

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00 pm.

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer)  
D P Lang (Town Centre Manager)

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### F 3522 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and approved from Councillors Body (holiday) and Sterratt (ill).

### F 3523 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Mrs Biggins declared an interest in minute F3525, Falmouth and Penryn Sea Cadets as she was Secretary of the Cornwall Scouts Association.

### F 3524 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that Part I of the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

### F3525 **GRANTS**

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

RESOLVED that no grant be made to Fal River Festival 2008.

An amendment proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins that a grant of £250 be made was lost.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 a grant of £500 be made to the Falmouth and Penryn Sea Cadets.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Ryan, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 a grant of £250 be made to the Falmouth Spring Flower Show 2008.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 a grant of £100 be made to Kathy Wray Children Workshops for materials.

It was further proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Noakes and

RESOLVED that in respect of the above grant, that the National Maritime Museum Cornwall be requested to allow free entry to children participating in such events by proof of local postcode.

The Town Clerk reported further in respect of the Virtual Book proposal referred from Council (pursuant to Minute C3404).

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

RESOLVED that the Council does not participate in the virtual book proposal.

**F3526 BUDGET SETTING 2008/09**

The Chairman reported upon draft budget proposals which were complicated by uncertainty over the dates of local council elections and local government review. However, he thought it essential that realistic budgets be set to protect the Council and its ability to deliver effective schemes through, and beyond, that process.

The draft budget sought to continue to increase general fund reserves as required, rationalise grant funding and increase agreed capital programmes to five year spending plans at Kimberley Park, Bowling Green, Cemetery, Trescobeas and in respect of Christmas lights / festival fund matched funding. Parks and gardens increased by contractor at 6%. Wages, buildings and other overheads by 3%. Falmouth Art Gallery no increase. Other considerations were the treatment of the renamed objective 1 fund and new cemetery acquisition.

The Town Clerk reported that Councillor Sterratt had requested that Kimberley Park toilet replacement be a spending priority for 2008/09.

The report was duly noted and the Chairman requested to prepare the draft budget as reported.

**F3527 HIGHWAY WEED CONTROL – FALMOUTH 2008/09**

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

RESOLVED that subject to Cornwall County Council making available appropriate budgetary allocation then the Council enter into a service level agreement for 2008/09 for weed control, utilising Carrick District Council as Contractor.

F3528 **FOOTPATH OFF TRESCOBEAS ROAD**

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

RESOLVED that the Council contribute £520 to secure the site following joint works by Cornwall County Council and Carrick District Council.

F3529 **LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP PPIP PILOT 2007/08**

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

RESOLVED that the LMP Officer be advised that the Council felt that the Pilot LMP Scheme had been satisfactory.

F3530 **DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

Deferred pending further information from Carrick District Council.

F3531 **PAGODA FOR THE MOOR**

Deferred pending further information from Port of Falmouth Chamber of Commerce.

F3532 **KIMBERLEY PARK WORKS**

The Town Clerk circulated the report of the site visit undertaken by members of the Kimberley Park Working Party, residents and others.

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

RESOLVED that the recommended planting and other works for 2007/08 and 2008/09 be agreed.

F3533 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

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

F3534 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E 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.