

## FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors G G Chappel (Town Mayor), P A Minson (Deputy Mayor), C Atherton CC, R J Bonney, S D Eva, A Gillett, A J Jewell CC, M McCarthy CC, M Morgan, A Parker, R J O'Shea, J Robinson, B M A Ross, D W Saunby CC and J M Spargo.

In Attendance: V Rogers (Administration Officer)  
P Fitzgerald and M D'Silva (Falmouth Fairtrade Steering Group)

### PRAYERS

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting the Mayor's Chaplain led the Council in a remembrance of the Battle of Passchendaele and prayers.

### C4885 APOLOGIES

None.

PC Cummins from Falmouth Police, M James Cornwall Council and Fire Officer S Williams were unable to attend.

### C4886 INTERESTS

None received.

### C4887 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Minson and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### C4888 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon civic attendances and events, including his participation in the Sea Sunday, Helston Civic Service, the South West in Bloom judging visit, Newquay Civic Service, Falmouth University Graduation Ceremonies, Exeter University Graduation Ceremonies, Maritime Line Good Food Guide and a visit French sailing ship La Nebuleuse.

The Deputy Mayor also reported that she had attended several Civic engagements.

### C4889 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

### C4890 POLICE REPORT

The report of Falmouth Police was noted and forms part of these minutes.

Councillor Atherton thanked the Police for responding to recent issues in Kimberley Park.

### C4891 FALMOUTH COMMUNITY FIRE SERVICE

The report of the Falmouth Community Fire Service was noted and forms part of these minutes.

### C4892 COMMUNITY NETWORK REPORT

None received.

The minutes of the Community Network Panel meeting from 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were duly noted.

**C4893 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT**

**Trescobeas**

Councillor Saunby reported on his work with local residents on four planning appeals. He was liaising with the Case Officer in respect to the Roslyn planning application which was going to appeal to ensure a consistent approach. He had been liaising with Donald Martin at Cornwall Council who had agreed to hire a machine to cut the grass at Laburnum and this would be done imminently.

**Arwenack**

Councillor Evans reported that Castle Drive trees have now been cut. He was working with Cornwall Council to ensure that the Parking Review in Falmouth is prioritised. The planning appeal for the Premier Inn had been refused and the planning applications at Middlepoint and Melvill Road (railway line development) had gone to the Inspectorate.

**Smithick**

Councillor Atherton reported that she was surprised at the number of meetings being held in August. She was meeting with Councillor Geoff Brown to discuss an automatic registration recognition system to replace the rising bollard in Church Street and is seeking a meeting with Mr Betty at Cornwall Council to discuss public realm improvements funding now that purpose built student accommodation developments would not deliver that funding. She also reported on the Parking Review and was seeking a meeting with the Cornwall Council Environmental Health Officer regarding derelict properties.

**Boslowick**

Councillor Jewell also reported on the Premier Inn appeal and advised that some planning applications had gone to appeal many times so further appeals relating to this case may be forthcoming. He advised that some Section 106 funding that had been earmarked for Bosvale would now be allocated to the Dracaena site and he was working with St Francis School regarding a community fund for a scheme at the school. He also reported on the Parking Review.

**Penwerris**

Councillor McCarthy reported that he is working with residents regarding student accommodation. He reported that the Cornwall Council Boundary Review would result in a loss of three or four Councillors. As a new Cornwall Councillor he was impressed with the passion of fellow Councillors.

Councillor Atherton and Councillor Ross asked if he had raised the issue of car speed trials that are taking place in Falmouth starting at the Quarry Car Park and he confirmed that he was dealing with this.

**C4894 TAXI (CARRICK AND RESTORMEL ZONES) AND PRIVATE HIRE FORUM**

The minutes of the Forum held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were duly noted.

**C4895 FALMOUTH BEACHES MANAGEMENT MEETING**

The minutes of the groups meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were duly noted.

**C4896 FALMOUTH FAIRTRADE STEERING GROUP**

Mrs Fitzgerald presented the Fairtrade Steering Group report. Further she reported that the Fairtrade status was due to be renewed in April 2018 and that Sainsburys were looking to move to their own fairtrade scheme.

**C4897 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Report dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 was presented by Councillor Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Atherton, seconded by Councillor O’Shea and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Jewell, seconded by Councillor O’Shea and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Jewell, seconded by Councillor O’Shea and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 was presented by Councillor Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor Saunby and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 be approved.

**C4898 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Town Mayor presented the Town Management Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

Councillor Atherton requested that the prices of the Falmouth Week events be included in the 2018 brochure.

**C4899 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

None.

Councillor Atherton reported that the offices of the Town Manager, Falmouth Information Service, the Town Clerk and Falmouth Town Council have now moved to the Post Office Building and thanked all the staff for their hard work especially Ruth Thomas who had been coordinating the move.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

## Falmouth Town Council Police Report July 2017

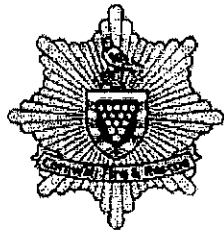
Officers have in the last two months targeted the street drinking and anti-social behaviour in the town and centre and specifically around the Moor area of Falmouth. Officers from Response and Neighbourhood have been tasked to be in attendance and take positive action in an effort to stop the issue. Key individuals have been removed from the equation and this seems to have worked well. There will unfortunately be a small element that will insist on returning and drinking their alcohol in the town centre and we will continue to target these individuals should the issue return. At the moment, The Moor and Kimberley Park have seen a dramatic drop in street drinking and the police and local PCSO's have not found any of our usual offenders in these areas flouting the "Designated no Drinking Zone".

Two drug warrants have been carried out in Falmouth in the last month or so. Both were positive and four arrests were made. A quantity of drugs and cash have been seized. The investigation is ongoing.

The police would encourage the public to be vigilant and look out for their vulnerable neighbours to ensure they are safe, well and report anything unusual or out of place. This could include people who do not normally reside at vulnerable persons address and taking advantage of the individual and their home. Any information or concerns can be reported through 101 and the information reviewed and acted upon where necessary.

Falmouth Homeless Action group met on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. The group has attracted partners from Addaction, Cornwall Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Stoneham Housing Group, Falmouth Police, Churches Together, Street Pastors, The Salvation Army, Falmouth Town Council, The Dracaena Centre and have met with representatives from St Petrocs. We have discussed the situation and possible services we can provide locally in Falmouth. This is an ongoing piece of work but the group is gaining momentum and possible solutions being explored. Steve Ellis from St Petrocs has wrote to our MP Sarah Newton to raise the issue and I will report back on the outcomes of Fridays meeting once the meeting has taken place and actions clarified.

The town saw a great turn out for the Sea Shanty Festival with large numbers of visitors. A visible police presence has been maintained over the weekend and from the police's perspective, gone largely without incident. Clearly the population increase / fluctuation will continue as we are now firmly in our summer policing period. The swelling numbers will undoubtedly result in an increased burden on the local services including the police and we will continue to do our best to respond and police Falmouth over this period to the best of our ability.



## Falmouth Community Fire Station Town Council Report

The following outlines a brief overview of April – June 17, focusing on three core areas of Protection, Prevention & Response.

### 1. Protection

Watches fulfil their part in the protection arm of the Fire and Rescue Service by undertaking visits at commercial premises. Many larger premises either have in-house staff trained in fire safety or choose to buy in the services of a consultant. Either way that person is ensuring their employer is fulfilling its legal and moral duty to protect staff and customers from the risk of fire. However, many smaller businesses have very little knowledge of their responsibilities and the laws concerned with fire safety. Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service aims to raise the standards within these organisations by visiting, informing and advising on fire safety. Our simple aim for these small businesses is that they fulfil their minimum legal obligations and look to write into their business plan a work schedule which brings their property up to a standard which better reflects the widely accepted best practice.

a. Tactical Information Files – for higher risk premises

The watches completed 12 site visits this quarter, from Tremough campus accommodation to Maritime house which is a new retirement home on Bar road. A TIF visit is an information gathering exercise where watches collate and check the data held about commercial premises. These premises are selected as they are either deemed to be at greater risk of a fire breaking out, or should a fire break out, they pose a greater risk to the public or firefighters attending an incident. The TIF data is stored on each fire engine, and at Fire Control, however firefighters are expected to have a broad knowledge of the layouts and risks presented by each of our TIF premises. An example of the sort of premises covered by a TIF would be a large manufacturing company, or a medium-large hotel.

b. Operation Fire Safety Visits – for lower risk premises

The watches completed 12 site visits, An OFSV is a brief visit carried out on premises whose risk is deemed to be more generic. The aims are to identify the use and occupier of the building, and to inform and advise the occupier of their legal responsibility to protect from the risk of fire. In practice this means the crews carry out a brief and informal survey of the building; checking that the occupier has carried out a Fire Risk Assessment; taken steps to reduce the risk of fire; and taken appropriate steps to protect occupants should a fire break out.

An example of the sort of premises covered by an OFSV would be any commercial property not covered by a TIF; eg. a small shop or industrial unit.

From this some premises have been found to be below the standards and had prohibition orders placed on them

### 2. Prevention

At a watch level this area is covered by Home Fire Safety Checks and prevention talks to community groups.

a. Home Fire Safety Checks

During this quarter, crews carried out 144FSC, mainly focusing on Rame – Mawnan smith, Longdowns and Mabe

This is a free service we offer to all residents, be they home owners or tenants. The crew base their advice around a booklet entitled Fire Safety in the Home, but tailor the information specifically to the hazards identified during their visit. The crew also carry free smoke detectors to fit if appropriate.

b. **Community Engagement**

During the quarter, crews were involved in 3 separate community events. These groups vary from small support groups for those with dementia to whole-year school groups, and everything in between. One of those being the fast car build where by the watch assisted a group of school children and took part in racing at Newquay airport, this was supported by county councillor in the Falmouth area.

**3. Response**

This area is self-explanatory however members of the general public are often unaware of the breadth of incidents the Fire & Rescue Service are trained and equipped to respond to. The following list summarises only the types of incidents we attended during the quarter: however we have been quite busy with deferent incidents over the past few months from recusing ducklings to attending the major incident in Coverack with the flooding!

**Important**

However one watch (Blue) at present is taking part in a national trail with the WCAST in providing medical emergency for RED calls only (this is when there is no ambulance available) so the watch will if available attend and provide medical assistance until a Ambulance arrives

Summary	Apr	May	June	Total
Fire	16	15	9	34
Special Service	16	13	13	42
False Alarm	15	10	13	38
Grand Total	41	38	35	114

Fire	A	M	J	Σ
dwelling	6	4	2	12
Non res	4	1	2	7
Road veh	2	1	2	5
Out door	2	1	2	5

Special	A	M	J	Σ
Gain entry	4	3	2	9
RTC	2	3	3	8
ASSIT AGENT	1	2	2	5
Release of PC	1	2	0	3

False Alarm	A	M	J	Σ
Fire Alarm	10	6	9	25
Good Intent	4	4	4	12
Malicious	1	0	0	1

During this quarter incidents were divided 52.6% by day 47.3% and night. The average number of appliances per incident was 1 During the day 1 during the night plus 5% more officers at night attended which meant more officers attended at night. It can clearly be seen that night incidents are more resource intensive; this is likely due to a number of factors.

**4. Summary**

The above overview gives an impression of the range of work that is undertaken by Falmouth Community Fire station on a day to day basis. Alongside the public-facing Protection, Prevention, and Response duties are the internal and preparatory tasks; obviously for each incident or inspection there is the inevitable paperwork trail to complete, all the equipment on our seven response vehicles needs to be regularly tested and maintained, and to ensure the crews are able to fulfil their duties the watches undertake regular training drills and courses. Add to all this the work undertaken by the Phoenix team and the volunteer community work and hopefully it is clear that your local fire station continues to be a busy hub in the community for Community Safety and Protection.

**#PARKING**

With the issues of parking in Falmouth and Cornwall it has become apparent that emergency vehicles are finding it difficult to get to the address so a campaign is now being undertaken by Blue watch and CFRS to launch a new initiative to help prevent these issues re occurring, this will be county wide and may involve a TV appearance again – watch this space!!!!

## WORKING IN UNISON PREVENTION / PROTECTING / RESPONSE

Following the tragic events at Grenfell Tower in London it was clear that immediate needs had to be undertaken to confirm that residents and emergency responders are safe from fire within a high rise building stock in Cornwall.

Our initial focus was to identify any tall building that consist of 6 or more floors, we in CFRS wanted to identify these places and make sure our response arrangements were up to date suitable and sufficient, and all occupants were reassured regarding safety matters.

Properties in the Falmouth area Identified;

- The Falmouth Hotel
- The View flats
- Marine studios

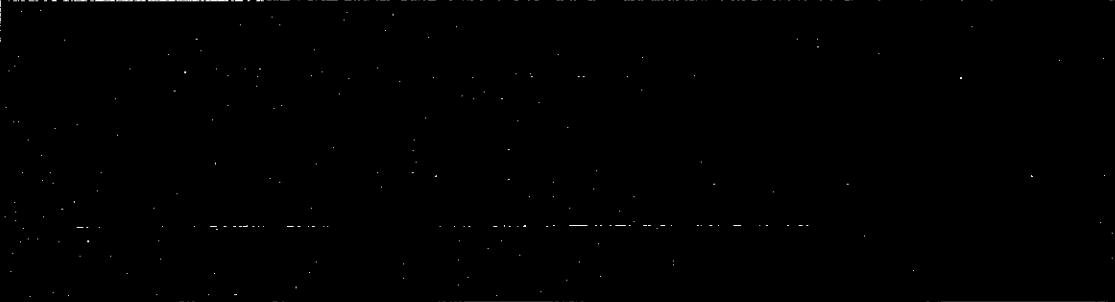
All the above are on an inspection plan and also do get an audit from the Fire safety teams and all operational data is updated as and when required.

Social Media



@FalmouthCFRS









## **Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 31/07/17**

### Falmouth Week

The week is nearly upon us and we are just putting finishing touches to the planning required for the event.

I am sure you are all aware of the very recent relocation of the Red Arrows display. This has been an immense amount of work in a very short time. Some of the details that we worked on in January have had to be changed all within the last few weeks. There has been an increase in security, first aid, support on the water, 4x4 response etc etc.

To be clear the reason for the display changing which is affecting displays globally is down to safety and taken by senior members of the RAF. It is a not a local decision and it was either relocate the display in a very short timescale or it would not be able to go ahead. Clearly the latter was not going to be an option. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has worked on this last minute significant change. The Town Team have worked closely with Event Planning, Emergency Services, Streetworks, The Flight Display Director, RED 10 and various other organisations to ensure this can go ahead.

Other parts of the week include the sailing regatta organised by the Port of Falmouth Sailing Association with marquee at Greenbank Gardens, Pink Wig, the Carnival, The Moor activities including plenty of children's entertainment (when the Art Gallery are involved on some days), RNLI Fun day on the Weds including Custom House Quay, Action Sports Tour on Church Street car park, Big Wheel on the Pier, Fireworks and the huge volume of evening entertainment which South West Bars and Events organises on Event Square (including Science in the Square run by the University of Exeter).

Please pick up a programme and do visit and enjoy the many events taking place throughout the week. [www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk) has all the detail including the 360 tour that will be live on the site by the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Social media will have the very latest up to date information, such is the nature of the event there are always updates.

### Treluswell Roundabout

As I mentioned on the last update a major change was imminent and that has now taken place as I am sure you are aware. What is likely to happen is that each time Cormac move round to another section of the roundabout works this will affect the traffic in different ways. The Town Team are continuing to work closely with Cormac to ensure it is as smooth as possible especially as we are now into school holidays and high season.



## **Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 31/07/17**

### Traders meeting at Western Power proposed works

At a recent traders meeting I invited representatives from Western Power to attend to discuss at an early stage the proposed works that will need to take place within the town centre in the future. These are significant works and it will be a staged process and I wanted to ensure that the businesses have every opportunity to discuss. There will also be communications with residents and other organisations in due course.