

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 11th December 2006 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

In attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
D. Lang (Town Centre Manager)
Councillor O K Cramp (Arwenack County Councillor)
T Shaw (Head of Falmouth Marine School)
Reverend S Tudgey (Mayor's Chaplain)

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C3254 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Evans, Sterratt (ill) and Hobbins (work).

C3256 INTERESTS

None received.

C3257 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meetings held on 30th October 2006 (Part I) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Further to minute C2345 the Town Clerk reported legal advice from the National Association of Local Councils that the Traffic Management Act 2004 when in force would not allow the Town Council to employ civil enforcement officers, as it did not fall within the legal definition of a local authority for the purpose of Section 76 of the Act.

C3258 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon civic engagements he had attended including the recent Carol Service. He thanked the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs Davies for attending events in his stead following his recent heart surgery.

Further he reported it was his wish that the Council continues to support the forging of cultural links between Falmouth and Villagarcia (Spain). A further delegation from Villagarcia would visit Falmouth in 2007.

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

RESOVLED that the Council endorses and continues to support the cultural links between Falmouth and Villagarcia.

C3259 **RECONSTRUCTING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN CORNWALL**

Further to this matter the Town Clerk reported that a further place to attend the consultation event on 13th December 2006 was available.

RESOLVED that Councillor Varney accompanies the Town Clerk to the Town and Parish Council consultation event.

Mr Andrew apprised the Council of preparations for responding to the white paper and outlined the key messages for local government, opportunities and drivers for change. The status quo was not an option when deciding upon a governance structure.

The County response would be considered on 23rd January and submitted on 25th January 2007. The Town Council should consider what community improvements were required and what role it wished to provide. He then responded to Members questions and it was established that the following items were significant for the town council: ensuring adequate democratic representation; rationalisation of boundaries; rationalisation of public realm assets; greater service provision by town council with capacity and resource provision therein; civic pride and enforcement as a high priority; there should be a single point of access, with the town council as the conduit; and ideally there should be a single bid from Cornwall.

Mr Andrew now left the meeting.

C3260 **FALMOUTH MARINE SCHOOL**

Mr Shaw provided the Council with the history of the Marine School and current relocation proposals. He wished to clarify the position and seek Council support.

The successful school was oversubscribed and suffered from poor infrastructure and urgently need to move and grow. There were two relocation options: Tinnars Way or Grove Place.

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

RESOVLED that the Council fully supports the relocation aims of Falmouth Marine School.

Mr Shaw now left the meeting.

C3261 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee report dated 30th October 2006 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 30th October 2006 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 20th November 2006 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 20th November 2006 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report (Part I) dated 4th December 2006 was presented by Councillor Body, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th December 2006 be approved.

C3262 EARLES RETREAT

The Town Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs Ryan had replaced Councillor Eva as a trustee of Earles Retreat, as previously agreed.

C3263 ARWENACK COMMUNITY GROUP

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 24th October 2006 be noted.

C3264 CARRICK URBAN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED that minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 26th October 2006 be noted.

C3265 MARITIME LINE WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 31st October 2006 be noted.

C3266 BOWLING GREEN WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 1st November 2006 be noted.

C3267 KIMBERLEY PARK WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 6th December 2006 be agreed.

C3268 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

RESOLVED that protocol for public questions at Council meetings be agreed and is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

C3269 REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTEREST AND STANDARD BOARD

The Town Clerk reported a reminder from Carrick District Council for Members to give consideration as to whether their Register of Interests forms were fully up to date.

Further he reported advice from the Standards Board for England regarding changes to the code of conduct and that following assessment complaints SBE16739.06 (against Councillor Mrs Biggins) and SBE16738.06 (against Councillor Body) would not be referred for investigation.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the request of Carrick District Council be noted; and
- (ii) the reports of the Standards Board for England be noted.

C3270 RFA MOUNTS BAY

The Mayor requested that the Council give consideration to granting the Honorary Freedom of Falmouth to the RFA Mounts Bay. The Town was formally affiliated with the vessel and the recent formal dedication event was held in conjunction with the Mayor's Civic Service.

The Town Clerk advised that since the cessation of Borough status the Council could no longer grant the Freedom of the Town (Borough). However the Council had in recent times granted the 'Honorary Freedom' to the American 29th Infantry and the Merchant Navy Association.

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

RESOVLED that

- (i) unanimously in appreciation of the importance of the role of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Mounts Bay and her crew and being mindful of the mutual interests which link the town and the vessel recognised by formal affiliation and being desirous of perpetrating the close and friendly association with the town of Falmouth do hereby confirm upon the crew of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Mounts Bay the 'Honorary' Freedom of the town of Falmouth; and
- (ii) the matter of the cost of the scroll and other incidental expenditure be met from General Fund Reserves if necessary.

C3271 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

None received.

C3272 TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

The Town Centre Manager presented his report which was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C3273 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Further to his report the Town Clerk advised upon notification of the Maritime Policy Green Paper Launch and the Strategic Review process of Healthcare in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Also correspondence from the Post Office regarding refurbishment of the Post Office on the Moor and its temporary relocation to 1 Berkeley Vale, Falmouth from 8th January 2007 during building works.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

C3274 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Bonney, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins 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 temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.