

WADEBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
held on Thursday 27 April 2017 at 6pm, Town Hall, Wadebridge

Present : Wadebridge Mayor, Cllr Pamela Starling (Chair) & Deputy Mayor, Cllr Tony Rush, Sergeant Andy Stewart (Wadebridge Police), Cornwall Councillors Karen McHugh & Steve Knightley, 18 members of the public (parishioners and representatives of local groups) and 9 Members from Wadebridge Town Council attending as parishioners (Dave Bassett, Carole Buchanan, Eric Gill, Helen Hyland, Adrian Jones, Mike Kendall, John Leach, Amanda Pennington, Abby Richardson).

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

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

- ATM/17.1 Apologies** had been received from Scott Mann MP who was in Parliament.
- ATM/17.2 Minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to agree the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 28 April 2016. Minutes were signed by the Mayor. There were no matters arising.
- ATM/17.3 Mayor's Annual Report** – Cllr Starling gave a report outlining the past year (report attached).
- ATM/17.4 Reports from organisations who have received grant funding in 2016/17** – Representatives from each of the following groups gave short presentations on grants awarded and 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.
- a. **Parish of St Breoke and Egloshayle in Wadebridge (presentation filed)** – John Fairbanks (Property Officer) thanked the Town Council for awarding a grant to assist with restoration works to the Great War Memorial at St Breoke Church. The history and interesting facts of the young men who joined the war and of the memorial itself were relayed.
 - b. **Wadebridge and District Garden Association** – Charles Kessell thanked the Town Council for the grant awarded and advised details of the club's Annual Show held in the Town Hall.
 - c. **Merlin MS** – apologies had been received.
 - d. **Chicks (report filed)** – Representative thanked the Town Council for the grant awarded and gave a breakdown of how the monies helped three local children with respite care.
 - e. **Air Ambulance** – The Mayor advised an e-mail thanking the Town Council for the grant had been received with an attached report.
 - f. **Wadebridge Festival of Music and Speech** – Rachel Daniel thanked the Town Council for their continued support and advised details of the festival's history and the current program and committee structure.
 - g. **Churches Together (presentation filed)** – Edme Brink thanked the Town Council for the awarded grant and gave a short presentation on how the funds helped with the 2016 Holiday Club. Feedback provided by parents was relayed.
 - h. **Folk Festival** – Lynette Rentoul, Artistic Director, thanked the Town Council for their support and gave a presentation on both the festival's history and its current situation. Details of the 2017 program were relayed - the August bank holiday festival will highlight the centenary year of Charles Causley, the Cornish poet who was born on 24 August 1917, with a performance by his Great Nephew. The festival raises the profile of Wadebridge and brings trade to the town and the surrounding area. It is attended by not only local people but visitors from Europe, USA and Canada.

- i. **Wadebridge Lions Club** – Paul Renals thanked the Town Council for the grant awarded which helped fund the Annual Christmas Dinner event for the over 65's of the parish. Paul gave details of the event including related costs and the satisfaction that the club have from arranging this event.
- j. **Wadebridge Carnival** – Robin Moorcroft presented details of the 2017 carnival which is being held on Saturday 29 July. A breakdown of the daytime program was relayed along with details of the evening events including the firework display. Robin referred to costs related to the Carnival and the fundraising events which are held through the year.

ATM/17.5 Reports from Wadebridge Town Council –

- a. **Finance & General Purposes Committee (report filed with Minutes)** – Cllr Starling, Chair of Committee, advised details of the committee's work over the past year.
- b. **Planning Committee** - Cllr Pennington, Chair of Committee, advised aspects of several applications which have recently come before the Planning Committee over the past year. These include some of the larger proposed developments both within the town and in the neighbouring parish of Egloshayle, some of which are now at the appeal stage. Cllr Pennington explained that Cornwall Council is the Planning Authority (not the Town Council) and reminded parishioners of the importance of including Cornwall Council in any views or comments they may have in relation to planning applications.

ATM/17.6 Report from Police (report filed with Minutes) – Sgt. Andy Stewart gave a presentation which referred to the changes within the organisation and crime in the Wadebridge area over the past year. Copies of the report were made available at the meeting.

ATM/17.7 Parishioner's Questions (questions and written responses filed with Minutes) – Several questions had been submitted for response by Cornwall Councillors, Scott Man MP and Wadebridge Town Council. Written responses to all questions submitted were circulated at the meeting. In addition to this Cornwall Councillors McHugh and Knightley advised of their responses.

The Mayor thanked all speakers and representatives for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.59pm.

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

Chair :

Date :