

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 14th March, 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor G F Evans (Town Mayor and Cornwall Councillor) presiding
Councillors: A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, Mrs J A Booth, C H Choak, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, A J Jewell, Mrs D E Merrett, D M O'Brien, D W Saunby (also Cornwall Councillor) and D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A.M. Williams (Town Clerk)
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)
Inspector L Gooding (Falmouth Police)
Sergeant G Watts (Falmouth Police)
Ms L Lloyd (Fairtrade and Transition Falmouth)
Councillor Eva (Cornwall Council)

Four members of the public and the press.

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T 273 WELCOME BY TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor welcomed those present to the Town Meeting and reported upon the municipal year, this was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

T 274 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Body (work), Mrs Hrydziuska (family illness) and Mrs Ryan (holiday), also Mr Gates (Town Manager), Mr Smith (Community Plan), Mr Barrett (Cornwall Fire and Rescue) and Mr Sharples (Community Network Manager).

T 275 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 15th March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

T 276 REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

(1) Art Gallery Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Davies, presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

(2) Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Sterratt, presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

(3) Planning Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Booth, presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

(4) Staffing Committee

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Biggins, presented a report that forms part of these minutes.

T 277 **FALMOUTH AND PENRYN COMMUNITY PLAN**

The report by the Chairman of the Community Plan Management Group was presented and forms part of these minutes.

T 278 **FALMOUTH POLICE AND 'HAVE YOUR SAY' REVIEW**

Inspector Gooding reported upon crime trends for 2010/11. There had been an increase in vehicle crime and burglaries, however significant arrests had been made. Violent crime and domestic violence had reduced and overall crime had reduced. She reported upon some specific incidents and operations.

The Police Cadets had launched in Falmouth and she updated on this. Further she thanked the Council for its commitments to CCTV monitoring and was pleased peak time monitoring would continue.

Finally she reported upon the Policing review that would see the sector merged with Truro and come under the responsibility of Inspector Richards. Overall there would be a reduction in the number of officers.

Sergeant Watts updated the meeting on 'Have your Say', the revised PACT process, that had been hugely successful with 533 issues raised. Top priorities were: speeding vehicles, dog fouling, rubbish and litter and car parking. 9% of respondents had no significant issues. He hoped to link to the Town Council's website for online responses in the future.

T 279 **COMMUNITY NETWORK MANGER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The report by the Network Manager was presented and forms part of these minutes.

T 280 **REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

(1) Falmouth Twinning Association

Councillor Mrs Davies presented a report that forms part of these minutes

(2) Earles Retreat

Councillor Mrs Davies presented a report that forms part of these minutes

(3) Town Forum

Councillor Cramp reported on the activity of the Town Forum.

(4) Cornwall Association of Local Councils

Councillor Cramp reported on the activity of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils.

(5) Falmouth and Penryn Mayors Regeneration Group

Councillor Cramp reported on the activity of the Falmouth and Penryn Mayors Regeneration Group.

T 281 **TOWN MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW**

The report by the Town Manager was presented and forms part of these minutes.

T 282 **FALMOUTH BID PROJECT UPDATE**

The report by the Falmouth BID Manager was presented and forms part of these minutes.

T 283 **REPORTS BY COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES CHAIRS**

Councillor Sterratt provided an overview of the work of the Kimberley Park Working Party and the Trescobeas Recreational Area Sub Committee.

T 284 **FALMOUTH TOWN FORUM REPORT**

The report by the Chairman of the Forum was presented and forms part of these minutes.

T 285 **FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

The Harbour Commissioners annual report was still being prepared and would be available in due course.

T 286 **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Ms Lloyd presented the following reports that form part of the minutes:

- Falmouth and Penryn Youth forum
- Fairtrade Falmouth
- Transition Falmouth
- Community Battery Recycling
- Community Alive Falmouth

T 287 **FALMOUTH CORNWALL COUNCILLORS**

Councillors Eva, Evans and Saunby provided an overview of their work. Including:

Councillor Eva emphasised the importance of the Town Management role and hoped the Tourist Information Centre would be retained. Councillor Evans reported upon the Isles of Scilly link meetings and Councillor Saunby reported upon road works, the renewed lease for the Falmouth Recreation Ground and flooding issues.

T 288 **FORMAT REVIEW**

The Town Clerk requested suggestions for revising the format of the Annual Town Meeting.

T 289 **QUESTIONS**

Mr Cook, a resident, queried why on-street parking was not better enforced in the Town Centre given the aspirations for pedestrian priority. Sergeant Watts advised that this was a Cornwall Council function. Councillor Eva advised that parking restrictions were being abused and changes to Church Street Car Park would assist this problem. Signage also needed to be reviewed and that was happening.

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

Signed: Date: