

WADEBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
held on Thursday 28 April 2016 at 6pm, Town Hall, Wadebridge

Present : Cllrs; D Bassett, C Buchanan, E Gill, N Hawken, H Hyland, M Kendall, J Leach, A Pennington, A Richardson, P Starling (Mayor) & P Tofi (Deputy Mayor).

Also present : Sergeant Andy Stewart (Wadebridge Police- arrived 6.04pm), Mark Williams & Samantha Tinker (Wadebridge Cricket Club), Eric Buchanan (parishioner) and Stephen Rushworth (non-parishioner – arrived 6.06pm).

In attendance : Anne Minnis (Town Clerk), Beverley Collins (Minutes Secretary) & Julie Raynes (Finance Officer).

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

ATM/16.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Jones & Rush and Cornwall Councillors Knightley and McHugh.

ATM/16.2 Minutes – it was **RESOLVED** to agree the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held 29 April 2015. Minutes were signed by the Mayor. There were no matters arising.

ATM/16.3 Mayor's Annual Report – Cllr Starling gave a report outlining the past year (report attached).

ATM/16.4 Presentations from Local Sporting Organisations

a. Wadebridge Cricket Club – Mark Williams gave a short presentation on the Club's current position with the proposed Pavilion replacement. Points advised included :

- Proposal has gone to Tender and cost is more than initially expected.
- Funding shortfall of approximately 50%.
- Project is ongoing but club is aware similar projects have taken up to 10 years to complete.
- Practice nets will be replaced and repositioned at a cost of approximately £45,000. The current nets are unsafe and the club wish to make use of funding whilst it is available. Town Council will be presented with proposal in near future.
- Nets will be fully enclosed for safety and will be available for public use.
- Approximate membership is 150 – junior, ladies and adult teams.
- Season is late starting due to bad weather. The club are hoping to start on Saturday 30 April 2016.

The Mayor thanked Mark & Sam for their attendance and update.

ATM/16.5 Reports from Wadebridge Town Council – Councillors gave brief reports on the following projects (attached where available) :

- a.** Waste Incentive Neighbourhood Scheme Working Group (Cllr Abby Richardson).
- b.** BMX/Skatepark Working Group (Cllr Amanda Pennington).
- c.** Town Hall Improvements Working Group (Cllr Carole Buchanan).
- d.** Town Council Events Working Group (Cllr Pamela Starling).
- e.** Town Guide Working Group (Cllr Abby Richardson).
- f.** Royal Cornwall Show Working Group (Cllr Abby Richardson).

- g. Flowers for Wadebridge Working Group (Cllr Pamela Starling).
- h. Car Park & Traffic Working Group (Cllr Paul Tofi)
- i. Finance & General Purposes Committee (Cllr Helen Hyland, Chair).

ATM/16.6 Report from Police – Sgt. Andy Stewart thanked the Town Council’s skatepark working group and local sports clubs for their continued commitment to the younger community.

A written report detailing the current and future position of local policing was circulated (report attached). Additionally, Sgt. Stewart noted several items relating to community awareness including :

- That the Cornish coast has the potential to become a route for illegal immigrants - residents should be vigilant and report any unusual behaviour on and around the coastlines, harbours and the estuary.
- Concerns that issues are arising once again in Northern Ireland – there is a slight possibility that past links with the North Coast of Cornwall may resume should the current climate continue.
- Cold callers and deception scams continue – members of the community should remain aware and report any unusual instances. Leaflets and stickers were circulated for community use.

Sgt. Stewart answered several questions relating to the report content.

The Mayor thanked Sgt. Stewart for attending.

ATM/16.7 Parishioner’s Questions

- Cornwall Councillors – None.
- Scott Mann MP – None.
- Wadebridge Town Councillors – None.

The Mayor thanked the guest speakers and closed the meeting at 6.44pm.

Signed as a True and Accurate Account :

Chair :

Date :