



FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Annual Town Meeting

Date	28/05/2025
Time	19:00 -
Location	Atherton Suite
Chair	TBC
Explanation	You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Falmouth Town Council to be held on the 28th May 2025 at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

The meeting will observe the requirements of the Council's commitment to the Civility and Respect Pledge. That is to treat councillors, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles. Behaviour breaching that commitment will not be tolerated.

The Town Mayor will officiate. This is not a meeting of the Town Council but an opportunity for the electorate of Falmouth to receive community reports and updates, address questions, and make recommendations.

Mayor of Falmouth

- 1 WELCOME BY THE MAYOR**
- 2 APOLOGIES**
- 3 MINUTES**
To receive the minutes of the town meeting held on 25th March 2024. (1-3)
- 3 TO MEET THE FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCILLORS AND RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON COUNCIL ACTIVITY 2025/2026**
- 4 COMMUNITY REPORTS**
- 5 QUESTIONS**
- 6 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ELECTORS**

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Minutes of the Falmouth Annual Town Meeting held in the Atherton Suite, The Old Post Office, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 25th March 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor K J Edwards (Town Mayor) presiding, Cornwall Councillors A J Jewell CC, J S Kirkham CC, and D W Saunby CC, Town Councillors: D E Clegg, L D Coley, S D Eva, D V Evans BEM, J C Robinson, B M A Ross, and J M Spargo. Also, A M Williams (Town Clerk), R J Gates (Town Manager), D C Shankland (Communications Officer), M Palmer-Williams (Princess Pavilion General Manager), M Thompson (Pendennis Leisure CIO) and 8 members of the public.

T447 WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed those attending the Annual Town Meeting and reported upon the municipal and civic year. Including 2024/25 precept setting, the Changing Places development, the Re:Source Project (Kimberley Park) and the Skatepark development.

Pendennis Leisure had recently been recognised with the Andy Hocking Community Award for their efforts in providing Pendennis Leisure Centre and to attempt to redevelop swimming provision there.

She reminded those attending that the meeting was not a meeting of the Town Council but a forum for the electors of the town to receive reports and direct questions and recommendations.

T448 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors Chin-Quee and Seiler. Also, Cornwall Councillor Magowan.

T449 MINUTES

The minutes from the 27th March 2023 Annual Parish Meeting were not available and would be circulated with the March 2024 minutes.

T450 PENDENNIS LEISURE

Matthew Thomson for Pendennis Leisure CIO provided an overview of the reason for the Town Council taking on the ownership of the Headland to protect it from future development and leasing the former Ships & Castles Leisure Centre site to Pendennis Leisure, following its closure by Cornwall Council. There had been over 5000 local engagements with the community that had seen the partnership with the Town Council develop. Meanwhile uses had been operating on the 'dry side' of the premises since September 2023 and various grants had been accessed to do this.

The long-term mission was to develop a six lane 25 metre swimming pool, with accessible learning pool and community activity centre. Pre-application planning guidance had been sought from Cornwall Council on that and he presented the illustrative designs. This would be dependent on external funding. He updated on proposed community engagement.

He responded to questions and advised that a business plan was being created.

T451 COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Town Manager provided an overview of the safe and secure initiative, in partnership with Falmouth Business Improvement District, to help address the challenges for the town centre from antisocial behaviour and disorder. He advised regarding public realm CCTV provision, Street Rangers Service, DISC reporting system, Shopwatch Radios and holistically linking support functions.

He responded to questions on the measures.

T452 PRINCESS PAVILION

The General Manager Princess Pavilion provided an overview of operations of the Pavilion in what had been a successful year since the Town Council at the request of the community had revived the community operation that Cornwall Council had closed. Providing the venue, community space and a café. In 2023 it had organised and hosted 1,122 events and community groups. 898 community focus or charity events. 22,494 attendees. 16 weddings, with all living happily ever after. 3,054 attendees to corporate conferences and events. 86 theatre shows with 22,950 guests. That was a total of 61,658 guests. The new management team were established, and significant savings had been achieved for the local taxpayer, providing employment for over 20 local people and works for many local contractors. As well as being a significant reason for people visiting the town.

The café was being refurbished. Also, he advised on the recent receipt of a grant from the Community Ownership Fund which would see £190,000 of further investment into energy saving measures and improvements, further reducing ongoing costs.

He responded to questions and advised on the café availability and menu setting. Different operating hours and a simpler menu had not proven popular. The café was cost heavy but an important community offer. He further advised on costings.

T453 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mr Brown queried the precept increase and the economic position of Falmouth residents. The Chair of the Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee referred to the recently issued Residents Precept Letter from the town Council which advised on expenditure and tax setting. The Town Mayor reminded the meeting regarding service provision was at the request of residents.

A resident queried whether the Town Council could provide a museum and whether it could charge for entry to the Falmouth Art Gallery. The Town Mayor reported that currently there was insufficient funds to create a museum and the conditions of loan funding and display of some art works needed to be publicly and freely accessible, the Gallery also provided important children's and educational services.

A resident raised various issues regarding environmental measures and the integrity of public realm CCTV.

Councillor Eva signposted residents to information services, surgery access etc.

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed: Date: