

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF HELSTON
HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, COINAGEHALL STREET, HELSTON
ON WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2022

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PRESENT: Councillor M J Kenchington (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair

Helston Town Councillors:

Mr R Williams	M H Thomas
R J L Boase	G T Looker
Mrs F N E Boase	P M Webb
S L Ramsden	

Representatives of Organisations:

Mr P Hendy & Ms S Egan – Helston Athletic Football Club
Mrs S Reed – Epworth Hall
Mrs L Martin – Helston Cricket Club
Mr B Curnow – Helston Town Band
Mrs J Newton – Helston Bowls Club
Ms L Grant - CAST

In Attendance:

Miss P J Lavelle (Town Clerk)

1. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Boase, seconded by Councillor Thomas, and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 8th April 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2. TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Mayor gave apologies on behalf of Councillor Grattan-Kane (Town Mayor) who was unwell. The Deputy Mayor then presented a resume of the affairs of the town during the preceding twelve months on behalf of the Mayor which made special reference to:

- (a) the difficult time being experienced by residents and businesses, thanking the public for their response in volunteering with the Emergency Response Team. With special mention to Helston Rotary Club & Helston Football club for their aid during the Covid response measures;
- (b) the town's appreciation for the work of key workers and the NHS. Thanking the Furry Café, Cathy Sherlock of Culdrose Community Centre and the Methodist Youth clubs run by Sarah Reed for their voluntary efforts in Youth Engagement in response to the rise in youth anti-social and criminal behaviour;

- (c) the continued provision of Hanging Baskets within the town by the Mayors Welfare Fund in response to the cessation of the Helston in Bloom Group.
- (d) The return of Flora Day which was eagerly awaited, thanking all those involved in the preparation including the Rotary Clubs which helped refurbish the white wash walls around the town;
- (e) The Freedom Parade which was held the previous week to mark the 75th Anniversary of the commissioning of Seahawk, advising that it had been a privilege to take the salute;
- (f) Credit was given to the various providers of youth services in the Town including the Furry Café and the Methodist Youth Clubs advising that the Council had included a allocation in the budget to youth outreach workers within Helston to offer further support.
- (g) The launch and success of the first 'I Love Helston' photography competition;
- (h) The successes of the Harvest Fair Committee's carnival and Helston Christmas Lights Committees outstanding display;
- (i) Staff changes, drawing particular attention to the new Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant;
- (j) Martin Searle's successes as Projects Officer, offering thanks for his hard work, achievements, dedication to improving Helston and wishing him well for the future; and
- (k) Thanked all the Councillors for their continued support and efforts to improve the town throughout the past year and for the dedicated staff who helped them deliver their services.

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 2021 of £7238.66 representing £1,647.81 in shares currently held and £1,647.81 in the Charity's bank account.

4. PRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS

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

- Helston Athletic Football
- Helston Cricket Club
- Epworth Hall
- Helston Town Band
- CAST
- Helston Bowling Club

Meeting closed at 8.09pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor