

## FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.10pm held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth. TR11 3QA

Present: Councillors S D Eva (Town Mayor), K J Edwards (Deputy Mayor), D E Clegg, L D Coley, D V Evans BEM, J S Kirkham CC (from point mentioned), J C Robinson, A Rowe, D W Saunby CC, J M Spargo and Z Young.

In Attendance A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
C Gough (Finance Assistant)  
Councillor L Magowan (Cornwall Council –Arwenack ED)

### **C5692 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors G F Evans (ill), Jewell (ill), Ross (family matter) and Seiler (holiday).

### **C5693 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

### **C5694 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Eva seconded by Councillor Edwards and

**RESOLVED** that the Part I minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **C5695 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported on his civic attendances, including very successful town festive events. He had also attended coordinating meetings for the 2023 Tallships and the 2023 Armed Forces Day events. He wished the Council a merry Christmas.

### **C5696 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Deputy Mayor updated on her civic and community event attendance. She had delivered a leadership presentation. Skatepark development meetings were progressing with an aim to completing external fundings calls. She reported on the integrated Care Forum, Falmouth School visit and Universities visit. She had attended Cornwall Council and supported the Town Council's call for a referendum in regard to an elected mayor for Cornwall. She was pleased that the Pendennis Headland and Ships and Castles Leisure Centre were being transferred and recognised the hard work that had been undertaken by the community to achieve that. She continued to work on the Green Guide with Councillor D V Evans for the parish cluster and had assisted Redruth Town Council with carbon auditing and Motion for the Ocean. She had undertaken some resident engagement to identify local priorities and housing, dental care, public leisure, and sewage outfalls (bathing water quality) were high priorities.

(Councillor Kirkham now entered the meeting)

### **C5697 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A public question by Mr L O'Neil had been withdrawn following the response by the Town Clerk.

#### **C5698 POLICE REPORT**

None received.

#### **C5699 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FIRE REPORT**

The Falmouth Station Manager's Report was noted and forms part of these minutes.

#### **C5700 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER REPORT**

The minutes of the Community Network Panel meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were noted.

#### **C5701 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

##### Arwenack

Councillor Magowan provided an overview of Cornwall Council Committee and council meetings, including the debate for the Mayor for Cornwall (County Deal). He remained concerned about bathing water quality and supported measures for improvement and noted the disconnect for notification in leased arrangements for beach operations. His motion (with Councillor Kirkham) for Cornwall Council to support people living in vans in the housing crisis had been referred to Cabinet. The traffic consultation for Cliff Road (and adjoining streets) had now closed, there were over 600 public responses, with the outcome notified in January 2023. Cornwall Council would also have a car park review in early 2023, trying to align prices and provision throughout the county.

##### Trescobeas and Budock

Councillor Saunby continued to deal with a significant number of residents housing issues, damp properties was a major issue he had raised with the Cornwall Council portfolio holder. He was concerned regarding a breach of planning conditions by the developer for Eve Parc and the slow reaction by Cornwall Council to address that. He was pleased that Pendennis Headland was transferring to the Town Council and had reiterated his request that the site be cleared of unauthorised vans and tents prior to transfer. He was disappointed that the Head of Falmouth School was leaving.

##### Penwerris

Councillor Kirkham advised that she was also dealing with a significant number of issues around housing and damp properties, there was funding for this but frustratingly not until 2024/25. She updated on Falmouth School recruitment. Shared Prosperity Fund application had been resubmitted for Kimberley Park Lodge development and she was working on skatepark funding applications as well. She advised on the Cornwall Council consultation for the County Deal (Mayor for Cornwall) and recommended that Councillors respond to that. Cornwall Council in 2024 would levy a double taxation on empty second homes – that would increase the local taxbase. She had requested action on the South West Water pollution alerts process. She reported on her attendance at the County Councils Network, Cascade Theatre at Dracaena Centre and Band of Brothers, Festive events, Sustainable Business Awards and School Awards ceremonies.

##### Boslowick

No report.

#### **C5702 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I Report dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Part I Report of the Committee dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Part I Report of the Committee dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Part I Report of the Committee dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I Report dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 was presented by Councillor Robinson, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Part I Report of the Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be approved.

The Planning and Licensing Committee Report dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was presented 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be approved.

The Planning and Licensing Committee Report dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was presented 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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be approved.

The Planning and Licensing Committee Report dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 was presented 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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be approved.

The Planning and Licensing Committee Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was presented 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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be approved.

The Planning and Licensing Committee Report dated 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was presented 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be approved.

The Cultural Services and Leisure Committee Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was presented Councillor Edwards, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Committee dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be approved.

The Cultural Services and Leisure Committee Report dated 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 was presented Councillor Edwards, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Committee dated 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be approved.

The Grounds, Facilities and Environmental Action Committee Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 was presented by Councillor Kirkham, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Committee dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 be approved.

The Grounds, Facilities and Environmental Action Committee Part I Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 was presented by Councillor Kirkham, Chair of the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED** that the Part I Report of the Committee dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 be approved.

Pursuant to Minute GF56 the Council ratified the Environmental Policy.

**C5703 APPOINTMENTS**

The resignation of Councillor Young from the Planning and Licensing Committee was noted.

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Ross be appointed to replace Councillor Young on the Planning and Licensing Committee.

**C5704 STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2027 be agreed subject to some formatting changes and updated mapping.

**C5705 MOTION – PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Motion by Councillor Rowe for the Planning and Licensing Committee to amend housing allocation sites from the Falmouth Neighbourhood Plan was not accepted by the Town Clerk, as it was beyond the powers of the Council to amend a made Neighbourhood Plan.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Saunby and

**RESOLVED** that the Housing Working Group for the second iteration of the Falmouth Neighbourhood Plan production be requested to consider the omission of the Recreation Ground, Tregenver Field, and Falmouth Hospital Site as future residential development sites.

**C5706 MOTION – PENDENNIS HEADLAND**

Councillor Robinson proposed that in proceeding to the agreed next stage of the devolution process for Pendennis Headland, including the Ships and Castles site, the Council acknowledges that there is great potential to improve access for Falmouth residents to the natural environment and to historic, educational and leisure activities, on appropriate areas of the devolved headland. The Council does not support residential uses on any site to be devolved, whether that is housing, mobile homes, vans, tents, or other occupation of land.

It was proposed as an amendment by Councillor Kirkham, seconded by Councillor Rowe and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that

- (i) The Council proceeds to the next stage of the devolution process for Pendennis Headland, including the Ships and

Castles site. It believes there is huge potential to improve access for Falmouth residents to the natural environment and to historic, educational and leisure activities, on appropriate area of the devolved headland. The Council accepts there can be no residential use of any of the site to be devolved, whether that be for housing, mobile homes, vans, tents, or any other accommodation.

- (ii) The Council has also accepted that there is a housing crisis in Cornwall. It supports Councillor Magowan and Councillor Kirkham's motion to Cornwall Council for alternative provision to be provided for van dwellers. It would also support the provision of aire style short-term sites on suitable Cornwall Council car parks or in private car parks.

**C5707 MOTION – ACCESSIBILITY CHAMPION**

It was proposed by Councillor D V Evans, seconded by Councillor Eva and

**RESOLVED** that the Council creates an Accessibility Champion Councillor role and that Councillors Edwards be appointed.

**C5708 FAIRTRADE FALMOUTH**

The Falmouth Fairtrade Report was noted and forms part of these minutes.

**C5709 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Town Managers report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. The Mayor commented on a very successful events programme including the festive period and the Council congratulated the Town Manager and his team on their effort.

**C5708 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor Edwards 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.

# Falmouth Town Meeting

## 2022 Report



Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service currently operate 32 Fire Stations around the county. The majority of these are staffed solely by On-Call Firefighters; however Falmouth is one of eight stations staffed by both Wholetime and On-Call personnel and Falmouth being only 1 of two that are staffed 24/7 by whole time firefighters due to the risks.

### Background information

- Falmouth Community Fire Station is a Wholetime staffed station with 24hr emergency response being provided by four watches, Black; Blue; Red; and White.
- The Wholetime watches are backed up by an On-Call Crew who carry alerters and staff the station when notified by Critical Control.
- Falmouth Fire Station houses seven emergency response vehicles including a fire boat and two specialist water rescue vehicles.
- Falmouth Fire Station attended over 400 incidents within the 'Station Ground'. April-Dec
- Falmouth's station ground covers an area of roughly 50 square miles from Gweek in the southwest round the back of Stithians reservoir and over to Lanner around to Perranarworthal in the northeast.

### Falmouth is also home to

- The Phoenix Project use a team of fireservice individuals to deliver training in various skills such as Firewarden, First Aid, Driving and Confined Space.



## **Station Activity**

Our Key Objectives include Protection, Prevention, and Response. The following figures are for this financial year of which we still have 5 months of targeted activity ahead so these figures will rise considerably.

### **1. Protection**

Watches fulfil their part in the protection arm of the Fire and Rescue Service by undertaking visits at commercial premises. Many larger premises either have in-house staff trained in fire safety or choose to buy in the services of a consultant. Either way that person is ensuring their employer is fulfilling its legal and moral duty to protect staff and customers from the risk of fire. However, many smaller businesses have very little knowledge of their responsibilities and the laws concerned with fire safety. Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service aims to raise the standards within these organisations by visiting, informing and advising on fire safety. Our simple aim for these small businesses is that they fulfil their minimum legal obligations and look to write into their business plan a work schedule which brings their property up to a standard which better reflects the widely accepted best practice.

Watches visited **over 25** higher risk premises: gathering information about the size, type and location of the risks at each site.

Watches visited **33** lower risk premises: advising and guiding traders on fulfilling their legal obligations while gathering information about use and occupier of each property.

### **2. Prevention**

At a watch level this area is covered by Home Fire Safety Checks and prevention talks to community groups.

Watches carried out **188** personalised Home Fire Safety Checks to date this year from April to December. Watches have made over **70** community engagements which met defined objectives for improving safety within the Falmouth area.

After any fire within a premise, the watches visit the local community and conduct what is termed a HOT STRIKE. Recently in the Penryn area Blue watch conducted a hot strike and talked to over **120 homes and businesses**. Playing a vital role in keeping our community safe

### **3. Response**

This area is self-explanatory however members of the general public are often unaware of the breadth of incidents the Fire & Rescue Service are trained and equipped to respond to.

Falmouth Fire Station have **attended 472 so far in 2022**.

- Over **179** of those were primary fires which include residential properties
- Over **169** were false alarms in domestic properties
- **124** calls were SSC which is Special Service Calls which include RTC and Flooding
- Other incidents also included 'affecting entry', to assist other blue light services
- Only **2** malicious false alarms were raised.



- Over the year 66.10% of incidents were received during the day shift and 33.9% during the night shift.

Our watches are collectively currently working on the following projects in your community.

#### Red Watch

- Fireworks, raised circa £7500 for local charities and bonified good causes, also reducing number of private fireworks displays held in the area.
- Successful first season of working with our partners Port Health. Asset/cost sharing.
- Working with Tall Ships committee to deliver a safe event for all attending.
- Exercise Pendennis

#### Blue Watch

- Home school children education and fire safety
- Evacuation drills with local businesses
- Developing robust policies to deal with Marine incidents
- Firework safety/student liaison

#### Black Watch

- Beach safety, fires on beaches
- Van life, providing safety advice for the people living in vans
- Penryn collage careers evening
- Santa's grotto drive thru December 17th

#### White Watch

- Percuil River Exercise, utilising the fire boat to access properties in a fire situation along the Percuil river, that have no vehicle access
- Live aboard Fire Safety, targeting those that are living on their boats through the winter, due to the cost of living crisis
- Working closely with the Falmouth Docks gathering risk information and training on vessels to ensure a effective response to a ship fire

**For your benefit I have provided a detailed graph at the end of this document that shows the incidents we attend.**

## Summary

Hopefully this summary has given a taste of the breadth of work being undertaken by the firefighters at your local community fire station. A Station Open Day is planned for 2023 with details to follow in the local press and on our social media accounts.

If you would like a free Home Fire-Safety Check or free smoke detectors fitted, please phone the station on 01326 212412.

You can follow the station on our twitter account @FalmouthCFRS, or on the Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service Facebook page - CornwallFRS

Final mention goes to the work of the Falmouth Community Fire Station Social Club who organise the Falmouth Fireworks Display held at the cricket club. The weather was perfect during the event this year , it was a record breaking year raising over £7500 pounds, A huge thank you goes to all those who did attend the event and enable donate to local charities & good causes.



[www.cornwall.gov.uk/fire](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/fire)



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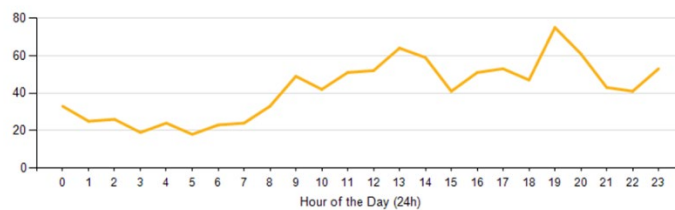
| INCIDENTCATEGORY | Apr       | May       | Jun       | Jul       | Aug       | Sep       | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       | Total      |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Fire             | 33        | 31        | 16        | 22        | 35        | 9         | 8         | 22        | 3         | 179        |
| FalseAlarm       | 10        | 12        | 17        | 21        | 28        | 31        | 19        | 22        | 9         | 169        |
| SpecialService   | 14        | 18        | 19        | 27        | 11        | 11        | 9         | 10        | 5         | 124        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>57</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>74</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>472</b> |

| FIRE - PROPERTYCATEGORY | Apr       | May       | Jun       | Jul       | Aug       | Sep      | Oct      | Nov       | Dec      | Total      |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Dwelling                | 10        | 8         | 7         | 3         | 4         | 3        | 5        | 18        | 3        | 61         |
| Outdoor                 | 12        | 4         | 4         | 8         | 26        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 54         |
| NonResidential          | 5         | 14        | 1         | 5         | 0         | 4        | 3        | 2         | 0        | 34         |
| OutdoorStructure        | 4         | 2         | 2         | 0         | 3         | 2        | 0        | 1         | 0        | 14         |
| RoadVehicle             | 2         | 3         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0        | 1         | 0        | 9          |
| Boat                    | 0         | 0         | 2         | 5         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 7          |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>33</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>179</b> |

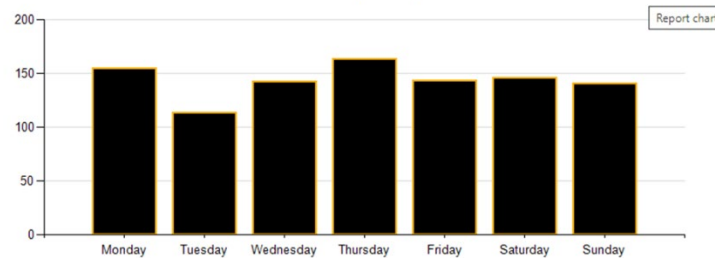
| SPECIAL SERVICE                    | Sep       | Apr       | May       | Jun       | Jul       | Aug       | Oct      | Nov       | Dec      | Total      |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| RTC                                | 0         | 3         | 3         | 5         | 9         | 0         | 2        | 2         | 1        | 25         |
| Assist other agencies              | 3         | 1         | 0         | 4         | 5         | 3         | 0        | 1         | 1        | 18         |
| Animal assistance incidents        | 3         | 1         | 2         | 3         | 5         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 1        | 17         |
| Effecting entry/exit               | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 2         | 2         | 2        | 1         | 1        | 10         |
| Other rescue/release of persons    | 0         | 2         | 2         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 1        | 0         | 0        | 7          |
| Medical Incident - First responder | 1         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 0         | 1         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 7          |
| Lift Release                       | 0         | 0         | 4         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1        | 0         | 1        | 7          |
| Removal of objects from people     | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 1        | 2         | 0        | 7          |
| Medical Incident - Co-responder    | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 1        | 0         | 0        | 6          |
| Suicide/attempts                   | 0         | 3         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 5          |
| Flooding                           | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 4          |
| No action (not false alarm)        | 2         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 3          |
| Making Safe (not RTC)              | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 2          |
| Rescue or evacuation from water    | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 2          |
| Removal of people from objects     | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1        | 0         | 0        | 2          |
| Hazardous Materials incident       | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0        | 1          |
| Other Transport incident           | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 1         | 0        | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>11</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>124</b> |

| FALSE ALARMS                | Apr       | Jun       | Aug       | Sep       | Oct       | May       | Jul       | Nov       | Dec      | Total      |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Fire Alarm Due to Apparatus | 6         | 9         | 11        | 13        | 11        | 6         | 16        | 10        | 5        | 87         |
| Good Intent False Alarm     | 4         | 8         | 16        | 18        | 8         | 6         | 5         | 11        | 4        | 80         |
| Malicious False Alarm       | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0        | 2          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>10</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>169</b> |

Number of Mobilisations Throughout the Day (24h)



Number of Mobilisations per Day of the Week





## **Falmouth Town Fairtrade Steering Group**

### **Quarterly Report to Town Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

#### **Links with University**

Communications with the university are well established now, through Jake Causley Sustainability Coordinator of Falmouth University (Penryn Campus). Planning is underway to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight in a variety of ways over the two week period at the Penryn campus. Plans include Fairtrade film nights, a Fairtrade stall over several days, competitions and other possibilities.

#### **Local Hotels**

The steering group has recently commenced visiting local hotels. Our aim is to meet with the hotel catering manager to campaign for trade justice and to encourage the use of Fairtrade products. It has not been easy arranging appointments. However, The Royal Duchy responded positively and an appointment was arranged with the duty manager. As the Duchy is part of the Brent Group all procurement is managed by the Brent Group as a whole. Fairtrade tea/coffee etc. is not served at the Duchy. We had a very fruitful conversation with the duty manager and she has promised to pass on our comments to the group. Our goal is to visit one hotel a month.

#### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Plans to celebrate this important annual event is underway. The Town Council Chambers is booked for a Fairtrade Coffee Morning and we are delighted Mayor Steve Eva has agreed to join us.

Once plans are finalised, the event will be advertised on our new Facebook page, on Source FM radio and hopefully the Falmouth Packet. We will also be involved as much as we can in the Fairtrade events organised by the Penryn campus team.

#### **COP27**

Farmers from developing countries held the platform to plead for reduction in carbon emissions and reducing fossil fuel use. Sadly, no decision was achieved with the fossil fuel reduction pledge. However, it was good to hear that loss and damage funding was pledged, funded by richer nations.

Fairtrade farmers get the best deal with guaranteed income, access to cooperatives, training in business methods, sustainable farming methods and biodiversity to combat the impact of climate change. The Fairtrade premium from sales is used to improve health care, provide education and community development and lots more. FAIR TRADE IS TRADE JUSTICE.

#### **Future Events**

If it is at all possible, we would like to have a Fairtrade Presence at the Armed Forces Day 2023 and Tall Ships 2023. Plans to have a Fairtrade stall at Parklive is also planned.

#### **Falmouth Town Council representation on Fairtrade steering group**

Sadly, Zoe Young is retiring from the steering group due to pressure of commitments. We thank her for her great interest and commitment to fair trade and trade justice. She has provided us with fruitful contacts, ideas and suggestions - her input and encouragement has been invaluable. We would be delighted to welcome another Fairtrade councillor to our meetings. We meet every two months at the Princess Pavilion. Councillor Brod Ross is a very active and helpful member of our steering group regularly attending all our meetings - we thank him for his commitment and support.

#### **Christmas Shopping**

Buying Fairtrade tea, coffee, chocolate, wine, flowers is giving poor farmers a chance to survive. Please keep Fairtrade in mind when you do your Christmas shopping.

Mary Bradley 2<sup>nd</sup> December 20



## **Town Management Report to Falmouth Town Council 12/12/22**

### **Marshals Safety and Support**

- The marshals via Infinitus have done a great job on various targeted shifts throughout the week to assist with anti-social behaviour and various other matters. In fact, last month they dealt with an individual who was very seriously ill, and their quick response was a significant benefit.
- To recap, this is a joint initiative between Falmouth Town Council and Falmouth BID. If there is more funding in 2023, we would very much look to continue this.

### **Anti-social behaviour**

- We continue to work with all the relevant services to reduce the impact across the town where possible.
- Thank you to the ongoing work from our staff, security and partner agencies. As mentioned on the police front desk comments below, if you are discussing issues with anyone, please ensure you advise them to report everything via the formal 101/999 (if it is an emergency) channels.

### **Police front desk**

- While this is not open yet, all being well at some point in the New Year this will be staffed and that will help for the community to call in.
- As we all know people registering issues with the police is one of the big challenges. The reporting function via 101 on the phone and also the online form does continue to pose challenges

### **First quarter 2023**

- It is no surprise that it is extremely tough across the town, and this will continue into the next quarter. The Town Team will of course communicate out any further support that the Government announces if this is forthcoming.

## **Pavilion recruitment**

- We will shortly be sorting recruitment for the Café/Bar Manager at the Pavilion.

## **TV programme**

- The BBC programme Strike will shortly air on national tv that was filmed in Falmouth & St Mawes earlier this year.
- Another of the many programmes we as a Town Team, have given permission for to help with profile and partnerships for the town.

## **Events**

- While I will leave most of this to the Cultural Services meeting as per usual, we will have just had the Festive Weekend when Full Council takes place. A big thank you to all Cllrs who help/helped over the weekend. This is of course another major partnership event between ourselves and Falmouth BID.
- I would also like to thank everyone involved in the switch-on and a big thank you to Gwyn Richards and his Reach Maintenance team. The feedback we have received for the lights this year has been brilliant.
- We will also have the Harmony Choir returning on Xmas Eve for the first time in three years.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.