

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING OF HELSTON
HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL,
COINAGEHALL STREET, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2012 AT 7.00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Councillor R J L Boase (Town Mayor) in the Chair

Helston Town Councillors:

R Williams	K Reynolds	M H Thomas
Mrs S M E Swift	Mrs F N E Boase	J Martin
N J C Devenish	R R Pryor	

Cornwall Councillors:

Mrs J Haycock	A Robertson
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Residents:

Mr F Angove	Ms A Hill
Mr M Atkins	Mr I Perry
Mr C Bowcutt	

Representatives of Organisations:

Ms S Collington – Carleen Church Community Care Centre	Miss V Parker – Friends & Residents of Bulwark Group
Ms C Dempsey – Carleen Church Community Care Centre	Miss J Honey – Friends & Residents of Bulwark Group
Ms S Smith – Cornwall Air Ambulance	Ms N Jones – Friends & Residents of Bulwark Group
Mr M Upton – Epworth Hall Management Group	Mrs K Thomas – Friends & Residents of Bulwark Group
Mr T Ley – Helston Memory Café	Mr B Thomas – Friends & Residents of Bulwark Group
Mrs R Bywaters – Helston & District Town Twinning Assoc.	Ms M Stubbings – Friends & Residents of Bulwark Group
Mr N Hannaford – Helston & District Town Twinning Assoc.	Mr G Cook – Friends & Residents of Bulwark Group
Mrs V Matthew – Helston & District Town Twinning Assoc. and South Kerrier Alliance CIC	
Mr D Williams – Mustard Seed (SW) Ltd	
Ms T Perkin – Victim Support - Cornwall	

In Attendance:

Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)
Miss P Lavelle (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
Mrs S Price (Administrative Assistant)
Mr J Birkett (Town Centre Manager)

Miss E Goodfellow (Helston Packet)
Mr N Perry (West Briton)

1. MINUTES

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 14th April 2011 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) Mr Jonathan Birkett, the Town Centre Manager, whom he welcomed and he then referred to the submission of the Portas Pilot Bid and associated video which was one of the projects the Town Centre Manager was involved in;
- (b) Completion of the new community building on the old cattle market site which made an excellent gateway to the town;
- (c) the Youth Café which opened in August and was another good achievement for the town;
- (d) the generosity of the people of the town helping to raise £300,000 to re-roof St. Michaels Church with Cornish slate to preserve the heritage of the site;
- (e) the long campaign to raise funds for new play equipment at Bulwark Road which could be nearing completion following a large grant of £30,000 received from SITA Trust which was in addition to the £7,000 that the Residents Association had raised over the past few years;
- (f) A successful Harvest Fair which had been held in September and he advised that it was hoped that the current year's event would be even better with a week of activities;
- (g) The hosting of the Cornish Gorsedd in September which was a fantastic day for all those involved and he expressed his thanks to the team of volunteers who made it possible;
- (h) the twinning of Helston with Plougasnou in Brittany; and
- (i) the busy year ahead with the Olympic Torch Relay, Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Coronation Lake Centenary.

The Mayor then awarded Miss Jesieca Honey his Young Citizen's Award for 2011/12 for giving up her free time to carry out fundraising for play equipment at Bulwark Road.

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 2012 of £4,367.69 representing £3,131.09 in shares currently held and £1,236.60 in the Charity's bank account.

The Town Clerk advised that the last recipient, Mr O'Brian, had been awarded a first class honours degree at Cambridge University. The Town Clerk further advised that unfortunately no nominations had been received for a new candidate and so he would be contacting the schools again for nominations.

4. REPORT ON THE DOWNSLAND TRUST

Councillor Reynolds, Chairman of the Helston Downsland Trust, thanked the Trustees for their support and gave a report on the activities of the Trust during which he made particular mention to the improvements to Meneage Green confirming that they were moving onto the next stage which was to sell off of the plots in front of each house. Councillor Reynolds further advised that the Downsland Trust had given grants to a number of groups which included One and All Judo, Helston Brownies, Phoenix Project, ACT1 and Mustard Seed.

A member of the public queried whether the land would be attached to the sale of the buildings or if it could be sold separately. Councillor Reynolds advised that the land would be sold on a 999 year lease but the question had not been considered as the issue had not been raised and they would discuss it at their next meeting.

5. TOWN AFFAIRS

A member of the public expressed his thanks and appreciation to everyone connected with the old Cattle Market Building.

A member of the public queried why the Mayor Choosing event was being held in the evening. The Mayor advised that the event was discussed at a Policy, Finance and Resources Committee meeting and it had been thought that it would be more convenient for Councillors who worked. A further member of the public queried if the schools continued to be invited. The Mayor confirmed that the schools would continue to be invited as in previous years.

A member of the public spoke regarding the Town Plan Consultation to ask when the first consultation had been carried out. The Mayor advised that it had been, approximately eighteen months earlier. Councillor Reynolds advised that he believed it was actually three years previously.

A member of the public asked whether the potholes were being rectified with Flora Day coming up. The Mayor advised that Cornwall Council had promised all potholes would be repaired before Flora Day.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS

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

- Carleen Church Community Care Centre
- Cornwall Air Ambulance
- Epworth Hall Management Group
- Friends & Residents of Bulwark Group
- Helston Community Memory Cafe
- Helston & District Town Twinning Association
- Helston Harvest Fair Association
- Mustard Seed (SW) Ltd
- South Kerrier Alliance Community Interest Company
- Victim Support - Cornwall

The Town Clerk read a report submitted by Helston Bowling Club who were unable to attend the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.04pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor