

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING OF HELSTON
HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL,
COINAGEHALL STREET, HELSTON
ON THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2014 AT 7.00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Councillor J P Radford-Gaby (Town Mayor) in the Chair

Helston Town Councillors:

R Williams	M H Thomas	Mrs G A Geer
R J L Boase	J Martin	
Mrs F N E Boase	M Upton	

Cornwall Councillors:

Mrs J Haycock

Residents:

Mr F Angove	Mr M Matthews
Mrs E Angove	Mr I D Perry
Mrs F Blight	Mr P Radford
Mr P Cooke	Mrs W Radford-Gaby
Mrs M Cooke	Mrs J Spargo
Mr T Gaby	Mr K Stringer
Miss A Maitland	Mrs D Stringer
Mrs I Maitland	Mrs S Williams
Mr D Maitland	Mr G Williams
Mrs G Martin	

Representatives of Organisations:

Mr T Cock – Active Plus
Mrs K Townshend – Cornubian Arts & Science Trust (CAST)
Mrs T Gleadowe – Cornubian Arts & Science Trust (CAST)
Mrs E Wooderson – Epworth Hall
Mr T Hornsby – Gweek Visually Impaired Club
Mrs S Moralee – Helston Business Improvement Partnership
Mr A Perry – Helston Business Improvement Partnership
Mr R Shelley – Helston Cricket Club
Ms K Ashton – Helston Museum
Mrs M Hitchens – Helston & District Carers Group
Mr J Burt – Helston & District Carers Group
Mrs R Nott – St. Michaels Church Bell Ringers Group
Ms T Bullen – Swallows of Helston Gymnastics Club

In Attendance:

Mr C Dawson (Town Clerk)
Miss P J Lavelle (Assistant to the Town Clerk)
Mrs S Price (Administrative Assistant)
Mr M Searle (Town Centre Regeneration Officer)

Mrs E Ferguson (Helston Packet)

The Mayor advised that as Mr A Perry had to leave early he intended to bring the report from the Helston Business Improvement Partnership forward in the meeting

1. MINUTES

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

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting held on 11th April 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2. REPORT ON THE HELSTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman of the Helston Business Improvement Partnership, Mr A Perry, gave an update on the activities of the organisation outlining the work carried out by the Aesthetics, Marketing & PR, Markets & Events and Business Support Project Groups.

Councillor Mrs Geer expressed concern with the lack of signage directing people into the town centre. Mr Perry advised that the Aesthetics Group were working on the project advising that they wanted to improve the signage but it was not a quick project. Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that in respect of her role with the South Kerrier Heritage Trust they were intending to install brown signs to direct people to the museum which would also assist in directing people into the town.

Councillor Mrs Geer advised that she received the Cornwall Living magazine which contained a large amount of information on Porthleven but very little on Helston and queried if this could be improved. Mr Perry advised that the Marketing & PR Project Group were working on the issue and were gradually increasing the profile of Helston.

Councillor R J L Boase advised that he had put a proposal forward to the Healthy Helston Project Group on behalf a group he was involved with regarding making Helston a dementia friendly town but had heard nothing more. Mr Perry advised that he would investigate. Cornwall Councillor Mrs Haycock advised that she had been in contact with the Healthy Helston Group regarding the re-launch of the Safer Places Scheme and advised that she believed they were hoping to introduce the dementia friendly town scheme at the same time.

3. 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 Town Council taking over a number of playgrounds within the town and the opening of two further playgrounds at Bulwark and Carey Parc;
- (b) The Town Council taking over the running of the public conveniences within the town and would shortly take over the running of the CCTV system;
- (c) The project to repaint the white wash walls which were a part of the character of the town to make them fresh and clean for Flora Day, advising that the work was carried out by volunteers;

- (d) The work of the Helston Business Improvement Partnership and a number of new business opening in the town;
- (e) The sale of the Helston Business Park to a local developer who would hopefully ensure that ground was broken on site shortly and advised that he hoped to see businesses trading from the site in the near future;
- (f) Helston Community College awaiting news of funding for its new buildings to replace the dilapidated 'C' Block;
- (g) The National Trust opening new paths across the Penrose Estate; and
- (h) His pleasure at being involved in Flora Day and the retirement of John Hitchens who had stepped down after 10 years as Band Leader of Helston Town Band.

The Mayor then presented Town Plaques to Mr F Angove for 25 years as a Sergeant-at-Mace and Mr K Stringer for his outstanding dedication to the community.

4. MAYOR'S YOUNG CITIZEN'S AWARDS

The Mayor awarded Miss Ailsa Maitland, a Ranger with the Helston Guides Senior Section unit, the Young Citizen's Award for 2013/14. He gave the award in recognition of her activities as a young leader with the Helston Rainbows and Helston Guides and her assistance with Guide camp, and her attendance on outings and extended meetings where she assisted younger Guides particularly those with special needs.

5. MAYOR'S CHARITY DONATIONS

The Mayor briefly outlined the activities of his nominated Charities, the South Kerrier Heritage Trust and the Epworth Hall, and presented both with a donation of £1200 which had been raised by holding a Mayor's Ball thanking all those who had been involved and contributed towards the event.

6. CHARITY ACCOUNTS: TREVENEN EXHIBITION

The Town Clerk reported details of the Accounts of the Trevenen Exhibition Charity which showed balances on the 31st March 2014 of £4,802.03 representing £3,506.99 in shares currently held and £1,295.04 in the Charity's bank account.

The Town Clerk advised that the current recipient, Mr A Jose, was awarded £140 per year and would receive the scholarship for a further year after which time the Trustees would make a further appointment.

7. REPORT ON THE DOWNSLAND TRUST

Councillor Martin, Chairman of the Helston Downslant Trust, gave a brief report on the activities of the Trust confirming that grants totalling £19,620 had been awarded to Helston AFC, Phoenix Mentoring Project, Trengrouse Care Home, 1st Helston Scouts, Cornubian Arts & Science Trust, Helston Theatre Company, Epworth Hall Garden and Bulwark Trust. He further advised that the Helston Downslant Trust would be considering further grant applications at the summer meeting in June.

8. TOWN AFFAIRS

A member of the public congratulated the recipients of the Town Plaques and the Young Citizen Award and then expressed his thanks to the volunteers participating in the town clean up and the painting of the white wash walls.

9. PRESENTATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS

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

- Swallows of Helston Gymnastics Club
- Active Plus
- Cornubian Arts & Science Trust (CAST)
- Epworth Hall Management Group
- Gweek Visually Impaired Group
- Helston Cricket Club
- Helston & District Carers Group
- St Michaels Parish Church Bell Ringers Group

The Town Clerk read a report submitted by the One & All Judo Club who were unable to attend the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.27pm

Confirmed

Town Mayor