

WADEBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
Town Hall, Wadebridge on
Thursday 19 May 2022 at 6pm

Present : Wadebridge Mayor, Cllr Amanda Pennington (Chair), 14 members of the public (parishioners and representatives of local groups), Cornwall Councillor Robin Moorcroft (Wadebridge West & St. Mabyn), Inspector Regie Butler-Card (Sector Inspector Bodmin and Wadebridge) and 4 Members from Wadebridge Town Council attending as parishioners (Cllrs; Henry Jarvis, Kelly Rowe, Charlie Viqueira and Ian Welch)

In attendance : Anne Minnis (Town Clerk) & Beverley Collins (Minutes).

The Mayor, Cllr Amanda Pennington, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

ATM/22.1 Apologies – None.

ATM/22.2 Minutes – *It was **RESOLVED** to agree the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 22 April 2021.* The Mayor signed the Minutes. There were no matters arising.

ATM/22.3 Mayor's Annual Report – Cllr Pennington gave a report outlining the past year. Report attached.

ATM/22.4 Reports from organisations who have received grant funding in 2021-22 –

Copies of presentations and reports (where available) are filed with the Minutes and are available from the Town Clerk's office for information.

Representatives from the following organisations presented reports :

- a. **Cornwall Pride CIC** – A representative of the group thanked the town council for the £500 grant awarded and provided details on how the group made use of the grant. A precis of their 2021 event held in Wadebridge was relayed along with details of forthcoming events.
- b. **Folk Festival** – A representative of the group gave a full precis of how the group faced the challenges of the Covid period in 2021 and the plans required in order to be able to continue with the festival which proved to be very successful. Details of the festival were relayed and it was advised that a full festival is planned for 2022 which is their 50th anniversary.
- c. **St Breock School** – The Head Teacher presented a report outlining the use of the £480 grant awarded which had contributed to activities across all years. A second grant awarded had been used to provide winter events in the school including star gazing activities.
- d. **Wadebridge Old Cornwall Society** – A representative of the group presented a report which is attached.
- e. **Wadebridge Carnival** – Two representatives from the Carnival Committee provided details of the Committee and its work in preparing for the carnival and the forthcoming Jubilee events. Marshalls are required for the 2022 carnival and any offers of help would be very much appreciated.

The Mayor advised that the AA, Duchy Defibrillators Ltd, and Wadebridge Country Market had submitted reports setting out how their organisation made use of the grants awarded. The reports are attached to the Minutes and will be available from the Town Clerk's office:

Representatives from the following organisations were not available to attend the meeting but had sent thanks to the town council for the grants awarded :

- a. **Wadebridge Music Festival.**
- b. **Cornwall Gymnastics Club.**
- c. **Wadebridge Creative Hub CIC.**
- d. **Town Band.**

ATM/22.5 Reports from Wadebridge Town Council –

- a. **Finance & General Purposes Committee (report filed with Minutes)** – The Clerk, as Responsible Finance Officer, presented a report on the town council's financial position in 2021-22 (copy attached and available from the Town Clerk's office for information).
- b. **Planning Committee** – Cllr Ian Welch, Chair of Committee, gave a detailed report outlining planning work through 2021-22 (report attached and available from the Town Clerk's office for information).

ATM/22.6 Report from Police – Inspector Regie Butler-Card presented a report (attached). Additionally, he provided information on the challenges faced through the Covid period including with police vehicles being written off. The reduction of vehicles is causing an ongoing challenge. The current police team were praised for their hard work and commitment across the service. Details of how officers deal with incidents such as domestic violence were relayed. Inspector Butler-Card reiterated that Wadebridge is a safe place to live.

6.46pm, several members of the public left the meeting.

ATM/22.7 Parishioner's Questions (questions and written responses filed with Minutes)

- **Cornwall Councillors** – None.
- **Scott Mann MP** – Apologies were received. Two questions had been previously submitted by a member of the public who had been advised to contact the MP's office directly regarding the questions.
- **Wadebridge Town Councillors** - There had been one question submitted as attached. The Mayor read the question and response.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.50pm.

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

Chair :

Date :