

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 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, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs M Ryan and Dr D A Sterratt.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)  
D. Pollard (Town Manager)  
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)

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### **C3515 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Evans (work) and Noakes (away).

### **C3516 INTERESTS**

Councillor Sterratt declared an interest in item C3526 as a member of Cornwall County Playing Fields Association.

### **C3517 MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting (part I) held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **C3518 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor congratulated David and Esther Pollard and the Falmouth Ambassadors for winning the Outstanding Customer Service Award of the Enjoy England Awards for Excellence 2008.

Further he reminded Councillors of the informal evening scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and advised of the production of a monthly staff and Councillors newsletter which would include items of current interest for the Council.

Finally he acknowledged a generous donation from Devington Homes Ltd to assist the rededication of the St Nazaire Memorial.

### **C3519 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received

### **C3520 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee report dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 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 31<sup>st</sup> March be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 (part I) was presented by Councillor Mrs V E Eva, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 be approved.

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 be approved.

**C3521 MARITIME LINE WORKING PARTY**

Further to the report the Town Mayor provided an update on refurbishment proposals to Falmouth Stations. Councillor S D Eva expressed concerns regarding the visual appearance of the embankment adjoining Falmouth Fire Station. The reports were duly noted.

**C3522 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR STERRATT**

A full debate upon the motion ensued.

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

RESOLVED that the Council meet informally to discuss the implications of local Government reorganisation and consider possible changes to structure.

The motion proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Cramp was defeated on the casting vote of the Chairman. The motion was "Given that the stated intention of local government reorganisation is to provide for 'localism', but given the current uncertainty about the extent of service and asset devolution to Town and Parish Councils, then Falmouth Town Council reviews its current structure and prepares a number of potential scenarios / models to deal with possible service devolution when it is known. These models to include appropriate staffing and committee structural adjustments".

**C3523 COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/08**

Councillor attendances were duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

**C3524 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

The Community Police Report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

**C3525 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Town Managers report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

**C3526 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Further it was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Body and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 144 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the High Street Traders Leaflet be granted £200.00 from General Fund Reserves to assist distribution costs.

Further it was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Sterratt and

RESOLVED that consideration of the request for assistance from the Cornwall County Playing Fields Association be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**C3527 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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