

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 29 September 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors I J Body (Chairman), Ms C Atherton CC, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, G W Chin-Quee BEM, Mrs M Davies, G F Evans CC, S Gray, A J Jewell CC, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs P A Minson, B M A Ross, and D W Saunby CC

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R J Gates (Town Manager)
Inspector S Lenney (Falmouth Police)
Father M Mesley (Mayor's Chaplain)

C4423 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Cramp (family commitment) S D Eva (holiday) and Mrs V E Eva (holiday).

C4424 INTERESTS

None received.

C4425 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Minson, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that Part I and II of the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21st July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4426 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor updated the Council upon his civic activity and attendances. This included the hugely successful Tallships event, the South West in Bloom Awards where Falmouth had been the most successful in its history and Falmouth Week.

The Deputy Mayor advised that work commitments meant he was unable to devote the required time to the role of Deputy Mayor, or to his Councillor duties, and was considering his position with regard to resignation. Council Members requested that he further considers his position.

C4427 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4428 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton reported upon the services cuts and business plan of Cornwall Council. Significant for the Town Council would be a reduction in Council Tax Support Grant passported and removal of the transitional funding grant for public conveniences. Cornwall Council Cabinet had recommended further asset and service devolution to Town and Parish Councils and would establish an Officer Group to achieve that.

Arwenack

Councillor Evans reported further on Cornwall Council service reductions and that the Adult Education Board, that he served upon, was moving into Ofsted review.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell also reported upon budget and service matters including the withdrawal of funding for the Visit Cornwall organisation which he felt was disappointing immediately after the successful Tallships Event. He also reported the effects of Social Service cutbacks

on his constituents at Diana Close. Cornwall Council was having to be run in a more business-like manner.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported that instances of vandalism at Tregonnigie and Trescobeas were being addressed.

Penwerris

No Report.

C4429 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I report dated 8th September 2014 was presented by Councillor Ms Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that the Part I report of the Committee dated 8th September 2014 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 21st July 2014 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 21st July 2014 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 11th August 2014 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 11th August 2014 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 1st September 2014 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 1st September 2014 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 22nd September 2014 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 22nd September 2014 be approved.

The Licensing Sub-Committee report dated 28st July 2014 was presented by Councillor Mrs Brock, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 28th July 2014 be approved.

C4430 FALMOUTH POLICE ENQUIRY OFFICE

The Town Clerk read correspondence from the Police and Crime Commissioner following the Councils representations regarding the closure of the Falmouth Enquiry Desk, reiterating that the service was no longer viable and the representations regarding the 101 contact number, which concerns he recognised and advised was being reviewed, he expected significant changes to service delivery in the Autumn. The report was duly noted.

C4431 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town Manager presented the Town Management Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minute. Members strongly supported the suggested three month summer pedestrianisation trial of the town centre.

C4432 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Chappel and

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the items to be considered involved confidential information in respect of contractual and staffing matters.

C4433 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Lenney updated the Council in regard to summer policing matters and positive crime trends and performance matters. Falmouth was the best performing sector in Cornwall and that the operational model was being used elsewhere. The Tallships event had been hugely successful and crime free. He updated regarding travellers at Quarry Car Park who would depart shortly. He also updated upon University 'Fresher' activity.

Further he reported upon proposed policing changes locally and that the enquiry desk had now closed.

C4434 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Staffing Committee Report dated 1st September 2014 was presented by Councillor Body, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Report of the Staffing Committee held on 1st September 2014 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part II Report dated 8th September 2014 was presented by Councillor Ms Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that the Part II Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8th September 2014 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed: Date: