

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cultural Services Committee held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 26th September 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs M Davies (Chairman), G F Evans CC and Mrs P A Minson

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Ms H Boex (Cultural Services Director)

A805 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Ms Atherton (Labour Party Conference), Body (ill) and Ross (Labour Party Conference).

A806 **INTERESTS**

None received.

A807 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs Minson and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

A808 **CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT**

The Cultural Services Director presented the Cultural Services Report, including Library Service Transfer update, which forms part of these minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Minson, seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED that

- (i) the report by noted
- (ii) the next meeting of the Committee be held at the Dracaena Centre and includes an update on the Skatepark and Dracaena pitches redevelopment proposals.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed: Date:

Introduction

This report covers the eight weeks since the Cultural Services committee meeting on 8th August. There are no updated financial figures attached to this report as the Finance Officer is on holiday and was too busy just prior to going on leave to supply the end of month figures.

Library and One Stop Shop:

1. Devolution

- 1.1 On-going meetings with Nik Budden who is now supported in Library devolution by Project Assistant Judy Gluyas and in One Stop Shop devolution by project manager Adrian Lay of Arcadis are held every other Wednesday at 13:00.
- 1.2 Draft contracts and heads of terms in relation to Falmouth Town Council (FTC) are drawing near completion, John Lowry of Hine Downing representing FTC and Russell Inglis of CC are in the final stages of negotiation.
- 1.3 Formal consultation with the trade union and Falmouth Library staff are scheduled for 4th and 5th October with TUPE transfer anticipated on 1st November, 2016.
- 1.4 The Library and Art Gallery are now planning joint events and the whole of the Passmore Edwards building will become a Fun Palace on the weekend of 1st and 2nd October. www.funpalaces.co.uk for more information

Art Gallery:

2. Supporters Scheme, donations and grant income

- 2.1 A claim of £8,203 has been received from Cornwall Museum's Partnership.

3. Acquisitions, Gifts and Bequests

- 3.1 Nothing to report

4. Exhibitions and displays

- 4.1 Our new show *Press Gang* opened on 24th opened on the 10th of September and occupies all three galleries and the community gallery in the stairwell.
- 4.2 Artists Jesse Leroy Smith and Bernard Irwin and master print maker John Howard have made a series of ten plates to celebrate the *Tinth* anniversary of the Devon and Cornwall World Heritage Site. There will be a private view for all the people who

were involved in this celebration in the gallery on Saturday 5th November from 14:00 in the afternoon.

- 4.3 The next exhibition *Little and Large* opens on 26th November. In the week prior to opening the lighting is being replaced in the Permanent Gallery with a new track system and energy efficient LED lights with individually adjustable dimming. These improvements to the gallery are being funded by Arts Council England Major Partner Museum grant money.

5. Visitor Statistics

	Cumulative					Counted
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	% Inc
Jan	2,355	2,469	2,645	2,814	3,116	11%
Feb	5,724	5,519	6,081	6,564	6,925	5%
March	8,898	8,909	9,040	11,000	10,575	-4%
April	12,141	12,685	12,305	14,820	14,471	-2%
May	15,257	17,523	16,121	19,056	18,447	-3%
June	18,537	21,368	19,301	23,062	23,105	0%
July	22,247	24,889	23,173	27,503	27,603	0%
August	26,931	30,285	28,288	33,787	32,812	-3%

- 5.1 Visitor numbers are 3% down year on year but still considerably higher than 2012. This decrease was due to August being such a sunny month and so the beaches won over rainy day attractions.

6. Community and learning

	Cumulative					% Inc
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Jan	370	361	410	1,016	763	-25%
Feb	936	756	887	2,171	1,775	-18%
March	1,473	1,385	1,597	3,611	2,685	-26%
April	1,900	2,017	1,994	4,300	3,417	-21%
May	2,523	2,703	3,586	5,697	4,525	-21%
June	2,876	3,299	4,244	6,451	5,659	-12%
July	3,272	3,562	4,747	7,156	6,170	-14%
August	4,149	4,211	5,260	8,250	6,772	-18%

- 6.1 As anticipated there has been a decrease in community engagement figures but we are now fully booked with schools for the autumn term and we have lots of participatory workshops lined up as part of *Press Gang*.

- 6.2 Social media continues to grow with Facebook followers numbering 2,580 (June 2,373), Twitter followers 4,946 (June 4,510) and Instagram 1,604 (June 1,084) thanks to the excellent work of award winning Glyn Winchester who has taken on this role in Charlotte Davis' absence. It is noticeable that the demographic of visitors to the Gallery is much younger and it may well be that the 1k increase in visitors is due to this form of marketing.

7. Staffing

- 7.1 Charlotte Davis has elected to extend her maternity leave till the end of November 2016 and therefore we have extended Sarah Scott's contract. Sarah has been doing an excellent job in Charlotte's absence gaining an award from Artquest to run a project with rural schools and we are now fully booked into the new year.

Youth Services

7. Report from Kate Springfield at the Dracaena Centre

- 7.1 *Friday night Drop In:* Our most exciting news is that we have received an Awards For All grant, for the Friday Drop In. The Drop In currently runs each Friday from 7.00pm - 9.00pm and includes sports, games, art projects, c-card, food and help and advice. It has an average membership of between 15-25 young people each Friday. The funding provides additional capacity to support the Drop In and extend the service for young people for 50 weeks of the year. Previously the Drop In was term time only and a holiday club was run each Friday from 3.30pm- 4.30pm as an emergency help and advice/ c-card point of contact for young people. Young people voiced how much they missed the evening Drop In during the holidays and now identify strongly with the club and the Dracaena Centre. The Drop In has become a strong point of contact for young people to discuss concerns about themselves or concerns about friends and family. This includes abusive home lives, drugs and alcohol abuse and inappropriate relationships. It also however, provides a place for young people to share their achievements and receive praise and encouragement from the Youth Work team.

Up and coming projects for the Drop In are -

- a Graffiti art project
- a fancy dress Halloween party planned by the young people
- Christmas Lantern workshops for the Falmouth Lantern Parade
- First Aid class

- 7.2 *Wednesday Young Women's Group:* The Young Women's Group currently has 11 members and runs each Wednesday during term, from 6.30pm-8.30pm. It is an

amazingly supportive group, with young women from varying backgrounds working together to help each other. The Young Women's group organised and ran a jumble sale to raise funds for resources. They successfully raised £360 and were supported and praised by members of the local community. Local businesses also provided generous raffle ticket prizes.

The Young Women's Group is currently planning their term schedule, however I do know that they will be collaborating with Falmouth Art Gallery again this term after producing some lovely work with the Gallery last term. Future ideas also include a flag making and decorating art workshop and very excitingly the making of a film by the young women, discussing the Young Women's Group and celebrating the group's achievements.

- 7.3 ***Street Based detached Youth Work:*** The majority of Street Based youth work runs each Thursday from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. However in response to young people's varying needs, the team will often change its session day in order to respond to current events, such as regular pier jumping, unofficial gatherings or organised town events. Young people respond well to members of the detached Youth Work team and established contacts are open and chatty to the Youth Workers. During the holidays a street-based BBQ event took place and was well received and attended. Up and coming projects include a short film of young people who skateboard and use the bike track, incorporating film taken by the young people using a go-pro camera.
- 7.4 It is clear that these new initiatives are successfully signposting and helping young people to move forward. Assistance with C.V.'s/ confidence building/ a cooking class etc. with a professional chef have all had positive knock-on effects with young people's employability over the summer. Youth Services are also starting to build a bank of testimonials from young people and parents.
- 7.5 Falmouth Rotary Club working in conjunction with Youth Services at Dracaena and the Cultural Services have submitted a bid to Rotary Global for a Falmouth based programme aimed at young people not in education or employment to increase confidence and skills which will ultimately lead to employment. This follows on the Our Place project that has recently been submitted to the DCLG.

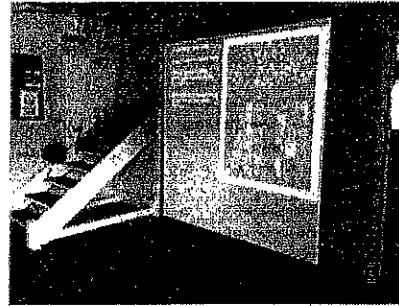
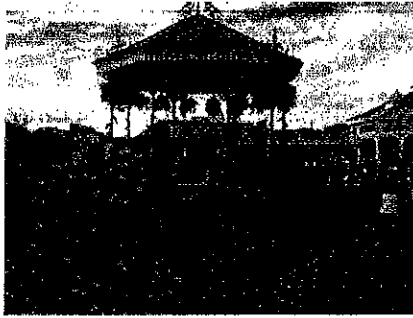
Festivals & Events

- 8.1 <https://www.falmouth.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/FALMOUTH-EVENTS-2016-4.pdf>

This will become a regular report item but at the moment is run by the Town Team that report to full council

Parks & Gardens

- 9.1 The fifth annual Tea Festival (the first time run by FTC) was held at Gyllyngdune Gardens on Sunday 18th September and was very well received by all who attended. It is estimated that the attendance exceeded last year which was around 2,000.



Top left: at 10:30 a.m. there were already crowds; top right – a series of hour-long ART-TEA tasting talks; bottom left: Sarah Scott, Tony Johns and Jo Lumber all help Jacqui Owen and Sarah Baistrocci to deliver family activities

- 9.2 Jacqui Owen and Sarah Baistrocci are delivering 'den building' sessions for Falmouth primary schools in Fox Rosehill gardens. Very enthusiastic reception from the schools.

Conclusion

- 10.1 We are confident that these jointly delivered events are helping to build a positive and inclusive team spirit in the Cultural Services team and that everyone sees the benefits of skills sharing and supportive working.

11. 2016 – some future projects and partnerships

- 11.1 Please see Appendix One to show a diary of the activity that we are progressing over the next couple of months

Henrietta Boex, September 2016

Appendix One

Date	Project	Lead
Sept		
1st	Roseland National Women's register visit	HB
3rd	Shadows of the Sea workshop	TJ + volunteer
4th-9th	Take Down Wreck and Ruin and Pugwash - Hang Press Gang	NR, HB, AS, GF
8th	Look Club 15:00-17:00	HB
9th	Supporters Talk: Press Gang 11:00 Private View: Press Gang 18:00-20:00	??
10th	Cruise Ship	
12th	Baby Paint 10:30-12:00	DC + volunteer
14th	Arts for Health South West: Surgery Day 10:30-16:30 Little Fingers 13:30-15:00	HB JL
15th	Home Ed 10:30-12:00	TJ/JL
16th	Art Quest CPD day 13:00-15:00	SS
18th	TEA FESTIVAL – Gyllyngdune	ALL
19th	Cruise Ship	
20th	Little Fingers 10:30-12:00 St Ives September Festival lunchtime talk	JL HB
21st	Cruise Ship Baby Jam	DC + volunteer
22nd	Cruise Ship Sue Kittow 19:00 Poldark Walks talk in conjunction with Library	HB, JC
23rd	Cruise Ship Knit Group 10:00-12:00 Gwyl Lewis drypoint printmaking workshop	TB, NR
26th	Tamsin, Glyn, Debbie volunteer training Trenance Learning Academy 75 yr 1 and Yr 2 with Gyllyngdune Foundation students 18 14:00-15:00	TB, GW, DC SS, JO, SB HB
27th	Drym Valley SEN 11:00-13:00	JL
28th	Sketch Club 10:00-11:00 Richard Lander 11:00-14:30	
29th	Richard Lander 11:00-14:30 -	
30th	Knit Group Perranarworthal school x 26 13:00- 14:30	
Oct		
TBC	Book launch for Vincent's Starry Night – Michael Bird	
TBC	Book Launch for Tim Shaw	
1st	Fun Palaces with Library Poetry Group 10:00n-16:00	All HB
2nd	Fun Palaces AG only	HB
3rd	Sarah safeguarding training Foundation students 18 14:00-15:00	SS HB
4th	St Martin school x 28 Yr 3-6 10:00-14:00	JL

5th	Truro College 11:00-13:00	JL
	Foundation students 18 14:00-15:00	HB, NR
6th	National poetry day	
	St Francis x 60 yr 3 10:00-15:00 - ACE funded	JL
10th	Little fingers 10:00-12:00	JL
	Baby Jam 13:30-15:00	GW
	Older people's project King Charles Residential Home	LM, JL
	Point & Penpol WI Talk - 14:45	HB
	Friends of Ponsharden Cemetry 16:30	HB
11th	Coverack School - Artquest funded	TJ
12th	Baby Paint 10:30	
	Foundation students 18 15:00-16:30	HB, NR
13th	Home Education 10:30-12:00	JL
	Little fingers 13:30-15:00	JL
14th	SSN Print workshops	
	Gwyl Lewis Japanese Woodcut workshops all pm	
15th	Cruise ship	
17th	Baby Paint 13:30	GW
18th	Grad Ruan x 25 10:00-14:00 Artquest funded	JL
	Older people's project King Charles Residential Home	LM,
19th	Baby Jam 10:30-12:00	
	Truro College SEN 11:00-13:00	JL
	Foundation students 18 15:00-16:30	HB, NR
20th	St Keverne 10:00-14:00 Artquest funded	JL
21st	Gwyl Lewis Japanese Woodcut workshops all pm	
22nd	Half Term - Doodle Tables	
24th	Half Term - Doodle Tables	
25th	Half Term - Rubbish Printing workshop 11:00-15:00	SS
26th	Half Term - Pattern printing workshop 11:00-15:00	JL
	Foundation students 18 15:00-16:30	HB, NR
27th	Falmouth Uni photography students x 2 groups x 32	NR
27-29th	Museums at Night	ALL
28th	Knit group 10:00-12:00	
Nov	(Just main items)	
5th	Picturing the Mines Preview 14:00-16:00	
10th	Look Group 15:00-17:00	
11th	Jesse Leroy Smith - showcase and talk 17:00-19:00	HB
11th-		
13th	Falmouth Poetry Festival	
17th	Art Dinner in conjunction with Gyllyngdune	
18th	Take over day	
	John Howard talk 17:00-19:00	
19th -		
25th	End of Press Gang - HANG Little and Large & Life of Pye	ALL