

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 at 7.15p.m.

Present: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), AK Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, C H Choak, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Hrydziuska, Ms D E Merrett (to point mentioned), Mrs M Ryan, D W Saunby and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
R Gates (Town Manager)  
Ms C Chadwick (Cornwall Council Community Network Manager)  
D Pollard and P Wickes (Falmouth Community Interest Company)  
Captain C Brown (Mayor's Chaplain)

### **C4120 APOLOGIES**

An Apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Chin-Quee (work).

Police Inspector Richards also sent his apologies.

### **C4121 INTERESTS**

None received.

### **C4122 MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### **C4123 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported that the Art Gallery had been awarded the Holyer an Gof prize for the Frameworks publication. Also Kimberley Park had been successfully awarded a Green Flag, one of an unprecedented four awards in Falmouth. He detailed Mayoral duties that included the opening of the Wilkinsons Store and judging the Sand Castle Competition at Gyllyngvase Beach.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED that the Council formally thanks Miss D Williams the Council's Interpretation Officer for completing the work of the late Brian Stewart in regard to the Frameworks publication.

### **C4124 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

### **C4125 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported the Police update from Inspector Richards who had already reported in respect of Licensing matters.

Ongoing services reforms had resulted in cuts to resources, however there had not been significant changes to the policing arrangements for Falmouth, and three distinct functions were retained : response, neighbourhood and crime investigation. Officer numbers and roles would stay the same for the time being.

Crime performance figures were stable. Assaults linked to the night-time economy were similar to previous years. House burglaries noticeably reduced although there had been increases in commercial burglaries, vehicle crime and shoplifting.

Further the Town Clerk reported correspondence from the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority with an update on the Police and Crime Commissioner appointment process.

The reports were duly noted.

#### C4126 **COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Community Network Manager presented her report that is attached as part of these minutes.

David Pollard provided the Council with an update on the Community Interest Company proposal. A Steering Group had been formed and he had been appointed its Chair. Next step would be to recruit the Board through a formal application process. The scope of the CIC had been extended and it would be known as the Falmouth CIC, so it could incorporate future aspects and more funding opportunities than just the Prince of Wales Pier. It would remain non-political and non-profit making.

The events tender for Prince of Wales Pier was due on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012. The CIC would involve the Town Manager and the Falmouth BID Manager in events and regeneration proposals. He hoped the Council would be an integral part of the work of the CIC. He then responded to questions and it was established that income would be reinvested in the CIC to undertake works to the Pier. None (or one only) employees were envisaged. He was not aware of funding from Cornwall Councillors, and Cornwall Council's asset improvement programme for the Pier would continue. The CIC could raise external funding that Councils could not. The Pier would be retained as free public access. An asset lock would be applicable regarding all assets the CIC managed.

Councillors were concerned at the democratic deficit within the proposal, the indeterminate scope of the CIC and exclusion of Town Councillors from the set up process and that the Steering Group were not representative. The Town Clerk and Town Mayor recommended that a delegation of Councillors meet with the Steering Group to discuss these concerns.

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

RESOLVED that the Council write to Cornwall Council requesting why it had not responded to the Council regarding its request to manage events on Prince of Wales Pier.

A MOTION proposed by Councillor Cramp and seconded by Councillor Ayres that a delegation of Councillors meet with the CIC Steering Group without prejudice to discuss the Councils concerns was DEFEATED.

Ms Chadwick and Messrs Pollard and Wickes now left the meeting.

**C4127 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Gyllyngvase: Councillor Evans updated upon highway proposals for yellow-lining.

Trescobeas: Councillor Saunby reported that he had allocated funds to new benches at Trescobeas Playing Field and updated regarding highway proposals for yellow-lining.

Arwenack, Penwerris and Boslowick : No reports

**C4128 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ryan and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 be approved.

Pursuant to Minute F4157 the Chairman reported correspondence from the Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning that his Council would continue to review the impact of an Article 4 restriction before looking to progress the matter or not.

The Planning Committee report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 was presented by Councillor Ms Merrett, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Cramp and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 be approved.

The Planning minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were unavailable and would be reported to the next meeting of the Council.

**C4129 CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATION – GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The report of Councillor Chin-Quee in respect of governance models at Cornwall Council be noted and endorsed as the formal view of the Council.

**C4130 LOCALISING SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX**

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ryan and

RESOLVED that the Council endorses the objections of Cornwall Association of Local Councils in regard to the proposals and the Town Clerk to write to Cornwall Council to establish the Collection Authority's stance on the proposals and the local Member of Parliament to request her support in seeking an amendment to the Finance Bill.

**C4131 CODE OF CONDUCT 2012**

The Town Clerk reported that all Councillors should ensure that pecuniary interests are registered as required by Section 29 of the Localism Act, 2011 and all pro forma returned to the Monitoring Officer by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012. The report was duly noted.

**C4132 DRAFT LOCAL AUDIT BILL**

The draft Bill proposal was duly noted and the representations by Cornwall Association of Local Councils endorsed.

**C4133 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ryan and

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Electoral Review Panel be supported.

**C4134 MARITIME LINE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – WORKING GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 be duly noted.

**C4135 FALMOUTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The minutes of the meeting of the Association held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 be duly noted.

**C4136 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Town Manager presented the Town Management Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

Councillor Ms Merrett now left the meeting.

**C4137 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented his report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

Signed: ..... Date: .....