

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held virtually by Zoom on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.15 pm.

Present: Councillors S D Eva (Town Mayor), P A Minson (Deputy Mayor), R J Bonney, G G Chappel BEM, L Coley, G F Evans CC MBE, A J Gillett, A J Jewell CC, 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 J Gates (Town Manager)
Councillor J Kirkham (Cornwall Council – Smithick Electoral Division)
E Richmond (Cornwall Council Community Link Officer)
J Floyd (National Census Engagement Officer)
Cannon W Stuart-White (Mayor's Chaplain)

PRAYERS

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

C5404 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Morgan (ill).

C5405 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

C5406 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C5407 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town Manager presented the Town Management Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. Further he provided update detail of the G7 2021 and other events. As well as the Reopening the Highstreets Safely Grant application, he advised on the Towns Vitality Fund application which was supported by the Council. He also reported trader correspondence thanking the Council for its efforts assisting the high-street reopening in 2020 and in particular the use of Church Street Car Park.

C5408 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor welcomed those prospective election candidates attending and reminded Councillors that purdah restrictions would be applicable from 22nd March 2021. He updated the Council on event planning and issues with damage to the sea wall at Castle Beach. He was disappointed with delays regarding the transfer of Princess Pavilion and Gyllyngdune Garden but accepted that due process was required. He hoped to have a lowkey commemoration for the St Nazaire Raid in April 2021 and advised that Macebearer Terry Pond was making a recovery from his illness.

C5409 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor reported an increase in fly-tipping and littering. There was a clean-up initiative in Bosvale she was supporting. She was heartened that local Covid rates were reducing and she hoped that public behaviour would continue to adhere to restrictions.

C5410 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C5411 2021 NATIONAL CENSUS

The National Census Engagement Officer presented to the Council on the arrangements for the first digital national census on 21st March 2021. There would be a focus on the traditionally hard to reach response groups and assistance with completing digital returns. Cornwall Council were promoting the process for those that wanted to identify as Cornish and he outlined that.

C5412 POLICE REPORT

No report.

C5413 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FIRE REPORT

No report.

C5414 COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER'S REPORT

The Community Link Officer reported upon Cornwall Council's Localism Strategy, the Outbreak Management Plan, Community Grants and updated on Cornwall Council community support during the Covid lockdowns.

She provided updates on the Reopening the Highstreet Safely Grants and Town Vitality Grants along with the work of the Community Network Panel, including highway schemes and environmental initiatives.

She provided a position statement on the transfer of Princess Pavilion and Gyllyngdune Gardens and responded to questions thereon as well as about the election process.

C5415 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Arwenack

Councillor Evans updated on several planning applications that were being considered and that the listed highway pillars in Arwenack Avenue had been repaired. He updated on sea wall repairs at Castle Beach.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell updated on the Swanvale Making Space for Nature consultation. Also, on the blockage of the beach culverts which was being investigated.

Smithick

Councillor Kirkham reported on the Place Shaping Board including the Active Travel proposals. She also updated on residents parking scheme proposals which were likely unviable.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported on the amended cycle-path proposal at Tregonnigie Woods. He advised regarding local election canvassing arrangements which were allowable from 8th March 2021.

Penwerris

No report.

C5416 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 15th February 2021 was presented by Councillor O'Shea, Chairman of the Committee.

He recommended that the Council further consider Minutes F6449 and F6450.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 15th February 2021 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 18th January 2021 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 18th January 2021 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 8th February 2021 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 8th February 2021 be approved.

The Cultural Services Committee Part Report dated 22nd February 2021 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 22nd February 2021 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 22nd February 2021 was presented by Councillor Gillett, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 22nd February 2021 be approved.

C5417 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – PART I

The Town Clerk provided updates on local services provision and covid restrictions. It was noted that if the Government did not extend the legislation to enable virtual meetings beyond May 2021, the Council would need to revert to virtual meetings with an extended scheme of delegation as it previously operated, to ensure council business was conducted safely.

C5418 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Bonney 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.



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Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 01/03/21

Covid

At the time of compiling this report all the information is still being digested from the PM's very recent announcement. The positive news is that the direction that we are taking is correct and in line with the details (e.g. events in August but virtual in June just before final restrictions all being well will lift)

The Covid marshals on behalf of CC are still out patrolling and will continue to do so for the foreseeable. Reports are regularly received via Esther Richmond. I am also catching up with the police and other key contacts fortnightly to discuss Covid issues and areas for focus. Over the coming weeks we will be looking at the pedestrian priority through the main streets.

Town Dressing/general improvements

This is continuing with works going on the Moor, through Market Street, Church Street car park (this includes upgrading the power provision on the Moor and also having available power in the car park). Further information will be available over the next few months as we continue to work on the various projects giving more colour and vibrancy to the town.

G7

The Town Team are working closely with the Cabinet office and the senior police teams ahead of the G7 conference in June. Mark W is also feeding into Cornwall Council with what we are doing, keeping the communication going. Richard W continues sitting on the Business Cell every Monday as another link for G7 amongst many other points.

Shanty Festival

As I mentioned at the last meeting a decision has now been made for the shanty festival. It will continue in a virtual format for 2021 taking place Sat 19th June starting at 6pm. This will be broadcast live on Facebook and Youtube from the Cornwall Channel studios. We will be looking at what else we can add to the success of last year and there are already a huge number of groups that wish to take part in the event. With shanties now getting so much focus it is important to continue to highlight this unique event. We have also relaunched the www.falmouthseashanty.co.uk and all being well the virtual event will also be streamed through the homepage.

Falmouth Week

This is developing well and while we still wait to hear on some activities such as the Red Arrows other activities are starting to slot into place. I have already mentioned on this report about the PM's

announcement but that makes planning much easier from now on. While there may be some date changes in mid-late June it should not affect August.

We are working out what can be planned for Falmouth Week moving straight into Tall Ships.

Tall Ships

To confirm the dates for the are 17th-19th August with detail being updated all the time via www.falmouth.co.uk/tallships

A huge amount of work has taken place for this so far with so many people working behind the scenes. It is likely that the majority of UK adults will be vaccinated by the summer and a big focus will be crews travelling to the port on the ships. With the ships being anchored/moored either in the Carrick Roads or the inner harbour then they create their own bubble. Ferries can then visit around the ships, but the public cannot board the Tall Ships.

Earlier today while creating this report ITV Westcountry have been in touch for an interview confirming if the event will go ahead which it will, today we have also had another Class A ship confirm.

It is very likely there will be a surge in bookings as the economy starts to open up for all being well a busy and safe summer.