

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING OF HELSTON
HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL,
COINAGEHALL STREET, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2007 AT 7.00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Councillor R. Williams (Town Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors:

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

R.J.L. Boase
N.J.C. Devenish

K. Reynolds
Mrs V.J. Matthew

Residents:

Mr B. Yelland
Mr I. Perry

In Attendance:

Mr C. Dawson (Town Clerk)
Miss P. Lavelle (Administrative Assistant)
Mr L. Phillips (Administrative Assistant)

1. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swift, and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 18th May 2006 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 new format of the Town Meeting;
- (b) the employment of a Town Warden;
- (c) the new street clean team introduced by Kerrier District Council;
- (d) the work of the Tree Warden;
- (e) the achievements of St. Michaels School Choir and expressed congratulations regarding the Songs of Praise competition
- (f) the completion of Phase I of Coronation Park and the progress with Phase II; and
- (g) the opening of Kerrier District Council's new offices, Issac House.

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 2007 of £4,450.43 representing £3,537.78 in shares currently held and £912.65 in the Charity's Abbey National bank account.

Mr Harry Pickard was still the Trevenen Exhibition Award recipient and a letter had been received from his Tutor that gave a favourable report of Mr Pickard's ongoing progress with his studies.

4. REPORT ON THE DOWNSLAND TRUST

Councillor Reynolds, Chairman of the Downsland Trust, gave a detailed report on the activities of the Downsland Trust. Councillor Reynolds then responded to questions from Members of the Public.

5. TOWN AFFAIRS

Mr Upton requested an update on the issues raised in the previous Town Meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed that Kerrier District Council's Conservation Officer was attempting to have the 'Big T' sign removed from Trelawneys and that Kerrier District Council felt that it was best not to relocate the taxi rank.

The Town Clerk read an e-mail from Mr Yelland which sought Councillors' views on the possibility of having further meetings of a similar format throughout the year and an uncensored letters page in the proposed new Cornwall County Council Newsletter. Councillors' agreed to consider the possibility of a public meeting at a future Council meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS

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

- Victim Support Cornwall
- Helston & District Town Twinning Association
- Helston & Kerrier Music Society
- Helston Rugby Football Club – Youth
- Kerrier District Citizens Advice Bureau
- WRVS
- Epworth Hall Management Group
- Helston School Jazz Orchestra
- Mustard Seed
- Spectrum
- Helston Bowling Club

The Meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

Confirmed

Town Mayor