

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 21st July 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: M A Varney (Town Mayor), A K Ayers, 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, G F Evans, Ms D Merrett and Mrs M Ryan

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
D Pollard (Town Manager)
Inspector J Trott (Falmouth Police)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)

C3555 **APOLOGIES**
None received

C3556 **INTERESTS**
None received.

C3557 **MINUTES**
It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Davies and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 9th June 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3558 **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**
The Town Mayor reported his correspondence to the Prime Minister to secure the retention of Cancer Care in Cornwall. He had attended 63 engagements in the municipal year to date, which included the last civic service of Kerrier District Council.

He had received very positive reaction regarding the recent royal visit for the rededication of the St. Nazaire Memorial. He thanked the Council for supporting this project and the Town Manager for successfully managing the project.

He had also received notification of Post Office closures which affected two offices in Falmouth.

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

RESOLVED that the Council formally objects to the proposed closure of Killigrew Street and Bar Road Post Offices on the following grounds:

- the detrimental impact on the overall quality of service due to the relocation of Falmouth Post Offices should the proposed closures of The Bar Road and Killigrew Street Post offices proceed

- the detrimental impact on the local economy and community should the proposed closures in Falmouth proceed
- the detrimental impact on the ability of disabled, low income and elderly customers to continue to be able to access postal services in Falmouth
- an increase in the use of cars by Falmouth residents to access postal services exacerbating already severely constrained traffic infrastructure provision, especially congestion and parking in the summer months.

Finally the Mayor advised that the next informal update meeting for Councillors would be on the 1st August 2008 at 6:00pm.

C3559 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Town Clerk reported questions from Ms Ormond who was unable to attend the meeting.

She had asked: firstly, how can the Council help to prevent any immediate threat to Trelawney Fields? and Secondly, what part can it play, in the longer term, as any development plans for the whole site are put forward?

The Town Mayor advised that he had provided evidence to the Primary Care Trust regarding the future development of Budock Hospital site and was hopeful a land swap could be achieved to assist Falmouth School with appropriate recreational facilities and public open-space.

C3560 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 7th July 2008 (part I) was presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the report of the Committee dated 7th July 2008 be approved
- (ii) pursuant to Minute F3625 (i) the Finance Sub-Group be constituted of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee and Councillors Ayres and Mrs Ryan

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 14th July 2008 (part I) was presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 14th July 2008 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 9th June 2008 was presented by Councillor S D Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 9th June 2008 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 30th June 2008 (Part I) was presented by Councillor S D Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 30th June 2008 (Part I) be approved.

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 23rd June 2008, was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Biggins and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 23rd June 2008 be approved.

C3561 DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY – IMPROVEMENTS

The report of the Deputy Chief Constable outlining progress on force improvement plans was duly noted.

C3562 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The Town Clerk reported that recent changes to Committee composition had left an imbalance of seats on the Planning and Art Gallery Committees.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Ryan be removed from the Planning Committee and that she serves the Art Gallery Committee.

C3563 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - CARRICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was duly noted that Councillor Mrs Vale (St. Newlyn East Parish Council) had joined Councillors Mannell (Ladock Parish Council) and Mrs Hosken (Truro City Council) as Parish Council representatives on the Committee

C3564 CORNWALL COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE – INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 9IRMP) 2008/11

The approval of the IRMP by Cornwall County Council on 17th June 2008 was duly noted.

C3565 WASTE INCINERATOR PROPOSAL – ST. DENNIS

The Town Mayor reported a request from Matthew Taylor MP (Truro and St. Austell) to support a Public Inquiry into the proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor Chin- Quee, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins and

RESOLVED that the Council supports a public inquiry into the Waste Incinerator proposal at St. Dennis as it feels that more environmentally friendly energy recovery processes could be examined, as a single large incinerator may not be the best environmental, nor cost effective solution.

A motion proposed by Councillor Cramp, seconded by Councillor S D Eva that the Council does not support a public inquiry was lost.

C3566 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Trott reported that local crime rates had dropped significantly in comparison to the previous year. PACT priorities were being identified and addressed, speeding was currently a priority. Increased Officer attendance in the evenings and a very good pub-watch scheme was helping tackle public disorder in the evenings. He was also looking to increase a presence on the water to better tackle marine crime.

He reiterated the report of the Deputy Chief Constable that more frontline Police Staff would be available, specifically six for Falmouth. Further his officers had assisted the recent Royal Visit and Sea Sunday Events and would attend Tall-ships which would be a major operational undertaking. He also referred to recent instances of public disorder on Prince of Wales Pier that he had addressed.

C3567 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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

C3568 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

C3569 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Davies 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.