

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 20th March, 2006 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs A J Biggins (Deputy Mayor) presiding
Councillors: I J Body, Mrs L S Coles, Mrs M Davies, S.D. Eva, G F Evans, L.J. Lloyd, Mrs M Ryan, Mrs. L.A.Trenchard, Mrs M H Wengradt and four members of the public.

In Attendance: A.M. Williams (Town Clerk)
S.J. Polgase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
Inspector D Scott (Falmouth Police)
Captain M Sansom (Falmouth Harbourmaster)

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T 206 **WELCOME BY DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed electors to the meeting and referred to the civic and councillor surgeries review 2005/06 which forms part of these minutes.

T 207 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bonney (holiday), Brain, Chin-Quee (Council Business), Hobbins (holiday), Varney (holiday), County Councillor Cramp and Mrs D Churcher, Port of Falmouth Chamber of Commerce.

T 208 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 21st March, 2005 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

T 209 **REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

(1) Art Gallery Committee

Councillor G. W. Chin-Quee, Chairman of the Committee submitted a written report which forms part of these minutes.

(2) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee presented a report which forms part of these minutes.

(3) Planning Committee

Councillor Mrs Davies, Vice Chairman of the Committee presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

(4) Staffing Committee

Councillor Mrs Biggins, Chairman of the Committee presented a report that forms part of the minutes.

T 210 **REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

(1) Fairtrade Steering Group

Councillor Chin-Quee, Chairman of the Committee presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

- (2) Take Pride in Falmouth Initiative
Councillor Chin-Quee, who chaired the initiative, submitted a written report that forms part of these minutes.
- (3) Falmouth Primary School
Councillor Mrs Trenchard, a school governor, presented a report that forms part of these minutes.
- (4) Swanvale Allotments Association
A written report was submitted in respect of the Association, who had requested that a Council appointment be made to the Association.
- (5) Earles Retreat
Councillor Mrs Davies, a trustee, presented a written report that forms part of these minutes.
- (6) Falmouth Twinning Association
Councillor Mrs Davies, Secretary to the Association presented a report that forms part of these minutes.
- (7) St Mary's Roman Catholic School
Councillor Mrs Davies, a school Governor, presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

T 211 **TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented the Town Centre Manager's Report that forms part of these minutes.

He advised that an appointment to the post of Town Centre Manager would be made shortly.

T 212 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Scott presented the Community Police Report that forms part of these minutes.

He also updated those present in respect of proposed force amalgamation and the appointment of Police Community Support Officers.

T 213 **FALMOUTH HARBOURMASTERS REPORT**

Captain Sansom provided a review of 2005/06 for the Harbour Commissioners and outlined proposals for 2006/07.

T 214 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None received.

T 215 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Chin-Quee submitted a written report that forms part of these minutes.

T 216 **QUESTIONS**

Mr Roberts of 16 North Parade requested an update of development proposals for the Falmouth Wharves site. The Town Clerk provided an overview of Falmouth Harbourside proposals and the Falmouth / Penryn Area Action Plan, and advised that the Council had not been consulted on the specific planning application at the current time, but a pre-application presentation had been made to the Council by the developer.

T 217 **COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ELECTORS**

Mrs Bradley of 25 Highfield Road congratulated the Council on helping to achieve Fairtrade Town Status for Falmouth, the first in Cornwall. She hoped the Council would continue to foster links and work together with all community organisations in Falmouth.

T 218 **CLOSING REMARKS**

The Deputy Mayor concluded by thanking all those that had attended and expressed her disappointment at the low turnout as this was the electors of Falmouth's opportunity to ask questions of, and receive reports from, their elected representatives.

Further she advised that the Council would be producing a written annual report that would shortly be published.

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed:

Date: