

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 11th September 2006 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, G W Chin-Quee, Mrs L S Coles, Mrs M Davies, B A E Hobbins, L J Lloyd, Mrs M Ryan, D A Sterratt, Mrs L A Trenchard, M A Varney and Mrs M H Wengradt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer)

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F 3350 **APOLOGIES**
None received.

F 3351 **INTERESTS**
None received.

F 3352 **MINUTES**
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Mrs Coles and

RESOLVED that Part I of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2006 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F 3353 **GRANTS**
Letters of thanks from grant recipients: County Playing Fields Association (£150), Watermark, Cornwall Film Festival (£500) and Falmouth Albion Football Club (£250).

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to section 79 of the Charities Act, 1993 Vitalise be granted £100 to assist providing short term breaks for Falmouth disabled residents.

A motion proposed by Councillor Varney that a grant of £350 be made was not seconded.

F3354 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER STAKEHOLDER DAY**
The Town Clerk reported upon the event and Members noted the report.

F3355 **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – POLICY AND PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFINGS:**

(1) Audit Fee Scales

RESOLVED that the new Audit Fee Scales be noted.

(2) Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act, 2006

Councillor Lloyd reported further to this item and referred the Council to other Councils who had entered into sustainable partnerships. She had invited a representative to attend Falmouth in October 2006 to discuss these issues.

RESOLVED that the briefing be noted and the actions of Councillor Lloyd supported and endorsed.

F3356 **DEFRA CONSULTATION – OUTDOORS FOR ALL**

RESOLVED that the Council notes the consultation and does not make a formal response.

F3357 **GAMBLING ACT, 2005 – CONSULTATION ON DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPALS**

RESOLVED that the consultation be noted and the Council advises the Licensing Service at Carrick District Council: That the Council endorses the content of the draft statement and have emphasised:

- The need to ensure children and vulnerable persons are adequately protected by license conditions.
- Applications and implications are fully reported to the Town Council and that the Town Council is an ‘interested party’ for consultation on all applications.
- The Town Council to have access to the register of permits and licences issued in Falmouth.
- The Town Council be fully informed of related enforcement action in Falmouth.

F3358 **BRITISH TOILET ASSOCIATION**

RESOLVED that the report and the need for parish strategies to provide public toilets be noted and referred to the Quality Council Working Party for further consideration.

F3359 **WASTE ACTION UPDATE**

Further to the update report from the Cornwall Waste Action Group Councillor Lloyd requested that the Council reviews its practices to reduce waste.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the Quality Council Working Party review current waste management practices.

F3360 **LOCAL SPEED LIMIT GUIDANCE**

The Town Clerk reported upon the guidance that was duly noted.

F3361 **FALMOUTH CEMETERY – INTERMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

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

RESOLVED that to improve the graveside appearance at interments the following items be acquired from the General Fund Reserve:

Grave Shore Covers	£660.00
Grave Shore Walkways (4)	£150.18 (total)
Grave Shore Turf Sets (5)	£340.00 (total)
Grave Shore Tool Box	£790.00

F3362 **CONGRESS OF LOCAL REGIONAL AUTHORITIES**

The recommendations for fighting severe poverty in towns be noted and endorsed.

F3363 **COMMUNITY POLICING IN FALMOUTH**

The Town Clerk reported Inspector Scott's update on proposed changes.

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

RESOLVED that the update be noted and that Inspector Scott be requested to attend the next meeting of the Council to further detail the proposals and to discuss the enforcement of parking offences.

F3364 **COUNCIL FRANKING MACHINE**

The Town Clerk reported that the new pricing strategy by Royal Mail and the condition of the existing Council franking machine required its replacement. He advised upon leasing and purchase options.

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

RESOLVED that the Council acquires an IJ-40 Franking machine from Neopost Ltd for £2001 inclusive of six year warranty, maintenance agreement and installation. To be funded from the General Reserve Fund.

F3365 **TRESOBEAS RECREATION PROJECT**

The Town Clerk reported upon progress of this project which was duly noted.

RESOLVED that the further survey fee of £630 be agreed.

F3366 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the accounts and petty cash schedules (attached) for July and August 2006 be approved.

F3367 **2004/05 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

RESOLVED that consideration of this item be deferred to the Council to enable consideration in conjunction with the preliminary advice of the audit commission.

F3368 **OFFICE PHOTOCOPIER**

The Town Clerk reported continual breakdown problems with the office photocopier which was severely affecting efficiency. He reported upon various costings, including leasing arrangements.

The Deputy Clerk reported that an accrual of £3,500 for this item had been made from the 2005/06 financial year.

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

RESOLVED that the Council acquires a Sharp MX-2700N Digital Colour Photocopier from Datasharp UK Ltd at a cost of £4,595 including Servicing at £0.007 per A4 copy mono and £0.06 Per A4 colour copy, including supply of all peripherals, call outs and five year parts warranty. The additional cost over the accrual be me from the General Fund Reserve.

F3369 **CARRICK DISTRICT COUNCIL – BUSINESS PLAN 2007-2010**

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

RESOLVED that the Council broadly supports the aims and intentions of the Plan. The emphasis should rest predominantly on affordable housing provision and engendering civic pride. Also Falmouth should have a higher profile in the Plan, and the aspirations, of the District Council.

F3370 **ENCAMS – TOWN AND PARISH GUIDE**

RESOLVED that the receipt of the explanatory correspondence and guide be noted and that dependant upon costs the Town Clerk to request further copies for all Councillors.

F3371 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, 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.