

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 17th December 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, O K Cramp, Mrs J A Booth, Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, Ms D E Merrett, D Noakes, Mrs M Ryan

In attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
Inspector J Trott (Falmouth Police)
Mrs E Pollard (Falmouth Ambassadors)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)
Captain M Sansom (Falmouth Harbour Master)
Mr M Reynolds (A&P Falmouth)
Mr R Clark (University College Falmouth)

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C3452 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor G W Chin-Quee (ill), Councillor G F Evans (Work) and Councillor D A Sterratt (work)

C3453 **INTERESTS**

None received.

C3454 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor I J Body, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting (part I) held on 29th October 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3455 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3456 **FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

Captain Sansom updated the Council regarding dredging proposals and the ongoing environmental impact assessment, as well as the cruise proposal. Mr Reynolds advised that it was hoped to utilise proposed contaminated materials in the docks to create new quays. A funding application had been made to the Regional Development Agency. The environmental statement would be reported in May 2008.

In response to questions it was established that the study would cost approximately £500,000 and very little rock would be removed in dredging. The expansion to Queens Wharf would not adversely affect the inner harbour. Oyster beds would be unaffected.

The Mayor thanked Captain Sansom and Mr Reynolds for the update and advised that the Council continued to support the proposals. They duly left the meeting..

C3457 **FALMOUTH AND PENRYN COMMUNITY RADIO**

Mr Russell Clark, course leader at University College Falmouth, apprised the Council of the Community Radio Project that sought a commercial radio licence for Falmouth and Penryn. There would be a transmitter at Tremough Campus and a studio within the community. It would be a community led social gain project with local youth involvement. It must be 'on air' by February 2009 and funding bids were being made. It was hoped to demonstrate full community support for the project to potential funders.

Mr Clark responded to questions and advised that it was envisaged to have a speech lead mainstream daytime output with a youth orientation in the evenings.

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

RESOLVED that the Council formally endorses the
Falmouth and Penryn Community Radio Project.

Mr Clark thanked the Council and left the meeting

C3458 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee report dated 5th November 2007 was presented by Councillor S D Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee
dated 5th November 2007 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 26th November 2007 was presented by Councillor S D Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee
dated 26th November 2007 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 3rd December 2007 (part I) was presented by Councillor Mrs Eva, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor I J Body, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Ryan and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee
dated 3rd December 2007 be approved.

C3459 **ST NAZAIRE WORKING PARTY**

It was proposed by Councillor I J Body, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the St Nazaire Working Party held on the 8th November 2007 be approved, subject to it being noted Councillor Sterratt was appointed Chairman (N13) and the recommendations therein endorsed

C3460 **BOWLING GREEN PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the
Bowling Green Play Area Working Party held on the
14th November 2007 be approved.

Councillor Elliot requested that his name be recorded as having abstained from voting as he had not had sight of the minutes.

C3461 **QUALITY COUNCIL WORKING PARTY**

The minutes of the Working Party meeting held on the 19th November 2007 were duly noted

C3462 **COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2008/09**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to the recommendation
of the Finance and General Purposes Committee
(minute F3553) that the Council defers confirmation
of its budget for 2008/09, and therefore precept
determination, pending the resolution of the outstanding
items that had a potential hearing on the Councils budget
(namely Town Centre Management, out of hours Wardens
and Tourist information).

C3463 **MEMBERS BASIC ALLOWANCE**

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

RESOLVED that
(i)The Remuneration Panel recommended Members Basic
Allowance and Chairman's Basic Allowance rates be noted; and
(ii) Falmouth Town Council retains its policy of not paying
Members and Chairmen Basic Allowances.

C3464 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Trott introduced himself to the Council and presented the Community Police report that was duly noted.

He advised that reported crime was falling, however this was not reflected by Public perception of crime. He aimed to improve the sense of security for the local Community. He emphasised the PACT process, youth engagement and policing priorities determined by the Community.

Further he advised that the Council would continue to receive Community Police reports and updates with periodic attendance as required or requested

C3465 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

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

C3466 **MAYORS REPORT**

The Mayor presented a Council plaque to Mrs Esther Pollard on behalf of the Falmouth Ambassadors to recognise their success at the South West Tourism Awards. He reported correspondence from the Prime Minister's Office and Julia Goldsworthy MP regarding the Councils representations on the European Reform Treaty (minute C3436 refers)

He provided an update regarding Bus shelter provision (minute C3445 refers). Also Seafront railings replacement would continue in early 2008. He updated the Council regarding the potential development of Church Street Car Park and associated regeneration proposals. Also the decision of Carrick District Council not to develop the Recreation Ground site as recommended by Falmouth Town Council.

Finally he voiced his concerns that the County Council still intended to progress cessation of 24 hour cover at Falmouth Fire Station and would look to assist the Fire Fighters in their opposition to those proposals.

C3467 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor I J Body, seconded by Councillor S D 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 temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.