

## **PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 1 June 2021 commencing at 7.30pm at Church Rooms, Church Street, Padstow

**Present:** Padstow Town Council (PTC): Councillor C Watson-Smyth (Chair of the Council and Town Mayor) Councillors J H Fidler, K Freeman, R Higman, J O’Keefe, A N Rees, M Rickard, Mrs A E Symons, D N Vivian and Mrs T Walter

**In Attendance:** 1 member of the public  
Mrs K Pemberton: Town Clerk, Padstow Town Council  
Mrs S Daly: Support Officer, Padstow Town Council

**1 Apologies:** were received from Councillors A P Flide and Cornwall Councillor S Rushworth

**2 The minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting** held on 7 May 2019 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**3 Mayors report:** The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming all and began with a vote of thanks for Town Council staff for their work during such a difficult year. The Mayor praised the way in which the community had come together to face the challenges of COVID and the way in which the Town Council had adapted its working practices to enable Council business to continue. The Mayor offered thanks to the Responsible Financial Officer for her work when confronted with no income and acknowledged the positive position of Council’s finances at present.

The Mayor welcomed Councillors J Fidler and A Rees to the Council. He thanked them for standing and looked forward to the contributions they would bring. The Mayor also welcomed Cornwall Councillor Rushworth and expressed thanks to his predecessor former Cornwall Councillor Buscombe whose work on behalf of Padstow he considered was terrific.

Looking forward the Mayor was pleased to confirm that the Community Grant Scheme for 2021-22 was open and noted the closing date for applications was 5 July. He asked people to remind any organisations whom they thought would benefit to apply.

The Mayor provided an update on the Padstow Parish Neighbourhood Plan. He expressed “big thanks” to all who have contributed to the process. Following the conclusion of the Regulation 14 consultation he felt that the process was now past the “major hurdles”.

The Mayor confirmed that Council had agreed its Business Plan and that the development of a Multi-Use-Games Area (MUGA) had been included in the next financial year. He noted that previously this had been expected to start in the current year but had been delayed due to COVID. He urged all to contribute towards the project.

The Mayor announced that the Town Council had completed on the purchase of the Core Building. The opportunity had arisen and Council had felt it too good to miss. He noted that there were no particular plans for the building at present and any ideas would be welcome.

The Mayor highlighted the work over the last year of One Padstow, a multi-agency group working for the benefit of the town "behind the scenes".

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**Open Forum:** The following questions and comments were received from those in attendance:

i) What was happening with street traders?

- The Town Clerk advised that this was one of the issues that One Padstow were looking at. St Ives had been pursuing a bye-law route and this had been looked into for Padstow by Kevin Brader of Cornwall Council. However, having spoken to St Ives the amount of evidence needed by CC was significant and there remained the issue of enforcing the bye-law. St Ives had generally found CC "lukewarm" to the idea. It was noted that both CC Highways and the Padstow Harbour Commissioners had powers to move traders off their respective land and at present this meant the traders were "ping-ponging" between the two authorities, however all groups had developed a good working relationship to manage the issue as best they can. Ultimately the issue would not be completely resolved until a change in legislation.

ii) Concern was expressed that the pedestrian signage erected by the Park and Walk was dangerous and that parts of the route to town were dangerous.

- The Town Clerk advised that the signage looked temporary and was not something the Council had been consulted on. It was noted that if the restrictions are lifted on 21 June the operation may revert back to a bus.
- There was further discussion on the infrastructure of the town and road closures. It was noted that the road closure last year had been considered helpful to the street traders and that this year so far it was felt it was working well without the road closure. Comment was made that not enough thought had been given to the linking of Padstow with the Treceus development, causing people to walk down the main road and that any further development needed to address this.
- The Town Clerk advised that Oliver Jones of CC Highways was looking to access funding in respect of the traffic issues for Padstow, particularly during the busier times. She would chase an update on this. It was noted that this could be something to refer to the Highways, Roads and Transport Committee in due course and that comments received during the NDP consultations may also be useful to feed in.

Meeting closed at 7.48 pm