

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 15th December 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: M V Varney (Town Mayor), A K Ayers, Mrs A J Biggins, Mrs J Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, D J Noakes, Mrs M Ryan and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer)
D Pollard (Town Manager)
Inspector J Trott (Falmouth Police)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)(to point mentioned)

C3600 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Body (ill), Mrs Davies (family illness), Elliott (family illness) and Ms Merrett (ill).

Also, apologies were received from Helen Couch of ONE Cornwall Parish Liaison Team and Councillor Dyer, Chairman of Carrick District Council

C3601 INTERESTS

None received.

C3602 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 27th October 2008 (Part I) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Town Council meeting held on the 8th December 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3603 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported correspondence from the Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager for Penwerris requesting the Council's support for the establishment of a boxing club.

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

RESOLVED that the Council formally and fully support the proposal.

Further the Mayor reported the response of the Head of Communications at Cornwall County Council regarding representations relating to the Cornwall Council logo. There were no plans to revisit the decision.

He reported the success of Fal Falafel in reaching the finals of the BBC Food and Farming Awards – Best Take Away 2008 then congratulated them on behalf of the Council.

The monthly liaison meeting would now be open to all Councillors to attend if they wished. He thanked those Councillors who had supported the Treverva Choir Carolaire.

C3604 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Town Mayor read a question from Mr David Saunby requesting the Council support a call for a public meeting to address the proposed relocation of the Post Office from The Moor.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council holds a public meeting and request a senior member of the Post office Ltd to attend. Further it raises objection to the proposal on the following grounds;

- (i) The current office is busy and well placed for ease of access. The Moor is the focal point for community activity and public services, to which the post office is integral. Indeed the Piazza area was specifically designed to serve these uses.
- (ii) The current location is easily accessible from public transport, enjoys convenient car parking provision especially for the disabled and elderly, and has good pedestrian accessibility.
- (iii) The proposed site is inferior in terms of difficulty to access, particularly for the disabled and does not enjoy car parking provision. This will result in severe traffic congestion in Market Place, impacting on High Street, Webber Street and the Moor. It raises concerns for pedestrian safety on Market Place and the waiting traffic increases pollution, which is already identified as being at high levels in those areas. The Police have confirmed they have serious concerns for highway and pedestrian safety, as they did previously and are therefore opposed to the proposal.
- (iv) The proposed site could not guarantee similar levels of service, nor indeed security of tenure if the franchise fails.

Inspector Trott confirmed that the Police maintained the view that the proposal was unsafe on the grounds of pedestrian safety.

The Mayors Chaplin now left the meeting.

C3605 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 8th December 2008 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 8th December 2008 be approved

Arising from the recommendations therein it was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva 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. The precept call to be duly made.

The Planning Committee report dated 27th October 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 27th October 2008 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 24th November 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 24th November 2008 be approved.

C3606 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Trott reported upon his first twelve months in post and thanked the Council, particularly the Town Manager for assistance. Overall crime had reduced and he emphasised that Falmouth continued to be a safe place. However, in response to armed robberies he had secured in the short-term an armed response team and police dog to serve the town.

He advocated support of the street pastor scheme: He reported also upon community police and partnership working which was very successful.

Councillor Noakes proposed a MOTION that the Council objects to an armed response unit being based in Falmouth, this was not seconded.

C3607 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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

C3608 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

(1) Meeting of Larger Councils in Cornwall

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

RESOLVED that recommendations and actions arising from the meeting on the 10th December 2008 be endorsed and that Councillor S D Eva continues to represent the interests of the Council in this matter including to attend the requested meeting with the leader and Chief Executive of Cornwall County Council if appropriate.

(2) Bus Shelters

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

RESOLVED that the Agreement with Fernbank Advertising Ltd be varied to include those shelters provided by Adshel and the Variation document formally sealed by the Council

C3609 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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