

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Cultural Services Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 18:30 pm in the Atherton Suite, The Old Post Office The Moor, Falmouth TR11 2RT.

Present: Councillors K E Edwards (Chair), G.W. Chin-Quee, E. Seiler,  
D V Evans BEM , D Saunby

Also Present: Councillor J Spargo

In Attendance: R. Gates (Falmouth Town Manager)  
M. Lewis (Cultural Services Director/Minutes)

### **A915 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Coley (work) and Kirkham (other appointment).

### **A916 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

### **A917 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Seiler

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

### **A918 FALMOUTH TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- Following Christmas and Tall Ships meetings earlier in the day – see doc from Rich. (attached)
- Oyster Festival Feedback – lots of positive comments, plus requests for info sharing from other towns. Not a Town Council event of course, largely planned by SW Bars and events – but still looking to stretch the season and get the awareness of Falmouth out there. Thursday afternoon was quieter than the rest of the weekend but picked up over the following days.
- Remembrance – procession going from the Moor to Kimberly park on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Civic element with various groups will be represented, and road closures and other routine bookings are in hand.
- Christmas – Switch on 24<sup>th</sup> November – organising almost complete – will move through town up onto the Moor with performances on stage.
- Falmouth Festive Weekend – 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December. Snow globe, land train through town, and other attractions booked. Town Team are looking for volunteer sign ups from Cllrs to help over the weekend. Cruise Ship Ambassadors are a big help during this event. RG has reached out to university for volunteers and possible performances. Harmony Choir will be back for the first time since before covid.
- Armed Forces Day 24<sup>th</sup> June – More detail in future meetings, awaiting on senior MOD personnel to visit – A Cornwall Council event, not actually FTC managed, but playing key partner role. Flight displays aiming to make them green e.g. with carbon offsetting. Event planning may be opened up to further parties in due course, following MOD visit. Potentially up to 250,000 visitors attending including VIP's, requiring additional security, and will likely involve closing off town centre to traffic – need to promote the P&R to get people into town. Security – 250 security personnel in Scarborough just for the armed forces, though stressed that it is not an FTC event.
- Tall Ships 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August – First town working group meeting took place today. An open shop for people, businesses and groups who want to be involved. Get in touch with Ruth from town team to participate. Demelza to send out comms. Exploring sponsorship opportunities. Event is already generating a lot of interest.

Cllr Saunby asked about medical provision for events – Recommended company called Lifestar Medical. RG – Coast Medic and Infinitus used as paperwork corresponds. Maybe for Tall Ships etc that

several companies will need to be contracted. Stressed importance of triaging severity of incidents to allocate appropriate resources.

Cllr Seiler raised the issue of single use plastics at the Oyster Festival. RG - Reiterated that FTC are not centrally involved in the Oyster Festival. FTC has commissioned a design for a reusable cup that can be used for consecutive events and taken away as a souvenir. Needs to consider resourcing in terms of outlay to procure them. Pushback from local residents on the issue of holiday home companies sponsoring events. Linking up with Fal River for sponsorship deals.

**Cllr Spargo left the meeting at 18:55**

**A919 CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT**

See attached Director's report.

**Actions resolved:**

- Item on warm hub in the library – director applying to National Grid for funding. RG - In order to acquire second hand furniture for warm hub need to check with insurance. Cllr Edwards suggested applying principle of heating the person not the place, and exploring options for heated blankets and under-rug heaters, pads etc. Energy providers can offer deals.
- Home library service provision change to be revisited in 6-9 months time.
- Wednesday pm closing to continue.
- Cllr Edwards proposed revised winter closing, seconded Cllr Saunby. To be reviewed in six months. Could calculate cost savings to show what has been saved
- Director to Confirm Christmas closing with Mark –director to check with Cornwall Library Service regarding midday closing on Christmas Eve.

**A920 SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONG TERM PLANNING**

**Short Term**

Changing places toilet facility  
Passmore Edwards bicentenary celebration  
Arthur – Planning ongoing

**Medium Term**

Small museum set-up  
Street art and murals – Lloyds Bank negotiations ongoing

**Long Term**

Large scale PE redevelopment  
Large public art installations

**Income Generation**

Councillors invited to discuss with the Director any ideas for income generation.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19:45pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....