

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING OF HELSTON
HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL,
COINAGEHALL STREET, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Councillor N.J.C. Devenish (Town Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors:

Mrs S.M.E. Swift
N.C. Martin

R.J.L. Boase
K. Reynolds

Mrs F.N.E. Boase
M.H. Thomas

Residents:

Mr G Bilkey
Mr I Perry

Representatives of Organisations:

Ms C Jeckells – CRCC Carers Support Service
Ms G Barnes – Helston & Kerrier Music Society
Mrs J Rustean – Helston & Kerrier Music Society
Mrs M Allen – Helston & Kerrier Music Society
Mr M Upton – Epworth Hall

Mr B Kemp – Epworth Hall
Mr S Palmer – Sithney Cornish Wrestling Club
Mr B Deacon – Sithney Cornish Wrestling Club
Mr L Harris – Helston Rugby Club
Mr R Parker – Kerrier Citizens Advice Bureau

In Attendance:

Mr C. Dawson (Town Clerk)
Miss P. Lavelle (Finance and Committee Assistant)

1. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor R.J.L. Boase, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 10th April 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented a resume of the affairs of the town during the preceding twelve months and made special reference to:

- (a) the local government reorganisation and the Town Council's preparations to be able to offer functions and services on behalf of Cornwall Council;
- (b) the drafting of a Town Plan;
- (c) the Community Centre Building in Penrose Road;
- (d) the improvements to play areas including the redevelopment of the King George V play area, the Town Council's impending ownership of a Play Area at An Henlys and a proposed teen play area in the Penrose Amenity Area;

- (e) the approval of planning applications for two large supermarkets which would create jobs for the area and provide Section 106 money to fund a Regeneration Officer to enhance the local economy and rejuvenate the town centre;
- (f) the youth activities in the town and the inclusion of a directory of youth activities on the Town Council's website; and
- (g) former police officer Nigel Treloar's retirement after many years service as Neighbourhood Beat Manager for Helston.

3. CHARITY ACCOUNTS: TREVENEN EXHIBITION

The Town Clerk reported details of the Accounts of the Trevenen Exhibition Charity which showed balances on the 31st March 2009 of £3,570.80 representing £2,513.84 in shares currently held and £1,056.96 in the Charity's Abbey National bank account.

Mr Peter O'Brian was the recipient of the Trevenen Exhibition Award and had been sent the first payment. Mr O'Brian would receive a total of £300 over three years.

4. REPORT ON THE DOWNSLAND TRUST

Councillor Reynolds, Chairman of the Downsland Trust, gave a detailed report on the activities of the Downsland Trust and made particular mention to the planning application for Meneage Green advising that the Planning Authority had confirmed that it would only support the inclusion of nine parking spaces. Councillor Reynolds further advised that the Downsland Trust had tidied the planted area at the end of Meneage Green and would be discussing the area at the next meeting as it required high levels of maintenance.

5. TOWN AFFAIRS

Mr Perry requested a pedestrian crossing on the Porthleven Road and an update on the proposed bus shelters in Coinagehall Street. The Mayor advised that Mr Perry had raised the issue of a crossing at the PACT meeting the previous evening and the Area Highway Manager from Cornwall Council had agreed to investigate the issue. The Mayor then requested that Councillor Mrs Swift as Chair of the Amenities Committee provide Mr Perry with an update on the Bus Shelters in Coinagehall Street.

Councillor Mrs Swift advised that the Amenities Committee had progressed the bus shelters and were waiting on Cornwall Council's Highways department. Councillor Mrs Swift confirmed that there had been discussions regarding the location and design of the shelters. Councillor Mrs Swift further advised the Cornwall Council were responsible for making the decisions, the Town Council were consultees and were very mindful of the town and wanted the shelters to fit in.

Mr M Upton advised that the Epworth Hall Management Group had approached Highways to request two disabled parking spaces at the front of the building and had been advised to seek the Town Council's support. Mr Upton then asked if the Town Council would support the provision of the disabled parking spaces. The Mayor advised that the Town Council would require a formal request for support which would have to go to a Full Council meeting to be discussed.

6. **PRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS**

Presentations were made by the following organisations that had received financial support from the Town Council over the past year:

- Carers Support Service
- Helston Music Society Choir (formerly Helston & Kerrier Music Society)
- Helston Rugby Football Club
- Redruth Citizens Advice Bureau (formerly Kerrier Citizens Advice Bureau)
- Sithney Cornish Wrestling
- Carleen Church Community Care
- Epworth Hall Management Group

The Town Clerk read reports submitted by the following organisations who were unable to attend the meeting:

- 1st Helston Scout Group
- Helston Shotokan Karate Club
- Home Start – West Cornwall

The Meeting closed at 7.52pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor