ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF HELSTON HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, COIANGEHALL STREET, HELSTON ON THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2023 AT 7PM

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PRESENT: Councillor T Grattan-Kane (Town Mayor) in the Chair

Helston Town Councillors:

R Williams J Martin S Ramsden
R J L Boase M J Kenchington P Webb
Mrs F N E Boase G Looker P Andrew

Representatives of Organisations:

Councillor G Foreman – Cornwall Council

Mrs M Hardy - Cornwall Council

Mrs M Knight – Butterfly Wood Project

Mr W Wong – Cornwall Citizens Advice Bureau

Mr I Williams and Ms S Blackwell – Cornwall Air Ambulance

Mr I Wass - Helston Bowling Club

Mrs G Troop – Helston Chamber of Commerce

Dr S Freegard and Mr M Johnson – Helston Community Larder Steering Group

Mr E Bray – Helston Friendship Club

Mr P Hendy and Ms S Egan – Helston Athletic Football Club

Mr D Turnbull – Museum of Cornish Life

In Attendance:

Miss P J Lavelle (Town Clerk)

Miss A D Retallack (Deputy Town Clerk)

Miss C L Caldwell (Projects Officer)

1. MINUTES

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 13th April 2022, as amended, 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 difficult time being experienced by residents and businesses, with rising costs.
- (b) Funding applications.

- (c) The closure of the last bank in town and the recent decision by Link to introduce a Community Banking Hub in Helston.
 - (d) Successful events held in town over the last year.
 - (e) Thanks to the many community groups and volunteers in Helston.
- (f) The support he has experienced as Mayor and thanked all those who have assisted and supported him.

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 2023 of £7,144.69 representing £5,336.20 in shares currently held and £1,808.49 in the Charity's bank account.

4. PRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS

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

- Butterfly Wood Project
- Cornwall Citizens Advice Bureau
- Cornwall Air Ambulance
- Helston Bowling Club
- Helston Chamber of Commerce
- Helston Community Larder Steering Group
- Helston Friendship Club
- Helston Athletic Football Club

The Town Clerk read written reports submitted by:

- Penrose Judo Club
- CAST

Meeting closed at 8.28 pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor