

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 14th April 2008 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, Ms D E Merrett, Dr D A Sterratt and M A Varney.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Finance Officer and Deputy Town Clerk)
D Pollard (Town Manager)
C Smith (Chairman, Falmouth Youth Club)

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F 3586 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and approved from Councillors Mrs Biggins (family illness), Chin-Quee (away) and Mrs Ryan (ill)

F 3587 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Body declared an interest in F3596 as a member of Falmouth Rugby Club and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Ayres declared an interest in F3591 as a promoter of the Shoppers Card Scheme and left the meeting during the consideration of that item.

Councillors Body and Sterratt declared an interest in F3603 as Directors of Falmouth Youth Club and left the meeting during the consideration of that item.

F 3588 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that Part I of the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2008 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F3589 **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2008/09**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 that Shelter (Cornwall Housing Aid Centre) be granted £200 towards its work in Falmouth.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976

Falmouth Gig Club be granted £1115 towards new rowing Machine subject to consideration of the inclusion of the Council's Emblem on the Falmouth Gig.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Cornwall Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre be granted £800 towards its work in Falmouth

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Young Generation be granted £200 towards the cost of the production of 'Pied Piper'.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 133 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Falmouth Women's Institute be granted £250 towards the cost of new meters and heater.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Vitalise be granted £500 towards providing short-term breaks for disabled Falmouth residents.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 WRVS Cornwall Food Services be granted £220 towards the cost of meal transportation boxes for the Falmouth Meals on Wheels service.

F3590 **FALMOUTH TOURISM PARTNERSHIP**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 144 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Council contribute £287.50 to the Falmouth Tourism Partnership to provide an advertisement in Easy Access Britain Guide (Tourist Board).

F3591 **FALMOUTH SHOPPERS CARD AND BAG**

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

RESOLVED that the Council provides a loan at 0% interest of £2,021 to enable the purchase of 1000 bags in conjunction with the shoppers card scheme to be repaid to the Council in full by 31st October 2008.

F3591 **AGENCY AGREEMENT 2008/09 – HIGHWAY WEED TREATMENT**

It was duly noted that Cornwall County Council had confirmed the budget for weed treatment for 2008/09 as £11,210.28 and revised the weed treatment map, increasing the routes to be treated.

F3592 **EXTERNAL AUDITOR – APPOINTMENT**

The Audit Commission appointment of Alun Williams as Auditor to the Council for audit of the financial years 2007/08 to 2011/12 was duly noted.

The extension of time approval on the 2008/08 audit until 13th June 2008 was also duly noted.

F3593 **INTERNAL AUDIT**

The ongoing internal audit work was duly noted.

F3594 **CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

The changes to parking enforcement effective from 5th May 2008 was duly noted.

F3595 **ST NAZAIRE MEMORIAL**

The Town Manager reported upon the design and costings for the memorial to be re-sited and re-dedicated on Prince of Wales Pier. Further the St Nazaire Society and the Royal British legion would provide financial contributions.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council sets aside a maximum allocation of £25,000 from 2008/09 General Fund Reserve and pursuant to Section 1 of the War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act, 1923 as extended by Section 133 of Local Government Act, 1948 to provide the memorial; and
- (ii) the Council meets the costs of any St Nazaire Raid Veterans who are able to attend the re-dedication ceremony from the allocation at (i) above.

F3596 **FALMOUTH RECREATION GROUND**

Further to her report Councillor Mrs V Eva referred to correspondence from Carrick District Council stating that it was not possible to action a charitable deed of dedication whilst a lease was in existence. She considered that some action was necessary to protect the site from future undesirable development.

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

RESOLVED that a meeting be scheduled with Falmouth Rugby Club to establish its proposals for the site and to seek its views on the future protection of the site.

F3597 **ARTS FOR HEALTH – FLAGS FOR TALLSHIPS**

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

RESOLVED that the Council receives and stores the produced flags from the workshops and arranges for their display as and when appropriate.

F3598 **ONE CORNWALL PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS**

The report of the Town Clerk and Councillor Cramp was duly noted.

F3599 **SECTION 137 INDEXATION OF CASH LIMIT 2008/09**

The index linked expenditure limit for 2008/09 at £5.86 per elector was duly noted.

F3600 **EARMARKED RESERVES 2007/08**

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

RESOLVED that the Earmarked Reserve balances for 2007/08 be noted, as reported, at £77,002 in total.

F3601 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the accounts and petty cash schedules (attached) for February and March 2008 be approved.

F3602 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Mr Smith be permitted to remain to present a Report on the Dracaena Centre and then withdraw.