

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), 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, Ms D E Merrett and M A Varney.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer)

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### F 3554 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ayres (Holiday), Mrs Ryan (Holiday) and Sterratt (Ill)

### F 3555 **INTERESTS**

Declarations of interest were made by:  
Councillor Chin-Quee in respect of F3557 (Falmouth and Penryn Community Dance Initiative)  
Councillors Mrs Booth (employee of fire service) and Body and Evans (both with relatives employed by the fire service) in respect of F3562

### F 3556 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that Part I of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007 be confirmed as a correct subject to it being noted that Councillor Mrs Biggins and not Councillor Varney had proposed the resolution recorded at F3550

### F3557 **GRANTS**

It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act, 1997 the Falmouth and Penryn Community Dance Initiative be granted £250 from the 2007/08 grants budget.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 142 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Falmouth Citizen's Advice Bureau be granted an additional £100 towards the costs of finger signs from the 2007/08 grants budget.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act, 1997 Victim Support Cornwall be granted £300 towards its work in Falmouth from the 2008/09 grants budget

F3558 **COUNCIL TAX BASE 2008/09**

The Carrick District Council Property band 'D' equivalent district-wide tax base for 2008/09 was duly noted.

F3559 **EIA UPDATE – FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

The update report was duly noted

F3560 **NEW DOG BINS REQUEST**

It was noted that Carrick District Council had advised there was not further funding available for new dog bins

F3561 **CARRICK DISTRICT COUNCIL – PARKING STRATEGY**

This item was deferred to the Planning Committee to formulate a response to the draft strategy.

F3562 **CORNWALL COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE – IRMP SERVICE PLAN 2008/09 CONSULTATION**

Councillor Mrs V E Eva took the Chair for this Item.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council objects to the IRMP Service Plan 2008/09 that includes the cessation of 24 hour cover at Falmouth fire station to the detriment of public safety; and
- (ii) the Town Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor and other Councillors as appropriate make a detailed response to the consultation

F3563 **MARQUEE FOR THE MOOR PIAZZA**

It was proposed by Councillor Chin-Quee, seconded by Councillor Body and

RESOLVED that the Council acquires the Marquee used on The Moor for Christmas activities at a cost of £550.00. This to be made available to hire for those organisations staging events on the Moor Piazza.

F3564 **CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

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

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs Booth and Cramp, the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk attend to represent the Council at the conference of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008

F3565 **COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT CALL 2008/09**

The Chairman reported the responses and recommendations of Carrick District Council on the outstanding issues pursuant to minute C3462, and other outstanding budgetary matters

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

RESOLVED that the Council be recommended that

- (i) Town Centre Management provision be transferred to the Town Council providing that Carrick District Council provide funding of £33,000 towards the service during 2008/09;
- (ii) the annual grant to the Royal Navy Association to assist the organisation of Sea Sunday be increased to £700 in 2008/09;
- (iii) the amendment to the out-of-hours Warden service be noted and that the Council commits to working with Carrick District Council to try to enable the service to be sustained after 2009;
- (iv) the funding arrangements for the Falmouth Tourist Information Centre be noted and that the Council considers ways to ensure the future sustainability of the service;
- (v) replacement Macebearers Robes be acquired at the revised quotations reported;
- (vi) the PR work provided to the Council by David Pollard continue in 2008/09 at four hours per week. Also the current arrangement to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 be ratified;
- (vii) no specific earmarked budget be identified for Kimberly Park toilets given the expected cost of the scheme
- (viii) an earmarked budget be identified for future Cemetery acquisition and development;
- (ix) incorporating the above items as appropriate the Council confirms its budget, thereby requiring a precept call in 2008/09 of £822,884

F3566 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

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