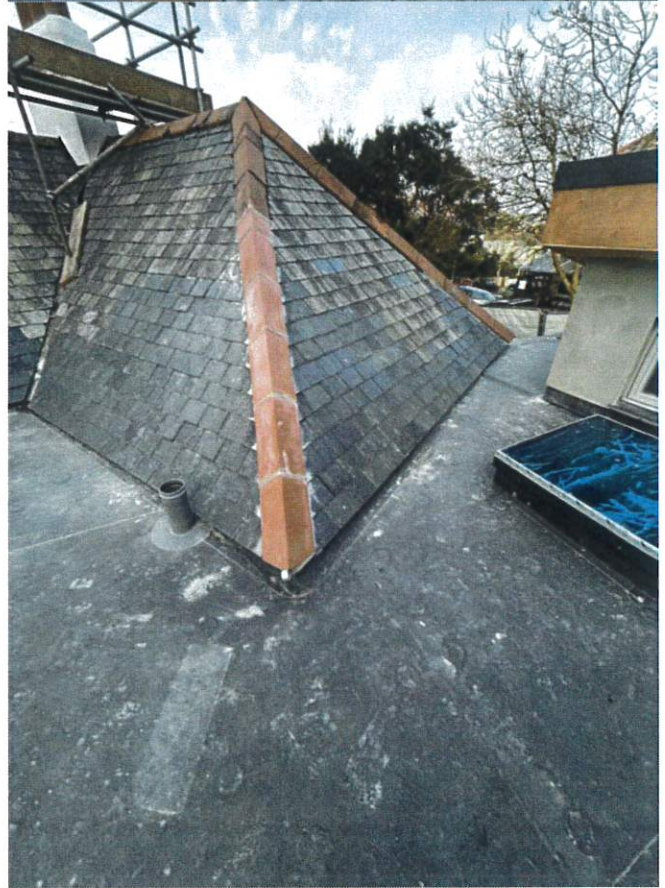
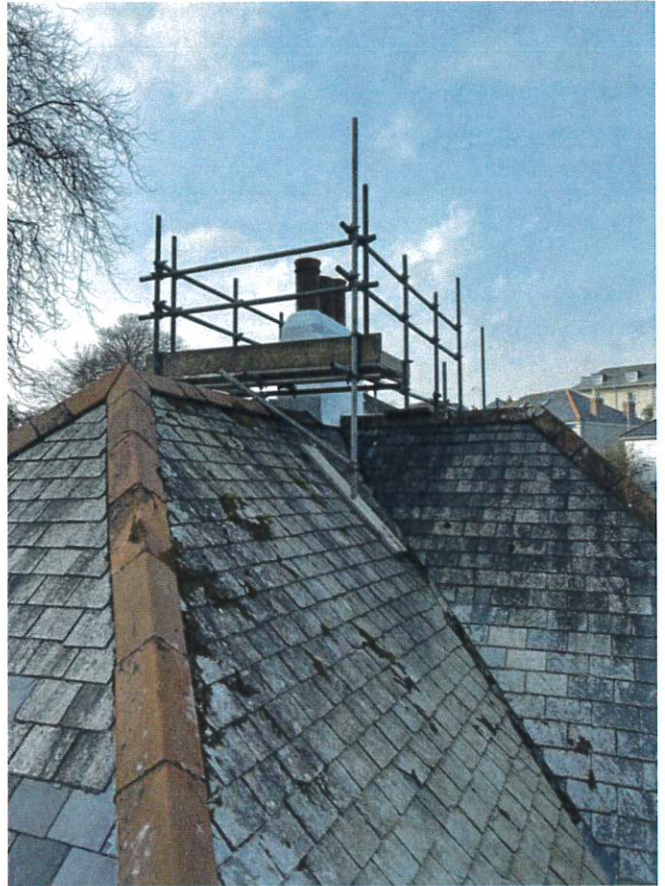
Re-Source Project : Progress February

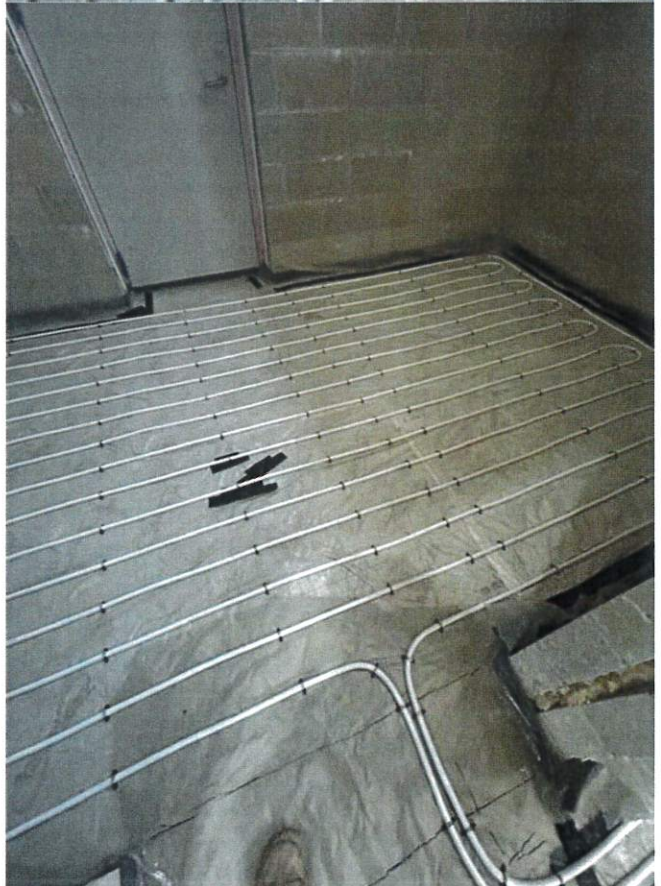




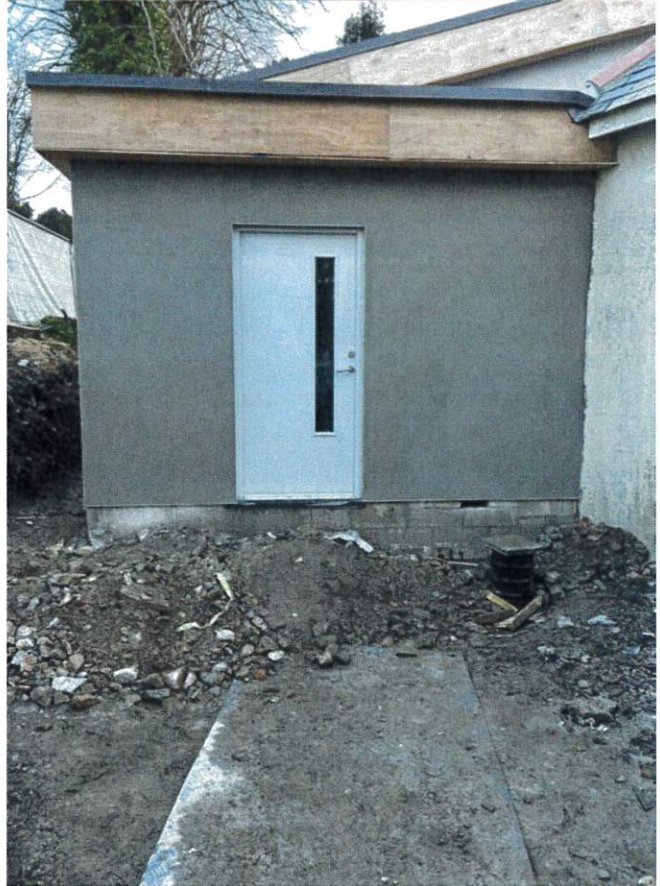
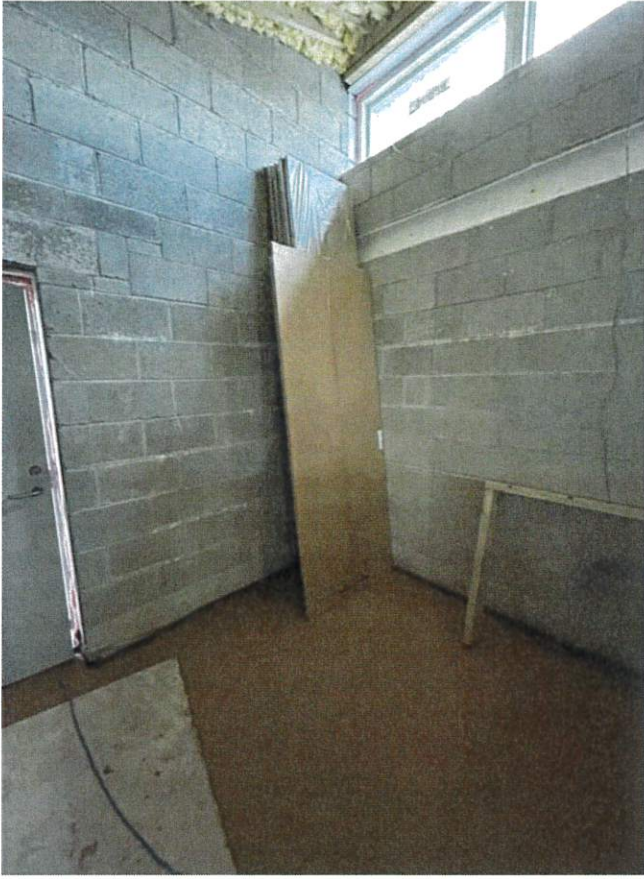












**March 2025 – Strategic Environmental Projects
Report for Grounds, Facilities & Environmental Action Committee**

Focus	Action taken	Next steps
Carbon Reduction	<p>Princess Pavilion (COF) –Solar installation completed on in Dec 2024, Low carbon installation completed Feb 2025. New draught proof doors installed in café. CEP assessment of PP identified further carbon saving potential. Further discussions required.</p> <p>Passmore Edwards Municipal Building – planning application approved?. Total cost c. £2million. EOI submitted from Levelling Up fund. Decision due May 2025.</p>	<p>Regular meetings to monitor further energy saving measures at PP. PP kitchen lighting to be replaced with LED. Alternative funding to be identified for PE Municipal Building. Continue replacing florescent lights with LED throughout library as funds allow. 2nd section of children’s library commissioned.</p>
Events	Falmouth & Penryn CAP Marketplace Event on Tuesday, 28th January	<p>Falmouth School Stomp 2 April Town Spring Clean 9 April SandSafe 28 May Green Week 7 – 15 June</p>
Water	SWW monthly update meetings set up with SEPO. Website with details of works Falmouth Sewer Improvement Scheme (southwestwater.co.uk) .	<p>Estimates to be sought for rainwater harvesting at PP for 2025/26 budget Consider replacing push taps at toilets with water fountains to reduce water consumption</p>
Community Engagement	<p>SEPO attends Fal Energy Partnership and VSF Climate & Environment Alliance monthly meetings. SEPO attends Fal/Helford SAC meetings quarterly.</p>	
Ocean Recovery	<p>Declaration made in Jan 2022. Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine and Coastal Partnership prepared Marine Nature Recovery Opportunities for the Fal and Helford. 6 x ‘We are the Ocean’ banners installed at Grove Place.</p>	<p>SEPO to attend quarterly meetings of SAC Management group. Blue Meadows restoration off Gylly Beach likely. Support to be provided. World Ocean Day 8 June. Work with local groups to devise event to celebrate.</p>

Focus	Action taken	Next steps
		Revised motion to be discussed at committee.
Communication	NALC Awards Finalists for Climate Response of the Year. Certificate received.	
Other	Fairtrade Town signage installed at two signposts welcoming people to Falmouth.	Communication to encourage residents to be aware of resilience methodologies Cornwall – BeFloodReady What you can do - Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Local Resilience Forum Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK Marine wildlife interpretation panel to be installed at Pendennis Point
Recycling	Small electricals recycling box trial completed at Falmouth Library. Unfortunately this has not been renewed. Enquiries have been sent to establish whether this successful trial can be made permanent. New legislation ‘Simpler recycling’ comes into effect from April 2025. Princess Pavilion already collecting and recycling food waste since December 2024.	New waste service roll out to mid West area 5 commences March 10 2025. CC event at Library on 24 March. Implement Simpler recycling requirements across council by April 2025
Budget	£5,000 allocated in 2024/25 budget; £1,400 rainwater harvesting tank survey at PP £800 towards Library LED replacement £50 expenses £500 sustainable pens for use at events £90 recycling bins for office environments – Simpler Recycling £660 LED lighting in PP kitchen	

Decisions requested from **Grounds, Facilities & Environmental Action Committee**;
Adoption of revised Motion for the Ocean

Prepared by Karen Hall, Strategic Environmental Projects Officer



We are the ocean banner installation



[Inspiring artwork and poetry created by children and calling for urgent ocean action showcased in Falmouth - News](#)

Fairtrade signage



**A FAIRTRADE
TOWN SINCE 2005**

Motion for the Ocean – updated March 2025

Falmouth Town Council recognises that our ocean, waterways, nature and climate are in a state of emergency and that the communities we serve are on the frontline. An ocean in crisis, and likewise rivers in crisis are not only bad news for our climate, but also for our fishing industry, aquaculture industry, tourism industry and for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our coastal communities. Healthy oceans and rivers are essential allies in our fight against climate change and blue carbon could play an integral role in helping us meet our net zero targets.

The Council pledges to:

1. Report to Full Council annually on the actions and projects that contribute to ocean recovery in Falmouth
2. Consider the impact of decisions on the ocean in strategic decisions whenever possible
3. Consider ocean-based climate solutions in our journey to carbon neutrality
4. Support local partners to deliver increased sustainability in local marine environments and consider how to we can contribute to a sustainable, equitable and vibrant blue economy that delivers ocean recovery
5. Grow Ocean literacy and marine citizenship in the town and promote sustainable and equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences
6. Promote activities that relate to ocean recovery progress, signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges.
7. Become active members of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine and Coastal Partnership (hosted by Cornwall Wildlife Trust)
8. Continue to pressure the Government to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030



Ocean Recovery Update March 2025

OCEAN RECOVERY DECLARATION made in January 2022

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 ocean recovery in Falmouth.

Report to Full Council was done in November 2022.

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.

Within Falmouth's strategic plan.

Councillors will re-visit and review the achievability of this aim as part of a review of the motion.

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.

- ❖ Council Officers attend quarterly Fal & Helford Management Forum meetings and continue to be aware of activities that affect the sea close to our town
- ❖ Council Officers continue to engage with South West Water and their consultants to understand what, when and how improvements to infrastructure will be made

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.

Falmouth Town Council has worked with Falmouth Harbour to showcase the 'We are the Ocean' banners created by University of Exeter in partnership with 400 children across the world

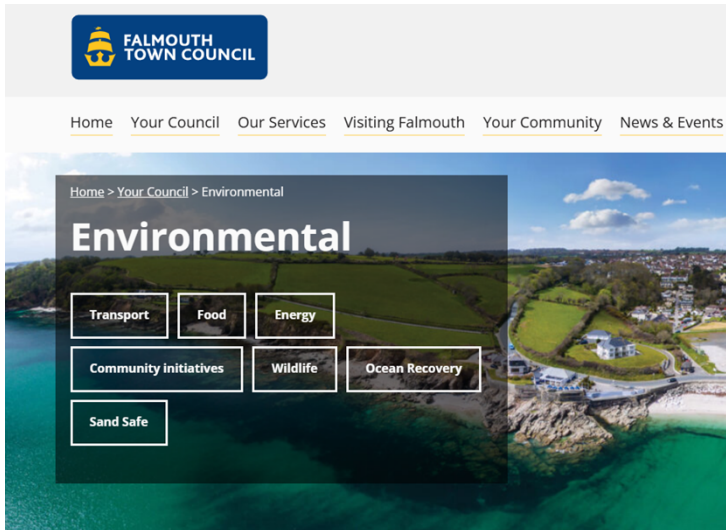


- ❖ Annual SandSafe events promoting good behaviour around our beaches alongside partners in the campaign. This is promoted across our social media channels
- ❖ A very successful engagement tool continues to be the butt and fishing tackle tins which are used by the Enforcement Officers to talk about littering. Funding for these is provided by the Fal & Helford Estuary project.
- ❖ The Blue Meadows project run by Ocean Conservation Trust, funded by Cornwall Council continues to protect the seabed and restore where possible seagrass across the estuary. To date 32 Advanced Mooring buoys have been installed and 30 hectares of seagrass protected. The council continues to engage with this group regularly including invitations to our Green Weeks and working with Splanna.



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.

New website live hosts a Environmental section which includes an Ocean Recovery tab signposting visitors to other websites better placed to educate on blue spaces.



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.

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