

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors, 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, B M A Ross and J M Spargo.

In Attendance: R Thomas (Finance Officer deputising for Town Clerk)
R Gates (Town Manager)

PRAYERS

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting the Mayor's Chaplain led the Council in a remembrance of the recent events in the Caribbean and prayers.

C4900 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors G G Chappel (Town Mayor) (holiday), G F Evans (holiday), J Robinson (family illness) and D Saunby CC (illness)

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

C4901 INTERESTS

Councillors Eva and Spargo declared an interest in proposed Motion 2 C4909(iii) as they both have assets used for this purpose. They left the meeting for the consideration of that item.

C4902 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Atherton, seconded by Councillor Gillett and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 31st July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C4903 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

None received.

C4904 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4905 POLICE REPORT

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

C4906 FALMOUTH COMMUNITY FIRE SERVICE REPORT

None received.

C4907 COMMUNITY NETWORK REPORT

None received.

C4908 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT

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None received.

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None received.

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Councillor Atherton reported that she continues to have meetings with Cornwall Council Officers concerning the traffic bollard in Church Street, also regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and finance for public realm assets. She reported that a recent scheduled finance meeting of the portfolio holders at Cornwall Council had been cancelled, leaving Councillors with no opportunity to question proposals. She further reported that a review of 'homelessness' was currently being undertaken and this would look at statutory obligations of service providers.

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Councillor Jewell apologised for arriving late to the previous meeting. He reported that the work currently underway to improve the Treluswell roundabout was ahead of schedule. Also, that a number of significant planning appeals had been lodged. He further reported that, despite assurances to the contrary, Falmouth and Exeter Universities would no longer be providing sufficient local on-campus accommodation.

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Councillor McCarthy paid tribute to former Councillor Brinley Morris, deceased.

C4909 **MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR BONNEY**

The Council were asked to consider the following motions as presented by Councillor Bonney

(i) Motion 1

The Council sets up a working party, comprised of any interested councillors, with the exemption of members of the Finance Sub Committee. The purpose of the working party is to examine every area of Town Council expenditure, with the purpose of significantly reducing it.

Failed as not seconded.

Amendment to Motion 1

That the Finance and General Purposes sub-committee allow all other Councillors to attend the meeting to observe.

Councillor McCarthy put forward the following amendment to Motion 1 which was seconded by Councillor Eva. A debate ensued.

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

RESOLVED that the amendment to Motion 1 be carried.

(ii) Motion 2

The Council writes to Cornwall Council and asks them to advise what arrangements have they in place to stop domestic refuse being collected for free by them, from the 394 holiday let properties in Falmouth registered for business rates.

It was proposed by Councillor Bonney, seconded by Councillor O'Shea and

RESOLVED that the Council write to Cornwall Council as requested in Motion 2.

Councillors Eva and Spargo left the room for the consideration of this matter (item iii).

(iii) Motion 3

The Council writes to Penryn Council and asks them to join in writing to Cornwall Council and asking them to join Liverpool and like-minded councils in their attempt to get Landlords to pay Council tax on behalf of students.

It was proposed by Councillor Bonney, seconded by Councillor Jewell and

RESOLVED that the Council write to Penryn Town Council as requested in Motion 3.

Councillors Eva and Spargo returned to the room.

C4910 FALMOUTH FAIRTRADE STEERING GROUP

None received.

C4911 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance and General Purposes Report dated 4th September 2017 was presented by Councillor Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th September 2017 be approved.

The Planning Committee Reports dated 31st July and 21st August 2017 were presented by Councillor Jewell, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the reports of the Committee dated 31st July and 21st August 2017 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 21st August 2017 was presented by Councillor Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 21st August 2017 be approved.

C4912 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

Councillors Atherton, Eva and Minson requested additional information on flooding; advertising boards and the proposed works by Western Power. Councillor Jewell raised the matter of homelessness and general discussion ensued.

It was proposed by Councillor Atherton, seconded by Councillor Gillet and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council write to Cornwall Council to request that a representative from the 'Homelessness Team' be invited to advise the Council on the measures currently in place to assist with this.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Signed: Date:

PC Mat Cummins apologises as he is unable to attend the meeting of Falmouth Town Council on Monday 11th September 2017. There are no available representatives from the neighbourhood team able to attend. Please see below his report.

6. **POLICE REPORT**

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Things have returned to some sort of normality in September following a very busy summer policing period. Visitor numbers have decreased along with planned town events momentarily paused. The increased visitor numbers have kept us incredibly busy and most of us now are able to perhaps take a breath and return to more routine patterns of policing and work.

The neighbourhood team in particular, with the support of response have been actively patrolling the Moor area in an effort to tackle street drinking and anti-social behaviour by a select few. This issue is without doubt taking up a lot of police time to combat the issues. Each individual dealt with is raised through the anti-social behaviour scale and over the last few weeks have been escalated through the process with some success. However as soon as we are not present, normally as a result of other police enquiries the same select few return. We will continue to offer support regarding the situation of our street drinkers but also continue to target them when offers of help are refused and they continue to street drink, cause anti-social behaviour, litter and defecate in and around the area. I would encourage the use of the 101 system and shop watch radios to contact the police to deal with the street drinking and ASB on each occasion.

PCSO Ellie Grey has taken over the running of the police cadets again locally in Falmouth. They are re-starting the cop car project which is open to children in the area of Falmouth and Penryn from wide and varied backgrounds to learn new skills and encouraging a team working ethos amongst participants.



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Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 11/09/17

At the time of compiling this report I am just about to go on leave but wanted to give a quick background to the what has taken place recently.

Falmouth Week

The week was a great success starting off with the 1000 Pink Wiggers raising in the region of £20,000 which is a superb effort. This was followed by the carnival which had a large number of spectators to support the annual event.

New for the sailing this year was a 'Regatta Village' at Greenbank Gardens. This was organised by the Port of Falmouth Sailing Association supported by the Greenbank Hotel. It was created as one central venue that all sailors can go back to after the respective clubs have held their individual daily events. All being well this will return for 2018.

We have had such a variation of evening entertainment this year with the excellent performance space and acts provided by South West Bars and Events and also daytime events with more children's activities as well and music on the Moor from Creation Station and Simon Neild.

With the Action Sport Tour on Church Street car park through to the Big Wheel and Simulator we wanted a mixture for everyone.

Then we ordered the rain to stop and the sun to come out for the Red Arrows display! We think in the region of 40/45 thousand watched the display. I mentioned it on the last report but the work that goes into to changing a display of this scale with four and half weeks is very significant and all the various organisations worked hard to ensure it went well. There will always be tweaks with such a short timescale to change the logistics and they will be included with the wash up.

The fireworks was a great display and making the decision midday on the Friday to delay until the Saturday at 10pm was exactly the right one. It is always very difficult to make this call as we all know how changeable the weather is so it is pleasing when it is correct. The social media/website/radio stations worked very well to ensure thousands watched the display on the Saturday night.

Approximately 120,000 visitors to the town and the Falmouth Week website alone had 96,000 page views just during the dates of Falmouth Week.



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A big thank you to all the sponsors (including the Town Council)/supporters and volunteers of the week to ensure it was a great week to be enjoyed by so many people.

Prince of Wales Pier

I am constantly chasing with Cornwall Council and South West Water in regards to the strong odours and challenges around the Pier and Market Strand. I am working closely with Dave Owens who is liaising with businesses and also residents as required.

Moor Piazza & town anti social behaviour

Mark Williams and myself are working with the police to ensure they have an effective and robust plan for the future to deal with the anti-social behaviour that has been taking place. It is absolutely imperative that this behaviour is dealt with to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all. It will improve and I would encourage anyone to report via 101 (which I appreciate sometimes takes a while to get through, particularly at certain times) to ensure there is a log of the incident.