

WADEBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
held on Thursday 26 April 2018 at 6pm, Town Hall, Wadebridge

Present : Wadebridge Mayor, Cllr Adrian Jones (Chair) 14 members of the public (parishioners and representatives of local groups) and 7 Members from Wadebridge Town Council (Louise Mitchell, Philip Mitchell, Eric Gill, Leah Gliddon, Amanda Pennington, Julia Fletcher and John Leach)

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

The Mayor, Cllr Jones opened the meeting and advised of evacuation routes in case of an emergency. There were no hazards to note.

ATM/18.1 Apologies had been received from Scott Mann MP who was in Parliament, Sgt. Andy Stewart and Cornwall Councillors Karen McHugh and Steve Knightley.

ATM/18.2 Minutes – It was **RESOLVED** to agree the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 27 April 2017. Minutes were signed by the Mayor. There were no matters arising.

ATM/18.3 Mayor's Annual Report – Cllr Jones gave a report outlining the past year (report attached).

ATM/18.4 Reports from organisations who have received grant funding in 2017/18 – Representatives from each of the following groups gave short presentations on grants awarded and talked about how the grant has assisted with specific projects. Copies of presentations (where available) are filed with the Minutes and are available from the Town Clerk's office for information.

- a. **The Womens Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre (Cornwall) now known as The Women's Centre Cornwall** - Maggie Parks OBE, Chief Executive.
- b. **Secretary of Bowmen of Wadebridge** - Elaine Jones.
- c. **Cornwall Folk Festival, Wadebridge** - Lynette Rentoul, Artistic Director.
- d. **Cruse Bereavement Care, Cornwall** - Lisa Harbour.
- e. **Festival of Music and Speech, Wadebridge** – Rachael Roach.
- f. **Concern Wadebridge** – Andy Lyle.
- g. **Churches Together in Wadebridge** - Reverend John Hereward.
- h. **Wadebridge District and Garden Club** – Charlie Kessle.
- i. **Wadebridge Rugby Club, Under 15s** – Anne Minnis.

Wadebridge Coasters Cycling Club (Coasters Kids 'Go Ride' club) – report submitted.

ATM/18.5 Reports from Wadebridge Town Council –

- a. **Finance & General Purposes Committee (report filed with Minutes)** – Cllr Jones, Chair of Committee, advised details of the committee's work over the past year providing details of precept figures and grant expenditure.
- b. **Planning Committee** - Cllr Pennington, Chair of Committee gave a short precis of a very busy past year which included the continuation of some of the larger development proposals submitted to Cornwall Council as the Planning Authority.

ATM/18.6 Report from Police – The Mayor advised that Sgt. Stewart had unfortunately given apologies but he had advised he would be sending crime figures to the Town Clerk as soon as possible for circulation and to be attached to the Minutes. Sgt. Stewart asked that any questions submitted by parishioners should be forwarded to him for response.

ATM/18.7 Parishioner's Questions (questions and written responses filed with Minutes) – One question had been submitted as follows :

Submitted by Mark Wilsher – I have a question for the participants of the Town Council AGM, for our County Councillors, Scott Mann, the police and the Town Council :
What actions will you take to help reduce plastics and litter in Wadebridge?

Responses from Scott Mann MP, Cllr McHugh and Cllr Knightley were advised and are attached for information.

Cllrs; Amanda Pennington, Adrian Jones & Julia Fletcher made a response on behalf of the Town Council thanking Mr Wilsher for leading the project and confirmed that, as a part of the agreement for use of Jubilee Field, the Town Council has requested that the Carnival Committee promotes recycling and the reduction of use of plastics at the 2018 event in accordance with recent resolutions made by the Town Council in support of this project. The recent and forthcoming litter picks / clean-ups were briefly referred to.

Amanda Pennington advised that, on a personal level, she is continuing to reduce the use of plastics on a daily basis.

Cllr Gill thanked everyone for attending the meeting which had proved to be very good. He thanked all Town Council staff and noted that the council as a whole is now working well and improving.

Mark Wilsher additionally asked the Town Council two further questions :

- Would Members consider installing an out-side drinking water tap near to the Parks Department on Egloshayle Playing Fields ?.
- Would it be possible to share some of the stand space at the 2018 Royal Cornwall Show for display purposes ?

Action : To be discussed at next Full Council meeting.

The Mayor thanked all speakers and representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.12pm.

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

Chair :

Date :