

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 12th March 2007 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, 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)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
D. Lang (Town Centre Manager)
Inspector D Scott (Falmouth Police)
N Farrington (Home Health Project)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)
SO J Ashburn and Firefighters (Falmouth Fire Station)
I Bray (Bray Theatre)
Students and Staff (Falmouth Community School)
Councillor O K Cramp (County Council – Arwenack Ward)

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C3305 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (Carrick Housing meeting), Mrs Coles (holiday), Evans (family commitments) and Sterratt (ill).

C3306 INTERESTS

None declared.

C3307 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meetings (part I) held on 5th February 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3308 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor presented a Council plaque to Mr Ivor Bray for services to the community.

He apprised Members of the very successful Vilagarcia Business and Cultural Links reception and advised Members of the Probation Service presentation on 20th March 2007. He also reported his correspondence to Carrick District Council concerning the Municipal Buildings and Town Centre Management.

He also updated Members on the proposed rail passing loop in the Maritime Branch Line and requested the Town Clerk to write to Railtrack to request the immediate attention to flooding from the embankment adjacent to Falmouth Cricket Club.

He reported on appointments attended and welcomed representatives of Falmouth Community School Council to the meeting. He hoped the Council would work closely with the Youth Council in respect of consultation and involvement with community matters. Councillor Lloyd updated the Council on meetings with the School Council.

C3309 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3310 **HOME HEALTH PROJECT**

Mr Farrington of Community Energy Plus apprised the Council of the project, undertaken with Carrick District Council, which offered a range of free energy efficiency measures for Falmouth residents regardless of income or benefit status.

In response to questions he advised that there would be no contracts required; no means tests; offers on a first-come basis; and, the project would work with and engage local agencies and groups.

C3311 **PROPOSED CHANGES TO CORNWALL COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE**

The Town Clerk reported the response of Councillor Yeo, Executive Member for Public Protection, to the Council's objections to the service plan consultation. The service plan proposed the removal of 24 hour manned stations (Falmouth and Camborne). Further he reported correspondence from Julia Goldsworthy MP and the National Association of Local Councils, who advised that whilst fire and rescue authorities must ensure an effective and efficient response this did not expressly require guaranteed night cover.

The Town Mayor advised of recent meetings to consider the proposals and that he had initiated a petition to demonstrate the weight of local objection.

RESOLVED that the Council maintains its strong objections to the proposals within the Integrated Risk Management Plan that were to the detriment of Public safety.

The Mayor agreed to consider this item out of agenda ordering so that those attending fire-fighters could return to work.

C3312 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee report dated 5th February 2007 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 5th February 2007 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 26th February 2007 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 26th February 2007 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report (part I) dated 5th March 2007 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 5th March 2007 (part I) be approved.

C3313 FALMOUTH PRIDE PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 11th January 2007 be noted.

C3314 BOWLING GREEN PLAY AREA GROUP

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Group held in 1st February 2007 be noted and approved.

C3315 FALMOUTH INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

Councillor Varney reported that the Combined Universities for Cornwall were now an active member of the Group.

RESOLVED that minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 12th February 2007 be noted.

C3316 BUILDING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th February 2007 be noted.

C3317 COMMUNITY POLICING – FALMOUTH

The Council duly noted Inspector Scott's response to the Town Mayors correspondence that included an update on the changes to community policing for Falmouth.

C3318 CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Council duly noted the Town Clerk's report upon the AGM and conference.

C3319 REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

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

RESOLVED that the consultation be noted and that the Council does not respond thereto.

C3320 RFA MOUNTS BAY

The Town Mayor reported upon arrangements for the Freedom of the Town Ceremony which will be held on the Events Square at 2.45pm on 15th April 2007, followed by a reception and cream tea in the National Maritime Museum Cornwall.

C3321 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Inspector Scott presented the community policing annual review which was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C3322 TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

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

C3323 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

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

Further to the report it was noted that the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners Stakeholders event would be on the 29th March 2007.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Lloyd represents the Council at the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association Annual General Meeting on 8th May 2007.

C3324 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.