

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 28th January 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors G G Chappel (Town Mayor), A Parker (Deputy Mayor), R J Bonney, L D Coley, G F Evans CC MBE, S D Eva, A J Gillett, A J Jewell CC, M T McCarthy CC, P A Minson, M C Morgan, R J O'Shea, B M A Ross, D W Saunby CC and J M Spargo.

In Attendance: E J Middleditch (Administration Officer)
R J Gates (Town Manager)
Councillor J Kirkham (Cornwall Council – Smithick ED)
PC M Cummins (Falmouth Police)
Robin Elsey (2020 Vendee Globe event)
Rob Higgs & Karen La Borde (Extinction Rebellion Cornwall)
Father I Froom (Mayor's Chaplain – until point mentioned)

PRAYERS

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting prayers were said by the Mayor's Chaplain. Father Froom then left the meeting.

C5127 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillor D W Saunby (ill).

C5128 INTERESTS

None received.

C5129 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Part I minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C5130 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported on a quiet civic month and fewer mayoral activities. He was pleased to attend the worthy Harbour Lights Local Heroes Awards and Presentation and to host Falmouth Marine Bands presentation evening in the Council Chamber where over £1200 raised funds were handed out to local charities. He also reported on Falmouth Police Cadets Presentation evening and advised that his Charity Ball would take place on 22nd March.

C5131 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C5132 FALMOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 VENDEE GLOBE

Robin Elsey updated the Council on 2020 Vendee Globe single handed Ocean Yacht race which would start from Falmouth and is the toughest ocean race with seventy to ninety days at sea. Other events to include this years AZAB when the team will include six servicemen with the support of Turn to Starboard with an aim to try to beat the record from Cornwall to John O'Groats and Transat Jaques Verde which includes 25 boats at sea for fifteen to twenty days which has a huge following. He concluded that the events would bring Ocean Racing to Falmouth and a big advertising project would be required with half a million private funds already invested with backing from local businesses already confirmed but further funding was needed and the support of the Town Council was requested.

C5133 CORNWALL CLIMATE CHANGE

Karen La Borde on behalf of Rob Higgs of Extinction Rebellion Cornwall updated the Council on their lobbying and action efforts for a carbon neutral environment by 2030 and highlighted the importance of declaring a State of Climate Emergency. She recognised that Falmouth Town Council already has good Policies in place such as the environmental aims set out in the Falmouth Neighbourhood Development Plan and the employment of Environmental Education Enforcement Officers however more needs to be done to speed up Policies and to ensure a sustainable economy with improved public transport links and recycling systems. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a special report in October 2018 that reinforced findings that Global Warming must keep to 1.5°C or there will be serious consequences within a twelve year timeframe. Between 2015 to 2018 a half a degree change took place which makes a massive difference. Studies already show that 60% of wildlife has been lost. In summary Karen urged the Council to support Cornwall Council who have declared a State of Climate Emergency by ensuring that plans are adopted to help keep global warming at 1.5°C and to reverse the damage.

A Motion was proposed by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Minson and

RESOLVED that the Town Council support Cornwall Councils aim to become Carbon Neutral by 2030 and to work together to achieve that goal by drawing up a clear strategy that can result in positive actions.

C5134 ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

Councillor Parker requested that the Council consider entering the Armed Forces Community Covenant in 2019 which aims to ensure veterans are treated with fairness and respect and to provide support with integration into the community.

A full debate ensued and it was agreed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would meet with Mick Stevens to obtain further information on the Covenant requirements and they would report back to the Council with further detail if necessary.

C5135 POLICE REPORT

The Falmouth Community Police report is attached as part of these minutes and was duly noted.

C5136 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FIRE REPORT

None received.

C5137 FAIRTRADE FALMOUTH

Falmouth Fairtrade Steering Group updated the Council on forthcoming events including Fairtrade Fortnight which will run from 25th February 2019 and coffee morning on 2nd March to which Councillors are invited.

C5138 COMMUNITY NETWORK REPORT

None received.

C5139 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Penwerris

Councillor McCarthy reported upon Cornwall Council Strategic Planning Committee Review which had received positive feedback from residents. He had attended Cornwall Councils meeting which included report upon the Russian Ship incident at Falmouth Bay and amended Motion by Councillor Kirkham to support State of Climate Emergency which needs urgent action.

Arwenack

Councillor Evans reported on parking problems at Grovehill Crescent and Woodlane Close and he advised that overnight parking was now prohibited at Pendennis Point and the Dell. He had donated his Community Chest funds to Connecting Lives, The Merlin Centre, The Samaritans, Under 10's Rugby and Cornwall Male Voice Choir.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported that roadworks at Bickland Water Road were due to continue until June this year. He attended Cornwall Council meeting and supported Councillor Kirkhams amendment to support a State of Climate Emergency. His Community Chest Fund is yet to be spent.

Smithick

Councillor Kirkham reported on Cornwall Council meeting and her amended Motion to support a State of Climate Emergency in line with the declarations of other local governments across the world with an ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030. She further advised that £39 million for emergency accommodation was passed and the Threemilestone development was also approved. She is currently working on walking and cycle route improvements and road safety and had held meetings with Falmouth University and Council Transport Planners to improve the networks. Cornwall Councils Licensing Policy has been passed. The Russian Ship is still in Falmouth Bay and requires repair. The Mission to Seafarers have assisted the crew and have been delivering food.

Trescobeas

No report.

C5140 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Cultural Services Committee Report dated 7th January 2019 was presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 7th January 2019 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I Report dated 14th January 2019 was presented by Councillor O'Shea, Chairman of the Committee. Councillor Morgan requested her name be recorded as attending.

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

RESOLVED that the Part I Report of the Committee dated 14th January 2019 be approved.

The Planning Committee Reports dated 10th December 2018 and 7th January 2019 were presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Committees dated 10th December 2018 and 7th January 2019 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Reports dated 10th December 2018, 7th and 14th January 2019 were presented by Councillor Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Reports of the Committees dated
10th December 2018, 7th and 14th January 2019 be approved.

C5141 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town Manager presented his report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C5142 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Chappel, seconded by Councillor Parker and

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of
contractual matters and personal information it is
advisable in the public interest that the press and
public be excluded from the meeting.

COUNCIL – PART II
28TH JANUARY 2019

C5143 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the Part II minutes of the meeting held
on 10th December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record
and signed by the Chairman.

C5144 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part II Report dated 14th January 2019 was presented by Councillor O’Shea, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Part II Report of the Committee
held on 14th January 2018 be approved.

The Staffing Committee Report dated 17th December 2018 was presented by Councillor Minson, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated
17th December 2018 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed: Date:

Falmouth Town Council Meeting (Jan 2019)

There has been some recent shop liftings in Falmouth Town centre. As a result of this there has been some negative press coverage. From our police investigations so far we can confirm there is no visiting gang carrying out shoplifting. The figures for shoplifting at this point last year are exactly the same as this year. There is no spike. The reported amount of stolen items totals £10,000. From the thefts reported to the police this is quite simply not the case at all and grossly exaggerated. We have live enquiries with leads and actions ongoing.

We have been working on a child exploitation concern. As a result of police intervention / targeting and a large amount of multi -agency work we have removed the concern and safeguarded the individuals involved.

The neighbourhood team have carried out two positive drug warrants in the area in the last month.

Melville Road speed watch site is in the system and awaiting assessment from the speed watch team. As soon as they approve the site community speed watch can begin.

PCSO Ellie Grey is leaving the police family and going to take up a role at Falmouth University in the next week or so. Her knowledge and enthusiasm will be sorely missed in the office and in the town. She is however continuing as the Police Cadet leader. Ellie has requested any Cadet issues or communication go temporarily through the Falmouth Town Council Office until she gets her new email and contact address.

The Police Cadets are getting involved Royal Life Saving Society "Don't Drink, Don't Drown" campaign this year and assisting where they can. They will be attending local events and promoting the campaign. The Cadets also held a presentation which the Mayor attended. The presentation covered subjects such as County Lines and Cyber Crime. The intention is to get this presentation into local business and schools and delivered by the cadets.



Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 28/01/19

Western Power works 2019

Three full weeks of the works are complete. The contractors are moving along Church Street and Market Street well. You will no doubt have noticed that the nature of the works in Market Street is very different to Church Street. This is all to do with connecting the various addresses to the new supply in Market Street.

I am working closely with the teams daily and Paul from Kier has been dealing with businesses on a case by case basis. It is tight in certain areas as we all knew it would be and there have been the usual challenges with access for larger vehicles for waste and deliveries but everyone is finding solutions to minimise where possible, the disruption.

There was a power issue last week which affected areas of Falmouth and Penryn. This was not connected to the works in the town, even though understandably many people thought it was. Works have been taken place to get that fixed.

Falmouth Christmas 2018/19

The High Street all got together for an evening close to Christmas with lots of support from the various shops. This was a big step forward and Church Street are looking at doing something similar for this year. In order for Christmas activities to move forward, it needs the support of the businesses to make more of an offer, so it is encouraging that it is moving in the right direction.

Feedback from the community for the Falmouth Christmas Bus was very positive with lots of young families going on board. I am sure there would have been a lot more if the weather was better during December.

Shoplifting recently in the town

No doubt you have seen in the press, the recent spate of shoplifting that has been highlighted. While individual crimes are obviously a matter between the premises and the police, the Town Team is advising from a CCTV/Town Management point of view. We are also looking at what other future initiatives can be put in place to help the town.

Cornwall Council car park pricing 2019

Following on from the last report we are now in the consultation phase and thank you for the support from the Town Council and Cornwall Councillors. You will have received via the weekly update but I have included with this report in case you have any queries. By introducing a nominal evening tariff, we have been able to assign tariff band decreases on the daily charges. There is a very slight increase for the

Quarry in the winter months but this is considerably offset by the drop for the Moor (very much thinking of the local shopper). Another benefit is the Quarry going to Pay on Exit, which has been requested for a long time. The Town Team would certainly like to see more car parks changed to this in the future.

Falmouth Spring Festival 14-24 March 2019

The Falmouth Spring Festival is an early season celebration of coast, community and culture. The festival is managed and co-ordinated by the Falmouth BID and is sponsored by the University of Exeter. As with other events, numerous partners support the activity including of course Falmouth Town Council, CORMAC, Greenyard Flowers, Better Leisure, FBRA and the FDHA. A varied schedule impacts positively on Falmouth's community in a number of ways:

Thursday 14 March – Paint the Town Yellow Day

The town becomes ablaze with yellow in preparation for the Festival as local schoolchildren hand out thousands of daffodils and decorations to shops and passers-by.

Friday 15 & Saturday 16 March – Falmouth Spring Clean Days

This two day event involves around 200 volunteers beach cleaning, painting and gardening. Strong partnerships between the Town Team, volunteer organisations, commercial premises and businesses bring this together.

Sunday 17 March – Rockpooling

Scientists from the University of Exeter Penryn Campus will be leading this fun, family activity on Castle Beach.

Sunday 17 March – Games & fitness

A variety of games, studio classes and activities for free. The Town Team work alongside Better Leisure to deliver this activity on The Moor.

18-22 March – Science in the pub

FREE, fun and stimulating science talks and interactive workshops run by leading academics from the University of Exeter in a variety of pubs across Falmouth.

2019 talk themes:

Monday 18th March The shrinking Antarctic ice sheet! Venue: The Pennycomequick

Tuesday 19th March Sex, bugs and rock n' roll Venue: 5 Degrees West

Wednesday 20th March How do animals see the world? Venue: The Working Boat

Thursday 21st March You think you know plastic? Venue: Beerwolf

Friday 22nd March 'A tuna, a turtle, a shark and a gannet walk into a bar..' Venue: Jacob's Ladder

Throughout – Festival guided walks

There will be a terrific variety of professional guided walks led by WalkitCornwall throughout the week

Other events

Working on St Piran's, St Nazaire, Sea Shanty and Falmouth Week at the moment.

Proposed Falmouth car parking tariffs that still need to go to consultation.

These are as a result of extensive lobbying and consultation between the Town Team and Cornwall Council

Current Summer Months Apr-Oct 2018

Hours	0.5	1	2	3	4	24
Tariff	0.90	1.50	3.00	4.50	6.00	8.00

Proposed Summer Months Apr-Oct 2019

Hours	0.5	1	2	3	4	24
Tariff	0.80	1.40	2.70	4.00	5.30	8.00
v Last year	-11%	-7%	-10%	-11%	-12%	0%

Summer pricing based on £1.50 evening tariffs in all car parks after 5pm.

All car parks during the summer months have the same pricing.

Current Winter Months Nov 18 - March 19

Hours	0.5	1	2	3	4	24
	Tariff					
Church Street		1.00	2.10	3.50		6.50
Grove Place		1.00	2.10	3.50		
The Dell		1.00	2.10	3.50	4.40	5.90
The Moor	0.70	1.80	2.70	4.30		
Town Quarry		1.00	1.90	3.30	4.20	5.50
Well Lane		1.00	2.10	3.50		

Proposed Winter Months Nov19 - March20

Hours	0.5	1	2	3	4	24
	Tariff					
Church Street		1.00	2.00	3.50		7.00
		0%	-5%	0%	TBC	8%
Grove Place		1.00	2.00	3.50		
		0%	-5%	0%	TBC	TBC
The Dell		1.00	2.00	3.50	4.40	7.00
		0%	-5%	0%	0%	19%
The Moor	0.50	1.00	2.00	3.50		
	-29%	-44%	-26%	-19%	NA	NA
Town Quarry		1.00	2.00	3.50	4.40	7.00
		0%	5%	6%	5%	27%
Well Lane		1.00	2.00	3.50		
		0%	-5%	0%	NA	NA

Gyllyngvase follows the same summer proposals with winter being free.

Winter pricing based on £1 except the Quarry and the Dell free after 5pm.

All car parks during winter months moving to the same pricing