

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 2nd June 2008 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, Mrs A Biggins, I J Body, Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva (Vice Chairman), Ms D E Merrett, G Chin-Queen, Dr D A Sterratt and M A Varney

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

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F3605 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and approved from Councillors Mrs J A Booth (Holiday) and O K Cramp (Illness)

F3606 **INTERESTS**

None

F3607 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Davies and seconded by Councillor Mrs A Biggins and

RESOLVED that Part I of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2008 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F3608 **CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor D A Sterratt and

RESOLVED that Councillor Evans remains Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms D Merrett, seconded by Councillor B Elliott and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs V E Eva remains Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

F3609 **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2008/09**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Biggins and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 1972, that Falmouth Weather Reading be granted £250.00 towards its work in Falmouth.

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

RESOLVED that Can Project (Cornwall Artists Network) won't receive a grant towards its work in Falmouth due to servicing only one primary school within the area.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, that Waterfront Crew be granted £500.00 towards its work in Falmouth

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, that Falmouth Residents Association be granted £80.00 towards its work in Falmouth.

It was proposed by Councillor M Varney, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ryan and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972, that Falmouth Spring Flower Show be granted £500.00 towards its work in Falmouth.

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

RESOLVED that Falmouth Town Council will give £300.00 as a form of a donation to Cornwall County Playing Fields Association towards its work in Cornwall.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972, that Falmouth Shout Shanty Singers be granted £900.00 towards its work in Falmouth.

The community grant budget is currently at £4897.50. This has to be used up by the 31st March 2009

F3610 **LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF STANDARDS COMPLAINTS CONCERNING COUNCILLORS**

Councillors duly noted the new procedures that Carrick District Council Standards Committee is now responsible for receiving and considering complaints that a town or district Councillor may have breached the respective Code of Conduct

F3611 **CARRICK DISTRICT COUNCIL CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2008**
Members duly noted the new Corporate Business Plan 2008

F3612 **KIMBERLEY PARK**

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

RESOLVED that the temporary works to repair the paths at a cost of £1510.00 should go ahead.

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

RESOLVED that the planting scheme alongside Park Terrace at a cost of £3000.00 should still go ahead.

Councillor D A Sterratt had concerns with the lack of progress regarding the toilets in Kimberley park. He asked if the Town Clerk could report back to the committee on how the toilet development is progressing and how long it will take to get the toilets built in the park.

F3613 **2007/08 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Due to the server being down from the previous week the Annual Return will be presented at the next FULL Council Meeting which is due on the 9th June 2008.

F3614 **SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS – SOUTH WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Deputy Clerk reported on how successful the conference was with an excellent turn out. Several issues were discussed from the deadlines set by District Audit Commission and the New Planning Portal.

The Conference illustrated how local Councils are thinking forward in improving and providing an excellent service to the community with an improved training programme for Clerks and Councillors to achieve this target.

F3615 **COMMUNITY PLAN**

Councillor M Varney reported to the committee on the ongoing developments of the Community Plan. The plan will provide Falmouth with a strategy for the next 10 years which should be lead by the Community and not the Council.

They are currently working together with Budock , Mawnan Smith, Flushing and Penryn to enable the Community Plan to address all issues within the Falmouth catchment area.

Currently the Plan will cost within the region of £25k to complete. The Committee felt a presentation from Esther Richmond would help the Committee in making a decision on this matter.

F3616 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Davies, seconded by Councillor Ms D Merrett and

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) for April 2008 be approved.

F3617 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor A K Ayres 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.