

**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING OF HELSTON**  
**HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL,**  
**COINAGEHALL STREET, HELSTON**  
**ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 7.00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor M H Thomas (Town Mayor) in the Chair

**Helston Town Councillors:**

R Williams	J Martin	T E Grattan-Kane
R J L Boase	Mrs G Geer	P E Williams
Mrs F N E Boase	D J Potter	

**Cornwall Councillors:**

Mrs J A Haycock

**Residents:**

Freeman I D Perry

Mrs B Thomas (Mayoress)

**Representatives of Organisations:**

Ms K Hines – Andrew Oliver Big Heart Foundation  
Ms T Gleadowe – Cornubian Arts & Science Trust  
Mr M Atkins – Flora Day Association  
Mr N Pascoe – Flora Day Association  
Mr N Martin – Helston Age Concern  
Mrs R Sanders – Helston in Bloom  
Mr G Carter – Helston Town Band  
Ms V Davies – One & All Judo Club  
Mr R Hurst – Penrose Judo Club

**In Attendance:**

Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)  
Mrs S Price (Administrative Assistant)  
Mr M Searle (Town Centre Regeneration Officer)

WPC Butcher (Devon & Cornwall Constabulary)

Mrs E Ferguson (Helston Packet)

## 1. MINUTES

Mr Nott advised that the representative of the St. Michaels Church Bell Ringers Group should be Mr R Nott not Mrs R Nott.

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015 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 HX1 and HX2 urban extensions;
- (b) The servicing of St Michaels Church bells and the tolling to commemorate the individual 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of local men that died during WW1;
- (c) Conferring the Freedom of the Town upon Margaret Fitter, Ivan Perry and Robert Williams;
- (d) The success of Helston's sports teams;
- (e) The establishment of the Helston in Bloom team of volunteers;
- (f) The expanding number of community Christmas events;
- (g) The public realm project to refurbish the Grylls Monument and improve the surrounding open space (including the demolition of the public conveniences to be replaced with a new unisex toilet);
- (h) Helston Community College – replacement of C Block, the desire for a one-site college and the move towards a multi-Academy Trust;
- (i) Transport issues affecting Helston including the B3297, volume of taxis in Coinagehall Street and a rail link;
- (j) The relationship with RNAS Culdrose, the continuation of its annual Freedom Parade, de-commissioning of 771 Squadron and the placing of a Sea-king at Hospital Cross; and
- (k) The re-introduction of public realm CCTV in the town centre;

### **3. MAYOR'S YOUNG CITIZEN AWARD**

The Mayor advised that the three primary schools in Helston, Helston Community College and Mullion School had been contacted for nominations of students who were Helston residents for the Mayor's Young Citizen Award. The Mayor confirmed that four nominations had been received. He then announced that Miss Tegenn Holloway had been selected for the Young Citizen Award which would be presented at the Full Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

### **4. MAYOR'S CITIZEN AWARD**

The Mayor advised that there would be no award as there had been an insufficient number of nominations.

### **5. CHARITY ACCOUNTS: TREVENEN EXHIBITION**

The Town Clerk reported details of the Accounts of the Trevenen Exhibition Charity which showed balances on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 of £5,121.60 representing £3,721.60 in shares currently held and £1,400.00 in the Charity's bank account.

The Town Clerk advised that the Trustees would meet later in the year to agree a new recipient.

### **6. REPORT ON THE DOWNSLAND TRUST**

Councillor Mrs Geer, Chairman of the Helston Downsland Trust, gave a brief report on the activities of the Trust advising that the charity had been founded to aid the poor of the community.

The Charity had awarded £9,500 in grants during the past year and a further twelve applications would be considered at its Annual General Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016.

### **7. TOWN AFFAIRS**

A member of the public enquired if the Flora Day Association had enough marshals for Flora Day following an appeal for volunteers. A member of the Flora Day Association confirmed that the marshalling was in-hand. The member of the public then referred to traffic congestion caused by cars parking too close to the traffic lights in Coinagehall Street. WPC Butcher would inform the Neighbourhood Team to monitor the issue.

Another member of the public referred to the Town Council discussions regarding taxis in Coinagehall Street and advised that taxis should not park on the bus clearway. In response to a question, the Town Clerk advised that there was no limit to the number of taxis that could operate from Helston at any one time.

Responding to a question regarding the future of the Helston Library and One Stop Shop, Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that the future of the service in Helston looked favourable.

**9. PRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS**

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

- Andrew Oliver Big Heart Foundation
- Cornubian Arts & Science Trust
- Helston Age Concern
- Helston Flora Day Association
- Helston Friendship Club
- Helston in Bloom
- Helston Town Band
- One & All Judo Club
- Penrose Judo Club
- South Kerrier Heritage Trust

**The Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**Confirmed**

**Town Mayor**