

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Falmouth Annual Town Meeting held in the Atherton Suite, The Old Post Office, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 28th May 2025 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillor A J Jewell (Town Mayor) presiding, Cornwall Councillors D E Clegg, A L Rowe, and D W Saunby CC, Town Councillors, J S Kirkham MP, Town Council Officers and 15 residents.

T454 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed those attending the Annual Town Meeting and reported upon the municipal and civic year. He reminded those attending that the meeting was not a meeting of the Town Council but a forum for the electors of the town to receive reports and direct questions and recommendations.

T455 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted.

T456 MINUTES

The minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting were noted.

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The Town Mayor advised that recent elections had seen new councillors join the Town Council, and he invited councillors to address the meeting. The Town Clerk updated residents on the Town Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2027, upon the residents' letter 2025, and the Council's commitments and aspirations for 2025-26, which included supporting public swimming provision locally, devolution of assets and services, and addressing anti-social behaviour and community safety. With Councillors he responded to questions thereon.

T458 JAYNE KIRKHAM MP

The MP updated on various matters including sea water quality, housing allocations, affordable housing, second homes tax, and responded to questions thereon. She was requested to support the local aspiration for public swimming provision.

T459 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Residents thanked the previous Councillors and its Officers for their efforts and were supportive of the identified 2025-26 commitments. Residents were signposted to the Council's website, social media, and surgeries.

The Town Council were requested to raise objection with Cornwall Council regarding the removal of street trees in Trelawney Road.

A resident raised the matter of Princess Pavilion funding, generally residents were supportive of the provision of the venue by the Council.

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed: Date:



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Town Clerk: A.M Williams FCIS, FSLCC

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Dear Resident,

This has been another year of huge progress for Falmouth Town Council.

The skatepark at Dracaena Playing Fields is open, a dream come true after years of work and already in constant use and well loved.

The Re-Source Centre in Kimberley Park, a partnership project with local radio station SourceFM, funded mainly by grants, will in the year ahead provide a new café for the community, broadcasting and recording studios for young and old.

The Princess Pavilion has undergone a revamp with renewable energy and insulation measures installed - again with the aid of grant funding, The pavilion is host to scores of community groups, birthday parties and local events. Our team has booked and put on more concerts, gigs and theatre than ever before.

We continue to work with Pendennis Leisure, with the aim of building a leisure centre and swimming pool on the headland, we have supported them financially in the fantastic work they are doing to keep the centre open and the project viable.

Sadly, in our town, anti-social behaviour has been on the increase and the council, in conjunction with the Business Improvement District has responded with Street Rangers to join our environmental team in the 'Safe and Secure Initiative'. Our CCTV operation has moved in-house and continues to provide protection and support the police when necessary.

The Council, aided by grant funding pots, has built a Changing Places facility in Grove Place and continues to work with high street traders to smarten up shop fronts.

Our new website has gone live, giving residents access to more information on decisions, events and services and making it easier to contact the council.

In addition to the above, the Information Service, the Art Gallery and free activities, the Library and its free IT resources and sessions for children and families, our beautiful parks and gardens and free public toilets are, we believe, at the heart of what the council offers to the town and are too valuable to cut back.

With all this happening, plus the impact of inflation, keeping the precept rise this year down to inflation was a challenge but it was met by our team and the Responsible Finance Officer. At 2.97%,

this includes provision for the annual pay settlement, resilience for emergencies and protection for the many services we offer to Falmouth residents.

The Council decided that the money from the Second Homes precept, should be set aside for repairs to the magnificent Passmore Edwards Building that houses the Library, Gallery and Council Chamber. Essential repairs are underway but in the long term, we will look for grants to improve and renovate this local landmark to a high – and energy efficient – standard.

Our officers constantly look to make efficiencies, ensure value for money and find savings so that we continue to provide these services with an increase that amounts to 25p per household, per week at Band D.

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Councillor Jude Robinson
Chair, Finance and General Purposes Committee



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