

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 23rd July 2007 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Councillors: M A Varney (Town Mayor), Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, G F Evans, Ms D E Merrett, D Noakes and Mrs M Ryan.

In attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
D. Lang (Town Centre Manager)
Mrs K Peters (Administrative Assistant)
Inspector D Scott (Falmouth Police)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)
C Tagg (Falmouth University Student Union)

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C3376 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and approved from Councillors Ayres (holiday), Noakes (attending a funeral) and Sterratt (work).

C3377 INTERESTS

Councillors Body and Elliott declared an interest in respect of an item in the Mayor's Part II Report.

Councillor Mrs Booth declared an interest in Minute C3384 Cessation of 24 hour manning at Falmouth Fire Station as she was employed by Cornwall County Fire Brigade, as did Councillor Evans as his son was also so employed.

C3378 MINUTES

The Town Mayor reported further in respect of C3363 and circulated minutes of the Quality Council Working Party that met on 17th July 2007.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Biggins, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

RESOLVED that

- (i) the minutes of the Town Council Meetings (part I) held on 11th June 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman; and
- (ii) the minutes of the Quality Council Working Party held on 17th July 2007 be approved (attached as part of these minutes).

C3379 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor advised the Council of civic engagements he had attended and a series of meetings, walkabouts and functions where he sought to raise the profile of the Council and work interactively with partners to lead regeneration of the town. He referred to productive meetings with Mr Jarvis of Cornwall County Council and A & P Falmouth.

He presented a Council plaque to Chris Tagg, President of Falmouth University Student Union to recognise his worthy efforts within the community. He also introduced Mrs Karen Peters the Council's Administrative and Finance Assistant.

He thanked Councillors for enabling him to present a united front to the District Council to secure improvements to the Moor Piazza: works would start in September 2007. Finally he referred to his disappointment at negative recent press coverage and advised he had discussed this with the local press representatives and hoped a more positive coverage of community initiatives would occur.

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

RESOLVED that the Council endorses the role of the Town Mayor in ensuring that the Council leads and coordinates all regeneration and community initiatives in respect of Falmouth.

Further it was proposed by Councillor Cramp, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that the Council supports the Town Mayor's request that the local press report upon community initiative in a more positive manner.

C3380 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3381 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 25th June 2007 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 25th June 2007 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report (part I) dated 9th July 2007 was presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

Further he reported the presentation of the Annual Return 2007 Year End, Financial Statement for Financial Year 2006/07 and Internal Audit Report for the same period.

The Town Mayor formally thanked the Deputy Clerk / Finance Officer and the Chairman of the Committee for their continuing efforts in maintaining the Council's robust financial position and ensuring compliance requirements were met.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the report of the Committee dated 9th July 2007 (part I) be approved;
- (ii) the Financial Statement for 2006/07 be approved;

- (iii) the Internal Audit report for 2006/07 be approved and further considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee as necessary; and
- (iv) the Annual Return for 2007 Year End as presented be signed by the Town Mayor and submitted to Audit Commission.

The Planning Committee report dated 11th June 2007 was presented by Councillor Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Booth and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 11th June 2007 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 2nd July 2007 was presented by Councillor S D Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Booth and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 2nd July 2007 be approved.

C3382 CARRICK DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN 2008/2011

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

RESOLVED that the Council reiterates its observations upon the consultation and that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor responds appropriately.

C3383 MASS BURN INCINERATORS

The correspondence from the Director of Planning, Transportation and Estates and Julia Goldsworthy MP in this matter was duly noted.

C3384 CESSATION OF 24 HOUR MANNING AT FALMOUTH FIRE STATION

It was proposed by Councillor Varney, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

RESOLVED that

- (i) the correspondence from Julia Goldsworthy MP in this matter be noted and the Council maintains its strong objections to the proposals which was to the detriment of public safety; and
- (ii) the Town Council meets the cost of displaying the banner requesting support for the local Fire Station in Church Street.

C3385 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM – ONE CORNWALL SUBMISSION

The correspondence from Julia Goldsworthy MP and Chief Executive of Cornwall County Council concerning the supplementary statement to the proposal was duly noted.

C3386 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – ELECTIONS TO THE LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE 2008

There were no nominations forthcoming.

C3387 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Inspector Scott presented the Community Police Report and thanked the Council for financial assistance towards the speed camera. He advised that the eighth and final Police Community Support Officer would shortly join the Falmouth team; the school holidays would mean change to more evening hours for PCSO's. He also reported upon the spate of recent commercial burglaries and that Falmouth would be the first town in Devon and Cornwall to have commercial properties protected by Smartwater Initiatives.

Inspector Scott's report was duly noted.

C3388 TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

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

C3389 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

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

C3390 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, 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 temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.