

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING OF HELSTON
HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL,
COINAGEHALL STREET, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2008 AT 7.00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Councillor R. Williams (Town Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors:

Mrs S.M.E. Swift
N.C. Martin
D.C. Swift

R.J.L. Boase
N.J.C. Devenish
P. Phillips

K. Reynolds
Mrs V.J. Matthew
R.R. Pryor

Residents:

Mr G Bilkey
Mr D Harris

Representatives of Organisations:

Mr D Angilly – Helston ‘We Can’ Committee
Ms S Timmins – Helston ‘We Can’ Committee
Ms G Barnes – Helston & Kerrier Music Society
Mrs J Rustean – Helston & Kerrier Music Society
Ms J Rapson – Helston School Jazz Orchestra
Mr S Walker – Helston Railway Preservation Company
Mr C Walker – Helston Railway Preservation Company

Mr J Campion – Victim Support Cornwall
Ms J Briggs – Helston & District Rifle Club
Mr M Upton – Epworth Hall
Ms J Towle – Cruse Bereavement Care
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In Attendance:

Mr C. Dawson (Town Clerk)
Miss P. Lavelle (Administrative Assistant)
Mr L. Phillips (Administrative Assistant)

1. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor R.J.L. Boase, seconded by Councillor Reynolds, and

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 12th April 2007 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 future of the Penrose Community Centre;
- (b) the restoration of buildings in Helston by English Heritage;
- (c) the erection of Bus Shelters in Coinagehall Street;

- (d) the improvements to Helston Coronation Park and the surrounding area, including the new Lidl Supermarket, the new Coronation Park Café, events area and skate park;
- (e) the introduction of a monthly Farmer's market to Coronation Park;
- (f) the application for a further Supermarket in Helston;
- (g) the opening of the new bypass from the Falmouth Road to Clodgey Lane which had much improved the lives of the residents of Turnpike and Falmouth Road;
- (h) the focus of the Council on proposals for the King George V Play Area and the consultation carried out by the Playgrounds Working Party at St Michael's School;
- (i) the success of Helston's sporting clubs and Helston Community College;
- (j) the efforts of the Police Community Support Officers and the new Town Warden;
- (k) the work of the Council's Committees, Working Parties and staff;
- (l) the refurbishment of the Guildhall offices which enabled the Council to cope better with the increasing demands that the Unitary Authority would bring; and
- (m) the work involved by all the organisations that made Flora Day 2007 a success and the anticipation of another successful day in 2008.

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 2008 of £4,236.29 representing £3,283.41 in shares currently held and £952.88 in the Charity's Abbey National bank account.

Mr Harry Pickard, the previous recipient of the exhibition grant had now completed his grant term and a new recipient, Mr Peter O'Brian was now the holder of the award. A letter would be sent by the Town Clerk to Mr O'Brian's tutors to ascertain Mr O'Brian's progress with his studies.

At the request of Councillor Phillips the Town Clerk then gave an explanation of the Trevenen Exhibition.

4. REPORT ON THE DOWNSLAND TRUST

Councillor Reynolds, Chairman of the Downsland Trust, gave a detailed report on the activities of the Downsland Trust. Councillor Reynolds then explained the proposed plans for Meneage Green and advised that the plans would also be on view at the Downsland Trust AGM in May which the public were welcome to attend. He then explained the audit and authorisation procedure for cheque's for the Trust and responded to questions from Members of the Public.

5. TOWN AFFAIRS

There were no questions from the floor on Town Affairs.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS

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

- Cruse Bereavement Care Cornwall
- Helston and District Rifle Club
- Helston & Kerrier Music Society
- Helston Railway Preservation Company Ltd
- Helston School Jazz Orchestra
- Helston Youth Centre.
- Victim Support Cornwall
- Helston 'We Can' Committee
- Epworth Hall Management Group
- Kerrier Citizens Advice Bureau

The Mayor then invited questions regarding the presentations. Representatives of the organisations then responded to the questions raised.

The Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Confirmed

Town Mayor