

## FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held virtually by Zoom on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
R G Gates (Town Manager)  
Councillor J Kirkham (Cornwall Council – Smithick Electoral Division)  
Kevin Thomas (Cornwall Community Fire and Rescue Service)  
Paul Martin (Cornwall Council Waste Policy Officer)  
Reverend W Stuart-White (Mayor's Chaplain)

### **PRAYERS**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting prayers were said by the Mayor's Chaplain.

### **C5372 APOLOGIES**

None received.

### **C5373 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

### **C5374 MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **C5375 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor updated the Council on civic activity including Remembrance Events on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November, St Petroc's Virtual Carol Service, Grief Crisis lighting event, and tree planting ceremony at Eve Parc. He had also made a presentation to the King Charles School pupils who had created the winning designs for the Mayoral Christmas cards.

He updated on Council activity and felt the University funded community Covid Marshals had been very well received. Both Universities had engaged with community measures and the arrangements for testing for departing and 2021 returning students were robust.

He had meetings regarding Place Shaping, 2021 Tallships and with the local MP.

### **C5376 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report.

### **C5377 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

## **C5378 CORNWALL COUNCIL REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING**

### **CONTRACT**

The Environmental and Waste Policy Officer of Cornwall reported upon the Covid-19 impacts on service for 2020/21. There remained a risk to the workforce of a second wave that could impact contract changes or services provided. The existing: Collection and Street Cleansing Services; Council Offices Waste Collections; and, Bulky Waste Collections, had been combined into an 8-year contract and awarded to Biffa. A new commercial collection service would better identify commercial waste in the household service and target non-compliant self-catering accommodation. He presented current local waste data and trends for Cornwall and the Falmouth Wards. He also advised on Christmas 2020 collection arrangements. He responded to Members questions.

## **C5379 PUBLIC REALM CCTV**

The Area Manager for Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service (Head of Critical Control Centre and information Technology) provided a report on CCTV overview and management for 2020. Regarding Falmouth cameras there had been 61 incidents logged and 42 Authority to View (ATVs) from the Police. Falmouth now had 19 cameras with 44 hours of proactive monitoring. He provided a breakdown of incidents logged and ATVs. The Police and the Town Manager confirmed that CCTV played an important part in policing and managing the town centre. He provided some examples and responded to members questions.

The contract expired in May 2021 and there were options to extend that should the Council wish. There had been recent changes to monitoring hours to reflect the Covid Restrictions and they would be maintained for the time being. The predator night vision mountable camera would be trialled in Falmouth and he would liaise with the Council and Police regarding siting. The Council noted there was a set up and take down cost with this.

## **C5380 POLICE REPORT**

PC Cummins' Community Police Report that is attached as part of these minutes was duly noted.

## **C5381 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FIRE REPORT**

The CFRS community report for Falmouth that is attached as part of these minutes was duly noted.

## **C5382 COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER'S REPORT**

No Report

## **C5383 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

### **Boslowick**

Councillor Jewell updated on Cornwall Council's approval of the signage application for the student accommodation in Penwerris. The cycle path proposals at Tregonigge he would review in light of the Town Council's concerns and would review the non-material amendment request by Falmouth Golf Club. The car parking concerns at the Linden Homes development seemed to have improved. He noted the Council would consider the request by Budock Parish Council regarding revisiting community governance review.

**Trescobeas**

Councillor Saunby reported on residents' queries and issues he was assisting. He concurred with the Town Council regarding the Tregoniggy cycle path concerns.

**Smithick**

Councillor Kirkham reported on Cornwall Council's attempts to rationalise its property portfolio and the implications therein for Falmouth.

**Arwenack**

No report.

**Penwerris**

No report.

**C5384 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 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 Report of the Committee dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be approved.

The Planning Committee Part Report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Committee dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 be approved.

The Planning Committee Part Report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Committee dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 be approved.

**C5385 REFERRAL FROM FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to minute F6473 where the matter had been referred to the Council to consider the request from Budock Parish Council for assurance that the Town Council would not seek to revisit the Community Governance Panel recommended boundary for 25 years.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Council confirms to Budock Parish Council that it would not seek to revisit the western town boundary for 25 years. Although it was noted the Council could not bind future Council administrations.

A motion by Councillor Minson, seconded by Councillor Bonney that the Council commits to a two-year suspension was lost.

**C5386 PRECEPT 2021/22**

Pursuant to Minute F6468 the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee recommended that the Council now makes it precept call on the basis of its unanimously agreed 2021/22 budget.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Council ratifies the 2021/22 budget and the 2021/22 precept call be made to Cornwall Council at £2,723,023.93.

Councillor Spargo requested that his name be recorded as having voted against the above decision. During the debate on the above Councillor Robinson had requested that the Council move to the vote.

**C5387 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

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

**RESOLVED** that Covid Marshals be retained by the Council for the evenings of 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed..... Date.....

## Police Report - Falmouth Town Council Meeting December 2020

Policing of the COVID 19 pandemic will continue into the new year. We will continue to follow the Tier 1 guidelines. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary have two designated COVID cars put on over four days a week over and above normal staffing levels.

We will continue to deal with the street drinkers and resulting anti-social behaviour especially on the Moor area of the town centre. We have made numerous arrests, issued dispersal orders ranging from 24 – 48 hours, targeted patrols, working in partnership with other agencies following work around welfare and safeguarding of individuals in an effort to deal with the problems in the area. There is a notable improvement in the area but we will continue to monitor.

The neighbourhood office will always have the ongoing work commitment of safeguarding the most vulnerable of our community. These issues are of such personal level that sharing this work with the Falmouth Town Council forum is difficult and sometimes not possible due to the delicate nature of such things and the data protection act, or even relevant. However this safeguarding work sits firmly with the neighbourhood team and a lion share of the workload we carry.

We will continue to work towards the local force strategies for 2020 – 21, including domestic abuse, dangerous drug networks and associated violence, child abuse, modern day slavery, vulnerability impacts and fraud/cyber-crime.



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# Cornwall Fire, Rescue and Community Safety Service

Falmouth Town Council Report (SEP-NOV 2020)

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## Introduction

The data used for compiling this report has solely come from the Cornwall Council Resilient Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service reporting site. The tracker is used as a method of recording the service activities with regard to our Service delivery and core values covering Protection, Prevention and Response.

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service is currently placed in the highest tired alert level and are operating within its defined constraints. This is being managed and adopted to allow us to work operationally in an effective manner if an outbreak or risk to staffing levels is apparent.

## Protection

### Tactical Information Files – for higher risk premises

The watches completed **2** visits this period.

A TIF visit is an information gathering exercise where watches collate and check the data held about commercial premises.

Changes to our ways of working due to the COVID pandemic has led to a more risk based approach relying on gathering this information remotely and studying potential operational considerations by table top exercises and risk review.

An example of the sort of premises covered by a TIF would be a large manufacturing company, or a medium-large hotel.

### Operation Fire Safety Visits – for lower risk premises

This area of our protection remit has been temporarily suspended due to COVID 19 reasons. However, there has been a number of visits based on risk critical information carried out with support from our Fire Safety Officers. Full delivery of this work stream will be resumed when restrictions lift.

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 line with the Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order 2005.

## Prevention

### Home Fire Safety Checks

During this quarter, crews carried out **98 HFSCs**.

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.

Activity has been limited due to COVID 19 restrictions, however visits have been focussed on high risk referrals made from our central support team along with local requests from members of the public. Crews will provide a visit working under strict COVID protocols to ensure the most high risk and vulnerable within our community are safe from fire within their home.

### Community Engagement

Activity has been limited due to COVID restrictions with the biggest loss being the annual firework display. However, there has been community engagement led by Black Watch with our annual Car Wash Drive Through with a Halloween theme which this year which proved successful with charitable funds donated to the Fire-fighters charity. This is hoped to be repeated with a Christmas Grotto drive through on the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Response

The following list summarises only the types of incidents we attended during this period:

Summary	SEP	OCT	NOV		
Fire	10	17	17		
False Alarm	27	17	20		
Special Service	13	14	14		
Grand Total	50	48	51		

Fire	S	O	N	
Dwelling	1	13	15	
Outdoor	5	0	0	
Non Res.	0	2	0	
Vehicle	3	0	2	

Special	S	O	N	Σ
RTC	1	1	0	
Assist other Agencies	2	0	5	
Animal Rescue	1	1	0	

False Alarm	S	O	N	Σ
Fire Alarm	14	8	13	
Good Intent	13	8	7	
Malicious	0	1	0	

During this period incidents were divided 60% Day and 40% Night.





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## **Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 14/12/20**

### Positive Engagement Plan

With lockdown 2 lifting at the start of Dec we have reinstated the road closure through Market/Church & Arwenack Street. This will be monitored but is planned to finish close of play Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. It is imperative we are doing all we can as a town to help towards the county staying in Tier 1 (as the only mainland county to be in this tier). I must say (and I may have mentioned this before) businesses across Falmouth have done so much to ensure compliance and making people feel safe. They have also put lots of effort into Christmas decoration.

### Covid Marshals

We have continued the Covid overnight marshals until the end of the University term. This has been shared between Falmouth, Exeter and Falmouth Town Council. We receive effective weekly reports from the marshals and this has really helped the universities as well as the local community.

On top of above there are also Covid ambassadors out and about in towns across the county provided by Cornwall Council. This is mainly staff that have had their roles changed temporarily to advise and guide businesses and the community.

### Tall Ships

As you all know we have announced the Tall Ships event taking place in August next year. A huge thank you to all Cllrs for supporting this. It was always our intention to announce this in November (even before lockdown 2 was confirmed) to give a real positive outlook to 2021 as well as everything else that is going ahead. The feedback has been brilliant and so many people have appreciated this. The date for the 'Parade of Sail' and 'Race Start' is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August. We are working closely with Sail Training International to confirm additional days the ships will be in port before the race start.

With everything planned for next year the volume of work is substantial in addition to everything Covid related, but it is exactly what is needed to help the recovery.

### Christmas planning

Falmouth's Virtual Community Christmas Event Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm.

Due to Covid and the second lockdown we moved this event to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec via our Falmouth Cornwall UK Facebook page. While there are a lot of various virtual activities taking place across the county, we just wanted a platform to highlight Falmouth just before Christmas. This will be messages, businesses and various other activities and also looking forward to 2021.

### Pirate FM campaign

This started on the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec and runs up to Christmas Eve to encourage shoppers into town as well as highlighting free parking on the Saturday's.

### Free Car Parking Saturdays

The first one of these have taken place at the time of compiling the report and they will continue up to and including Boxing Day.