

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 15th October 2012 at 7.00p.m.

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R Gates (Town Manager)
Ms C Chadwick (Cornwall Council Community Network Manager)
Councillor M Varney (Cornwall Council)
Professor A Carlisle (Rector, University College Falmouth)
J Griffin (Chairman, Falmouth Town Forum)
Captain C Brown (Mayor's Chaplain)

C4138 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Jewell (attending another meeting).

C4139 INTERESTS

None received.

C4140 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 23rd July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4141 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon Civic attendances including ships visits and his attendance at Weymouth as a guest of the Royal Navy. He also reported upon the Town's success in the South West in Bloom competition, recognised as the best seaside town in the SouthWest.

Further the worthy Phoenix Project celebrated its ten year anniversary. The arrangements for Armed Forces Day in 2013 continued and the Civic Service was well supported and attended.

C4142 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4143 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FALMOUTH

Professor Carlisle advised that the organisation was on the cusp of a name change to Falmouth University to recognise full university status and reported upon the Annual Report and Strategic Plan. UCF offered courses in all the art forms, unique to the UK and supported Cornwall that had the second largest creative industries cluster in the UK. There were currently around 3,800 fulltime students. The Falmouth and Penryn economy was supported to the tune of £57 million. Eighteen percent of graduates set up a business or were self-employed and this was five-times the national average. A Community Action Plan was being developed with the Student Union.

The theme was 'Cultural Destination Falmouth' and external investment was provided and sought to achieve those ideas. The next step in development was to work with partners to build business within Falmouth.

In response to questions it was established that the name change was hoped to be formalised by Government approval in December 2012. In regard to student housing, 240 more spaces had been created on campus and the Penryn Sidings development would provide a significant number. She hoped live/work opportunities could be developed. There would be little further fulltime student expansion and future development was based around distance learning. A five-year plan would see a total student number of 4,300 including remote study.

The Town Mayor thanked Professor Carlisle.

C4144 FALMOUTH TOWN FORUM

Mr Griffin the Forum Chairman advised that the Forum were disturbed by recent reports and wished to update the Council regarding the Forum and the collaborative nature of its work with the Council to the benefit of Falmouth. He invited all those Councillors who wished to attend meetings of the Forum, and reminded the Council that the Forum had no political aspiration and no decision making powers, meeting bi-monthly, it sought to undertake plans and studies to assist the Council in its work. He hoped the previous harmonious working relationship could be re-established.

In response to questions it was established that better methods of communication were required between the Council and the Forum to present a unified approach to community work and aspirations. Mr Griffin invited the Council to use the Forum as equals and he would attend Council meetings as required and provide regular updating reports through the Council representatives, the Forum would also assist the preparation of Neighbourhood Plan(s) if required.

C4145 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Richard's Community Police Report was received and duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

Professor Carlisle now left the meeting.

C4146 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs Chadwick presented her Community Network Report which was duly noted and is attached as part of these minutes.

Further she invited Councillors to attend the Citizenship for Life showcase on 7th December 2012 and provided feedback from the Joint Services Group. In response to questions she confirmed that Councillor Evans requested Young Generation Grant had been processed and confirmed that she had not liaised regarding Falmouth and Penryn proposed housing figures with the Portfolio-holder.

Ms Chadwick now left the meeting.

C4147 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Gyllyngvase: Councillor Evans updated on Traffic Regulation Works and improvements to the public conveniences in Grove Place.

Trescobeas: Councillor Saunby reported that he had actioned grant awards of £700 for the Lambs Lane Residents Association, £1,000 for the Cub Scouts and £500 Safe Spaces Initiative. He updated on Traffic Regulation and highways works.

Boslowick: Councillor Varney invited questions on his constituency work and advised that consideration of the Premier Inn planning application at Grove Place had been delayed to allow a public meeting to be held.

Arwenack and Penwerris : No reports received.

Councillors Mrs Hrydziuszka and Varney now left the meeting.

C4148 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 1st October 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 1st October 2012 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 17th September 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 1st October 2012 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 11th June 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 11th June 2012 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 23rd 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 23rd July 2012 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 13th August 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 13th August 2012 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 3rd September 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 3rd September 2012 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 24th September 2012 was presented by Councillor Ms Merrett, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 24th September 2012 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 23rd July 2012 was presented by Councillor Mrs Biggins, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Biggins, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 23rd July 2012 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 17th September 2012 was presented by Councillor Mrs Biggins, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Biggins, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 17th September 2012 be approved.

C4149 MAYORS REGENERATION GROUP

Councillor Cramp presented the report of the Group that met on 12th September 2012 that was duly noted.

Councillor Sterratt updated regarding the Neighbourhood Plan proposals and his exchange with the Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder regarding the imposition of future housing numbers in Cornwall.

C4150 SKATEPARK COMMITTEE

The report of the Committee meeting dated 13th September 2012 was approved.

C4151 CORNWALL COUNCIL – 1ST TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL SUMMIT – 3RD NOVEMBER 2012

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

RESOLVED that Councillors Cramp and Mrs Hrydziuska represent the Council at the Summit.

Councillor Ms Merrett now left the meeting.

C4152 CONSULTATION REPORTS

- (1) South West Rail Franchise
- (2) Charging Framework for Traffic Management at Community and Other Events
- (3) Proposed Procedure of Devolution and Asset Transfer for Local Councils

The formal responses of the Council had been submitted and were duly noted.

C4153 **MOTIONS**

(1) Submitted by Councillor O'Brien

It was proposed by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Sterratt and

RESOLVED that the Council requests Cornwall Council and the Police to better enforce traffic restrictions in Arwenack Street, Church Street and Market Street, and request Cornwall Council to improve the relevant signage in those streets.

(2) Submitted by Councillor Sterratt

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

RESOLVED that the Council writes to Cornwall Council to advise that Falmouth is well served with the Town Clerk and Town Manager and their support staff. The Town Council therefore considers that the position of Community Network Manager for Falmouth is an additional expense on Cornwall Council which is not justified considering the present financial climate the Council finds itself in.

C4154 **DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins and

RESOLVED that the Council's actions to ensure compliance with the Cornwall Council Dogs on Lead by Direction Order in respect of Kimberley Park and Falmouth Cemetery, be noted and endorsed.

A discussion regarding Trescobeas Recreational Site established that current measures and play fencing proposals were adequate, given the difficulty of resourcing enhanced enforcement.

C4155 **TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Town Manager presented the Town Management Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. In addition he provided a retail update.

C4137 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

In regard to R v Polglase he reported that Polglase pleaded guilty to eleven specimen charges of fraud at the Crown Court, a charge of overpayment of salary was left to lie on the record. He was sentenced to 18 weeks imprisonment (suspended) and 100 hours of community service. The Recorder stated he expected the Council to seek full civil recovery of all the monies lost to the public purse.

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED that the Council seeks to recover the full amount dishonestly taken from the public purse by civil recovery.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Signed: Date: