

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 16th April 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, G W Chin-Quee, Mrs L S Coles, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, L J Lloyd, Mrs M Ryan, Dr 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 Clerk & Finance Officer)

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F 3444 **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received and approved from Councillor Hobbins (work).

F 3445 **INTERESTS**

Non received.

F 3446 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that Part I of the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2007 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F 3447 **RE-ORGANISATION OF CORNISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Minister had announced that the unitary application submitted by Cornwall County Council would proceed to consultation. It was now crucial that the Council communicates to Cornwall County Council its aspirations and intentions regarding local service delivery.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that Cornwall County Council be requested to attend a meeting of the new Council to further outline the proposals.

F3448 **THE HEALTHY FUTURES PROGRAMME – OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY**

RESOLVED that the update from the Chief Executive of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly NHS Trust be noted.

F3449 **FOOTPATH AT TRESCOBEAS**

The Town Clerk reported that Network Rail were investigating flooding problems at this site.

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

RESOLVED that Carrick District Council be requested to clear the footpath of waste materials on the grounds that they were a potential environmental health nuisance.

F3450 **LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP – NEW CUTTING REGIMES**

RESOLVED that the new cutting regime be noted and referred to the footpaths Group when it is re-formed.

F3451 **CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

RESOLVED that the recent updates be noted.

F3452 **CARRICK DISTRICT COUNCIL – BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER ON ETHICAL GOVERNANCE (APRIL 2007)**

The Town Clerk reported that all Councillors would be required to sign and conform to the new code of conduct after 3rd May 2007.

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

RESOLVED that the newsletter and new requirements be noted.

F3453 **MEMORIAL SAFETY IN CEMETERIES**

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

RESOLVED that current guidance from the Department for Constitutional Affairs regarding dealing with unstable or dangerous memorials be noted and adopted.

It was further proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that the Council look to promote appropriate renovation and interpretation of the Tuke Memorial at Falmouth Cemetery to coincide with his anniversary in 2008.

F3454 **A CORNISH RIVER GUIDE AND FALMOUTH OYSTER FESTIVAL**

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

RESOLVED that both funding requests be deferred for consideration by the new Council.

F3455 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

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

F3456 **VOTE OF THANKS**

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Evans be formally thanked for his period of office as Chairman which had commenced in a difficult financial period for the Council and he had overseen a marked improvement to a position of financial stability.

F3457 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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