

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 24th September 2007 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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

In attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
Inspector D Scott (Falmouth Police)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)
D Hunt (Virtual Book Company)

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C3398 APOLOGIES

An Apology was received and approved from Councillor Elliott (holiday).

C3399 INTERESTS

None received.

C3400 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Mr Body, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting (part I) held on 23rd July 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd September 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to it being noted that Councillor Sterratt did not vote against the first resolution but had abstained from voting.

Councillor Body wished it to be noted that contrary to the implications in correspondence reported he had never attended any meetings of the District Council's Steering Group.

C3401 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor advised the Council of civic engagements he had attended and the well supported civic service. He also updated the Council on his visits to local traders.

Due to his attendance with others at the South West Tourism Awards to support the nominations of Falmouth Hotel and the Falmouth Ambassadors Service the next meeting of the Council would be postponed until 5th November 2007 (and the interim meeting of the planning committee).

C3402 **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR STERRATT**

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

RESOLVED that the Council forms a Working Party with the aim of providing a more fitting memorial in Falmouth to the bravery of those who took part in the St Nazaire Raid during the second world war, membership to include the Royal British Legion and other interested parties.

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

RESOLVED that the Working Party members be Councillor Body, Evans, Sterratt and Varney and Reverend Barrington Bennetts.

C3403 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3404 **VIRTUAL BOOK**

Pursuant to minute F3513 the Mayor invited Mr Hunt to present his proposal. Mr Hunt advised that the virtual book would be launched in February 2008 and was an electronic portal for Falmouth based on coastal path works. Linked to a webserver and updated remotely in perpetuity. He demonstrated the Virtual Book and responded to Councillors questions.

Mr Hunt now left the meeting.

C3405 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 10th September 2007 (part I) was presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 10th September 2007 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 23rd July 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 23rd July 2007 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 6th August 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 6th August 2007 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 3rd September 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 3rd September 2007 be approved.

C3406 COUNCILLOR MRS BOOTH

It was duly noted that Councillor Mrs Booth has resigned from the Liberal Democrat Party and would continue to serve the Council as an Independent Councillor.

C3407 VICE-CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the resignation of Councillor Elliott as Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be duly noted, Councillor Elliott would continue to serve on the Committee; and
- (ii) pursuant to Minute F3504 Councillor Mrs V E Eva be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the remainder of the ensuing year.

C3408 RURAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

It was proposed by Councillor Varney, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Booth represent the Council on the Rural Transport Partnership. If the timings of meetings and events are not manageable for Councillor Mrs Booth, then Councillor Ms Merrett represents the Council instead.

C3409 FALMOUTH TOWN CENTRE FORUM

The minutes of the meeting of the forum held on 16th May 2007 were duly noted.

C3410 PACT PANEL

The minutes of the Pact Panel held on 27th June 2007 were duly noted.

C3412 FALMOUTH AND VILAGARCIA BUSINESS AND CULTURAL LINKS

The notes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2007 were duly noted.

C3413 QUALITY COUNCIL WORKING PARTY

The minutes of the Working Party held on 17th July 2007 were duly noted, the recommendations therein having already been substantially considered by the Council.

C3414 THE MOOR PIAZZA STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

The minutes of the group held on 19th July 2007 were duly noted.

C3415 TRESCOBEAS SUB COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Trescobeas Sub Committee held on 26th July 2007, and the recommendations therein, be approved.

C3416 CARRICK URBAN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 27th July 2007 were duly noted.

C3417 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM – IMPLEMENTATION CONSULTATION

The Department for Committees and Local Government discussion paper on the proposed approach to implementation of the new structures for those areas moving towards unitary status was duly noted.

C3418 CODE OF CONDUCT

The need for those Councillors who had not attended training session to attend the sessions on 18th October 2007 was duly noted.

C3419 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

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

RESOLVED that the Council supports the extension of full pension protection for Local Government Pension Scheme Members in England and Wales to 31st March 2020.

C3420 POSITIVE ABOUT PLAY

The failure to be shortlisted for the following schemes for funding for the Positive About Play Scheme be noted with regret:

- Trescobeas Community Recreation Ground Redevelopment Project
- Trescobeas Community Recreation Ground Redevelopment (Minor Scheme) Project
- Kimberley Park Play Area

C3421 KIMBERLEY PARK

It was proposed by Councillor Noakes, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that permission be given to run Falon Gong exercise session in Kimberley Park.

C3422 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Inspector Scott presented the Community Police Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C3423 TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

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

C3424 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

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

C3425 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Varney, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee 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.