

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 8th December 2008 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00 pm.

Present: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, Mrs A Biggins, Mrs J Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp (from point mentioned), Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, Ms D Merrett (to point mentioned), D Noakes, Mrs M Ryan, D A Sterratt and M A Varney

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

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F3662 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Body (ill)

F3663 **INTERESTS**

None received

F3664 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F3665 **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2008/09**

Letters of thanks for grant awards were duly noted from: Young Generation (£200); Falmouth United Reform Church (£100); Falmouth Age Concern Befriending Service (£250); and, Falmouth Oyster Festival (£250)

It was further noted that the 2008/09 grant budget had been expended and that further applications should be deferred for consideration post 1st April 2009. The list of grant awards to date in 2008/09 was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

(Councillor Cramp now entered the meeting)

F3666 **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED that the Council confirms its 2009/10 budget as attached to these minutes thereby requiring a precept call in 2009/10 of £873,967

Councillors Cramp and Sterratt requested that their names be recorded as having voted against this decision. Councillor Ms Biggins requested that her name be recorded as having abstained from voting.

A MOTION proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Varney, that £10,000 as a one off contribution be added to the Christmas Lights allocation was withdrawn. A MOTION proposed by Councillor Noakes that the Council ceases to provide the Falmouth Art Gallery was not seconded. A MOTION proposed by Councillor Cramp and seconded by Councillor Sterratt that the budget be re-considered by the Finance Sub-Committee to reduce the increase on 2008/09 by 2% was lost.

(Councillor Ms Merrett left the meeting during the above debate as she was unwell)

F3667 **ELECTORAL REVIEW FOR CORNWALL**

The Town Clerk reported upon the draft recommendations for the new electoral arrangements for Cornwall Council.

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

RESOLVED that the Council be recommended to support the proposals recorded at paragraphs 71 to 74 which were rational minor amendments and would result in five Councillors to serve the Falmouth area and notify the Boundary Committee for England accordingly.

F3668 **SECTION 137 ALLOWANCE 2009/10**

It was duly noted that the Section 137 allowance for 2009/10 had been confirmed at £6.15 per head.

F3669 **SORP CONSULTATION**

The Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer reported upon the consultation attached as part of these minutes.

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

RESOLVED that the Council responds to the consultation as recommended.

F3670 **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 October and November 2008 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....