

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 23rd January 2006 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: G F Evans (Chairman), Mrs A J Biggins, R J Bonney, G W Chin-Quee, Mrs L S Coles
Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, L J Lloyd, Mrs M Ryan, Mrs L A Trenchard, M A Varney and
Mrs M H Wengradt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
M Searle (Regeneration Officer, Carrick District Council and where mentioned)

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F 3277 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Body (ill), Brain (family commitments), Hobbins (work) and Sterratt (ill).

F3278 **INTERESTS**

None received.

F 3279 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Varney, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that Part I of the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2005 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that further to Minute F3272 it be noted that the 2006/07 budget had omitted running costs for the Council's vehicle and that a virement from cemetery maintenance or capital works budget head as appropriate be made.

F3280 **GRANT APPLICATION**

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the letter of thanks from Cornwall Playing Fields Association be noted;
- (ii) pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 £400 be granted to CAN Project for the Three Rivers Project.

It was further proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Coles and

RESOLVED that Victim Support Cornwall be granted an extension until the 30th April 2006 to claim grant to allow for the submission of invoices.

F3281 **FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLVED that the update from the Chairman of the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners in respect of plans for a cruise ship berth and terminal and ship to ship transfers be noted.

F3282 **CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL PLAN 2006-09**

RESOLVED that the Council broadly endorses the policy aims and drivers identified by the County Council. In respect of specific matters the Council felt that Harbourside Development, social housing provision, dredging and cruise terminal development and traffic infrastructure improvements be flagged as priorities for Falmouth.

F3283 **WORKPLACE SMOKING POLICY**

It was proposed by Councillor Chin-Quee, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that smoking be prohibited in all areas of the Municipal Buildings controlled by the Council.

F3284 **CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE
STAKEHOLDERS GROUP QUESTIONNAIRE**

RESOLVED that the reported views of Councillors be forwarded to Cornwall County Council.

(Mr Searle now entered the meeting)

F3285 **GYLLYNGDUNE GARDENS RESTORATION PROJECT; AND LIVING
LANDMARKS**

The Chairman had deferred this item on the agenda to allow the attendance of Mr Searle who had been delayed.

Mr Searle updated the Council in respect of works at Gyllyngdue Gardens and that to secure funding the necessary studies were now substantially complete. He thanked the Council for its support. He then outlined the various aspects of the scheme. The total cost of the scheme was approximately £3million.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Council earmark £5,000 as a contribution to Gyllyngdune Gardens Restoration Scheme in 2006/07.

Further, Mr Searle apprised the Council in respect of the Living Landmarks bid, this was a £42 million County Council programme for five harbour towns in Cornwall including Falmouth. He provided details thereon. He saw this as achieving public subsidy towards aspects of harbourside improvements assisting private complimentary waterfront developments.

It was proposed by Councillor Varney, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that the Council strongly support the bid.

F3286 **COUNCIL TAX 2006/07 – TAX BASE INFORMATION**

RESOLVED that the Tax Base information be noted.

F3287 **BUDGET MONITORING**

RESOLVED that the budget monitoring report be noted.

F3288 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the accounts and petty cash schedule (attached) for December 2005 be approved.

F3289 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Coles and

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.