

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 5th March 2007 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00 pm.

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
Mrs S Channon (Town Dressing Committee)

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F 3427 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and approved from Councillors Sterratt (ill), Mrs Ryan (family illness) and Mrs Wengradt (family commitments).

F 3428 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Varney declared an interest in Minute F3430 Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival as he was a member of Mabe Male Voice Choir.

F 3429 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that Part I of the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2007 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F 3430 **GRANTS**

The Town Clerk reported that as the 2006/07 grants pot had virtually been expanded outstanding grant applicants had been advised to submit applications for funding from the 2007/08 budget if appropriate.

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

RESOLVED that due to the proximity of the event and pursuant to section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival be granted a total of £750 (the remaining £250 balance from the 2006/07 budget and £500 from the 2006/08 budget).

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

RESOLVED that the following grant applications be deferred and determined by the new Council after elections and from the 2007/08 grants budget:

Penryn Community Theatre
First Air Ambulance Service Trust
Cornwall Film Festival
Young Generation
Safecare
Fal Fitta Tikka Group
Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre
Falmouth Oyster Festival

F3431 **FALMOUTH ART AND LITERACY FESTIVAL**

It was noted with regret that the event would be discontinued as the organisers were unable to secure appropriate funding for the 2007 event.

F3432 **JAPANESE KNOTWEED ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

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

RESOLVED that the treatment regimes for the reported public realm sites be noted and that the County Council be requested to look at other means of treating the infested site at Berkley Vale that was in private ownership.

F3433 **MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FOYER**

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

RESOLVED that additional signage / promotional detail be provided as reported for the foyer at the Municipal Buildings from the advertising budget at £280 per unit (two units).

F3434 **APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

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

RESOLVED that the appointment of Alun Williams an Officer of the Audit Commission as Auditor to the Council for the financial year 2006/07 be agreed.

F3435 **NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

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

RESOLVED that the Council renews its membership of the association for 2007 at a cost of £25.

F3436 **FALMOUTH CEMETERY BENCHES**

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

RESOLVED that fifteen new benches as reported by the Deputy Clerk be provided at a cost £1500 from existing budget for Falmouth Cemetery.

F3437 **BUS SHELTERS**

The Town Clerk apprised the Council of meetings with Adshel (the Council's Contractor) and Cornwall County Council. It was hoped that existing bus shelters where appropriate would be brought up to a uniform standard and negotiations would continue to provide additional shelters, including the sites previously identified by Councillors.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

F3438 **FALMOUTH FOOTPATH GROUP**

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

RESOLVED that the Falmouth Footpath Group be re-established to consider footpath maintenance during 2007/08, and subsequent years.

F3439 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS / TOWN DRESSING**

Mrs Channon updated Members on the difficulties of raising funds for Christmas lights and town dressing and proposals to focus upon town dressing, including hanging baskets, banners etc.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

F3440 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the accounts and petty cash schedules (attached) for January and February 2007 be approved.

F3441 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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