

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 2nd March 2009 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00 pm.

Present: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, G W Chin-Quee, Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, D J Noakes, Mrs M Ryan, and M A Varney

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer)
David Pollard (Town Manager)
S Sharples (Falmouth and Penryn Community Network Manager, Cornwall Council)
Inspector Trott (Falmouth Police)
Reverend S Tudgey, Ms S Gray and Miss A Brady (Falmouth Churches Together)
Reverend M Firbank (Street Pastors Scheme)

Vol. 9

F3684 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Cramp (ill) and Sterratt (ill).

F3685 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Varney declared an interest in Minute F3688 grant application by the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival as a member of the organising committee and left the meeting during the consideration of that item.

Councillor Mrs Davies declared an interest in Minute F3687 grant application for Falmouth Street Pastors Scheme as she was a member of Falmouth Churches Together and did not vote thereon.

Councillors S D Eva and Mrs V E Eva declared an interest in Minute F3688 grant application by Young Generation as their son was involved with the organisation and left the meeting during the consideration of that item.

F3686 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2009 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F3687 **FALMOUTH STREET PASTORS SCHEME**

Reverend Firbank presented the Street Pastors proposals and how it operated: It would be a partnership between the Churches, the Police and the Council. Ms Gray confirmed that twelve churches in Falmouth advocated the scheme and would financially contribute. The scheme would cost £6000 to set up. Inspector Trott fully supported the scheme.

In response to questions it was established that the scheme had been pioneered in Cornwall in Camborne and other schemes successfully operated in Plymouth and Torquay. The Falmouth scheme could be operational later in 2009.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act, 1997 Falmouth Street Pastors Scheme be granted £3000 for establishment costs from the 2008/09 General Fund Reserves.

The Town Clerk cautioned upon the use of un-earmarked monies, however as the 2008/09 grant fund was expended and the request was for a worthy community scheme the Committee accepted the use of the General Fund Reserve.

Reverend Firbank, Reverend Tudgey, Ms Gray and Miss Brady and Inspector Trott now left the meeting.

F3688 **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2009/10**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Cornwall Male Voice Choral Festival be granted £1000 towards the 2009 festival from the 2009/10 Community Grants fund.

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

RESOLVED that the grant request by Carnon Carers be deferred and the applicant be requested to submit further detail as to the benefits of the proposal to the Falmouth Community and advised that grant criteria only permitted a maximum 50% grant of total project cost.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Cornwall Blind Association be granted £250 towards its work in Falmouth from the 2009/10 Community Grants fund.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Fal River Links be granted £250 towards the Fal River Festival 2009 from the 2009/10 Community Grants fund.

A motion by Councillor S D Eva and seconded by Councillor Elliott that £500 be granted to the Fal River Festival 2009 was withdrawn.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Young Generation be granted £200 towards the production of 'Annie' in 2009 from the 2009/10 Community Grant fund.

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

RESOLVED that the 2008/09 grant extension request by the Bray Theatre Company be agreed and earmarked for 2009/10.

The letter of thanks in regard to the Household Battery Recycling Scheme for the 2008/09 grant award was duly noted.

F3689 **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Clerk reported that the minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting on 20th February 2009 were not available. He recommended deferral of the minutes however, there were two urgent matters arising and he reported the recommendations thereon. Consideration of the minutes were duly deferred except:

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

RESOLVED that the Asset Management Software Package from Real Asset Management at a cost of £10,000 inclusive of product support be purchased from 2008/09 General Fund Reserve.

The Deputy Clerk reported alternative quotes and his assessment thereon. Councillor Noakes requested that his name be recorded as having voted against this decision on the grounds of insufficient information.

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

RESOLVED that the Council meets the anticipated shortfall in the Phase I costs of the Trescobeas Community Development to a total cost of £8,000 from 2008/09 General Fund Reserve.

Councillor Elliott and Mr Polglase now left the meeting.

F3690 **INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OFFICE – MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME**

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the new model scheme be adopted by the Council as attached; and
- (ii) the Council charges 10p per photocopied page and other charges as appropriate.

F3691 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

The structure of Community Safety in Cornwall post 1st April 2009 be noted.

F3692 **THE POWER OF THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL WELL BEING**

The National Association of Local Councils briefing on the power of well being was duly noted.

F3693 **EARMARKED RESERVES**

This matter was deferred for consideration at the meeting of the Council scheduled for 9th March 2009.

F3694 **BANK OF IRELAND COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS**

The changes to the compensation arrangements on the Council's bank accounts held with the Bank of Ireland was duly noted.

F3695 **BUS SHELTERS**

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

RESOLVED that the Council utilises the Cornwall County Council grant scheme and provides a new bus shelter in Melvill Road.

The Town Clerk to report further in regard to the responsibility for the bus shelter in Mongleath Road.

F3696 **MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, THE MOOR – LEASE RENT REVIEW**

The planned rent review effective from the 25th March 2009 was duly noted.

F3697 **HANGING BASKET PROVISION 2009**

The Town Manager reported that £3500 would be required to provide hanging baskets in the main streets in 2009/10 currently the Festival Fund provision stood at £3000.

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

RESOLVED that a further £500 be provided from 2009/10 General Fund Reserve to address the short-fall in the festival fund to provide hanging baskets.

F3698 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROVISION 2009**

The Town Manager reported that some lights needed replacing and there was insufficient funds to provide the same level of coverage as in 2008. He felt a minimum of £18,000 would be required in 2009.

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

RESOLVED that the Finance Sub-Committee receive a report from the Town Manager and reviews costings for Christmas lights provision in 2009.

F3699 **FALMOUTH FLAG COMPETITION**

The Town Manager reported 180 entries and stated he would provide £250 personally as a prize for the winning entry when judged.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council agrees in principle to produce a flag(s) from the winning entry; and
- (ii) David Pollard be thanked for his contribution of the prize money.

F3700 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) for January 2009 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....