

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday 26th July 2021 at 7 pm held virtually by Zoom.

Present: Councillors S D Eva (Town Mayor), K J Edwards (Deputy Mayor), G W Chin-Quee BEM, D E Clegg, L D Coley, D V Evans BEM, G F Evans MBE (from point mentioned), A J Jewell CC, J Kirkham CC, J C Robinson, B M A Ross, A J Rowe, J M Spargo and Z Young

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R J Gates (Town Manager) (to point mentioned)
PC M Cummins (Falmouth Police)
Cannon W Stuart-White (Mayor's Chaplain)

PRAYERS

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

C5473 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Saunby (Cornwall Council business) and Seiler (child care).

C5474 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

C5475 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C5476 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

The Town Mayor had amended the order of business to facilitate the Town Manager presenting his report. The Town Manager now left the meeting. Councillor G F Evans joined the meeting during the above item.

C5477 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported a continuing concern in Covid infections locally. He thanked Councillors Edwards and Kirkham for assisting with the distribution of lateral flow tests to local businesses. A local vaccination drop in had been well received on The Moor and he hoped would be repeated. He thanked the Town Team for their work ensuring the safety of the high street and supporting local businesses, as well as having to adapt local events. The council with sickness and isolating requirements had suffered from staffing issues, and he thanked all staff for their efforts and particularly mentioned Sophie Sanders regarding supporting residents attending the Falmouth Information Service.

C5478 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor also reflected on local efforts around Covid measures and business continuity. She gave an overview on outreach work and her busy local case load. Regarding supporting her environmental and Green Corridor works she thanked the Council's Grounds and Facilities Manager for his assistance.

C5479 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C5480 POLICE REPORT

PC Cummins provided an update on community policing and that additional resource would be available to assist dealing with anti-social behaviour on The Moor. He updated on the resilience team policing proposal for the Summer in Cornwall, as well as safeguarding work and focussing on drugs and supply. Also policing arrangements for events including Red Arrows.

C5481 FIRE RESCUE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICE REPORT

No report.

C5482 COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER'S REPORT

No report.

C5483 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Penwerris

Councillor Kirkham updated on the Falmouth place shaping proposals. At Cornwall Council she had been appointed to Chair the Local Government Pension Scheme Committee. She was disappointed that Cornwall Council had refused to consider her housing motion.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell advised that he had met and toured locally with the Housing Portfolio Holder, social local rental provision was a current priority. The Cornwall Council Local Plan was currently under review. He hoped that there would be consideration on the restriction on second homes. The Climate DPD would encourage sustainability measures and better design in new developments. He was pushing for the provision of the proposed footpath at Swanpool, which was a planning condition. Parking at Swanpool was being looked at. The wall at the Liner development was also being investigated as it was not built to design.

Arwenack

Councillor Magowan reported that he had been engaged in a number of Neighbourhood Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee meetings. These have involved setting the work programme for the year and addressing high priority activity. He was liaising with Falmouth Bay Residents Association and other residents regarding ongoing concerns around Boscawen Road and fields, with a recent circus event cancelled due to inadequate risk assessments being in place. Additional work includes a positive relocation of a street trading vehicle and responding to the illegal traveller encampment at the Hornworks in early July. Progress has been made regarding traffic data capture on Pendennis Rise and around the Point to address concerns of residents and conversations continue regarding similar safety concerns around Swanpool Hill.

Trescobeas and Budock

No report.

C5484 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 12th July 2021 was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 12th July 2021 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 14th June 2021 was presented by Councillor Rowe, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 12th July 2021 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 5th July 2021 was presented by Councillor Rowe, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 5th July 2021 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 7th July 2021 was presented by Councillor Eva, Member of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 7th July 2021 be approved.

The Cultural Services Committee Report dated 19th July 2021 was presented by Councillor Edwards, Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated 19th July 2021 be approved.

C5485 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS – THRID PARTY REPORTING POLICE

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Kirkham and

RESOLVED that the Council becomes a third-party reporter for the Police. This will include:

- i. Creating a safe space at the Falmouth Information Service and/or Municipal Buildings
- ii. Developing a business scheme for local businesses to opt into
- iii. Work with community partners to develop best practice
- iv. Provide public information at local venues and events
- v. Councillors and staff who wish to become third party reporters.

C5486 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR D EVANS – 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

It was proposed by Councillor D Evans, seconded by Councillor Young and

RESOLVED that the Council supports 20mph speed limits.

This will include:

- i. Supporting wide-area, default signed 20mph limits across Cornwall's urban and village settlements;
- ii. Cornwall Council be requested to introduce 20mph on residential streets and roads and in Falmouth Town Centre (unless full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit on particular roads).

C5487 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR D EVANS – CYCLING LINK IMPROVEMENT FALMOUTH AND PENRYN

It was proposed by Councillor D Evans, seconded by Councillor Edwards and

RESOLVED that the Council supports the Cornwall Council Falmouth to Penryn Active Travel Scheme and the associated bid for funding from the Government's Active Travel Fund.

C5488 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk presented his report that was duly noted and approved and is attached as part of these minutes.

C5489 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor Ross 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 MINUTES – PART II

C5490 COMMITTEE REPORTS – PART II

The Staffing Committee Report dated 28th June 2021 was presented by Councillor Coley, Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Coley, seconded by Councillor Edwards and

RESOLVED that the Report of the Committee dated
28th June 2021 be approved.

C5491 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT – PART II

The Town Clerk with Councillor Kirkham updated the Council on the Place Shaping proposals, Active Travel proposals and Town Vitality Fund deliverables. As well as the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum (19th August 2021). The reports were duly noted and approved.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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



Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 26/07/21

Covid cases and impact

- With the continuing challenges despite restrictions lifting there are fortnightly meetings with Public Health at Cornwall Council and also NHS staff to discuss what more can be implemented.
- Thank you to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cllr Jayne Kirkham as well as several Town Council staff who have delivered almost 7000 tests to businesses across the town. Businesses were very grateful to receive these to encourage regular twice-weekly testing as a minimum.
- Businesses, the same as individuals are of course able to order direct but we wanted to be doing all we could to tackle the local spike.
- In addition to above we have been pushing for more local vaccination hubs/opportunities to increase the % locally. I am pleased to confirm that Fri 23rd July this will be the case on the Moor, between 10-5.30pm offering the Pfizer jab.
- One of the biggest challenges for the town which is no surprise and happening across the UK is businesses that are opening, then closing, then opening and the obvious impact with lack of staffing if individuals are pinged.

Falmouth Week 6-15th Aug

- A huge amount of work has taken place in a short timescale due to the nature of everything changing at the moment. As with all events everything is very fluid due to Covid however the electronic programme is now up online <https://falmouthweek.co.uk/digital-programme/> and you can also download the pdf via the main menu. You can view further detail on both shore-side and sailing activities via www.falmouthweek.co.uk We will be updating this when there are amends/updates.
- Key points as part of the week are as follows: Carnival- Sat 7th Aug 6.30pm (leaves the Recreation Ground), Red Arrows (and the family day through the town) with the Reds display over the bay -Weds 11th Aug 6.15pm, Fireworks- Fri 13th Aug at 10pm (delayed until the Sat if weather poor)
- Falmouth Sailing Week under the umbrella of Falmouth Week will be taking place in the Carrick Roads and also in the Bay, this runs from Sun 8th-Sat 14thAug
- The Moor Piazza has lots going on from the returning large carousel that was here at Christmas a couple of years ago. There is also the simulator, large interactive screen as well as market stalls including the army.

- The Action Sports Tour will be returning to Church Street car park on Weds 11th as part of the Family fun day. There will also be the RNLI day on the Custom House Quay which has developed over the years.
- Then we have the whole series of evening entertainment in the marquee, this starts with the Carnival that is the first Saturday to the ticketed events each night (except the Tuesday) through the week ending with Russell Howard on the following Sunday.
- The big difference for the marquee this year as well as it being re-located to Church Street car park is of course Covid and this is being assessed all the time as things are obviously changing daily. We work closely with South-West Bars & Events who run the tent and it goes without saying that everything is being monitored very closely due to Track & Trace, staff availability, possible self-isolation etc.

Tour of Britain Sun 5th Sept

- This is developing for the event and the approximate timings for entering Falmouth on the outskirts are at 1.08pm from Mabe at 1.04pm, Swanpool Road 1.14pm, Castle Drive 1.17pm and over to Penryn by 1.28pm via Melville Road. As you can see it moves through very quickly hence the reason for a big screen at Pendennis Point to broadcast the more of the race plus encouraging lots of bikes with riders of all ages and preferably in fancy dress. The key point is volume to create atmosphere.



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26TH JULY 2021
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT PART I

ITEM NO. 16

16.1 COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Government have lifted the national restrictions and England has moved to Step 4. However cases remain high and are rising nationally and locally. The Council will continue to operate its Covid safety measures regarding its operations and public access to its facilities. Which includes limited hours for the Falmouth Information Service, a continuation of remote working practices, a requirement to wear face masks, ventilation, to remain distanced and sanitise hands. Risk assessments remain as previously reported.

The Council has decided not to convene physical meetings for the time being and will continue with virtual councillor sessions and use of the delegated powers process (Minute C5449).

16.2 CORNWALL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT

Cornwall Councillor Jordan has sought the views of Town and Parish Councils on a number of engagement and service matters by Cornwall Council. I have discussed this with senior members and a draft Falmouth response is attached to this report that Councillors may wish to further add to before submission.

16.3 COMPLAINTS

Two separate complaints from Mr Needham and Mr Dyer have been processed and concluded under the Council's procedure both relating to the consideration of planning applications.

16.4 FINANCIAL FORECAST

Pursuant to Minute F6547 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, attached is the Forecast Report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

16.5 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

Cornwall Council have enquired if the Council will assist the funding of the School Crossing Patrol provision at Albany Road. Approximately £3,000 per annum. It was removed from core funding several years ago, and the Town Council declined a request to support its continuation at that time. It has been funded by a parent and the King Charles School Parent Teacher Association since then.

Councillor Kirkham is establishing whether the Killigrew Road SCP (Falmouth Primary School) will be replaced following retirement.

Mark Williams FCG FSLCC
Town Clerk
20th July 2021