

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 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, Mrs J E Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, B Elliott, S D Eva, Ms D Merrett, D J Noakes (from point mentioned), Mrs M Ryan, Dr D A Sterratt and M A Varney

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

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### F3701 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Body (ill), Mrs Davies (holiday) and Mrs V E Eva (ill).

### F3702 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Evans declared an interest in F3707 as he was president of Swanvale Allotments and Gardens Association. He did not speak or vote thereon and Councillor Varney took the Chair for the consideration of the item.

### F3703 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

### F3704 **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) that the minutes of the Finance sub-committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be noted;
- (ii) that the recommendations of the Finance sub-committee from its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be approved and actioned;
- (iii) accept that the sub-committee revisits the rationalisation of grants system.

### F3705 **GRANTS**

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

RESOLVED that the grant request from Shelter Cornwall be refused as it did not relate to a specific costed Falmouth project, nor specific grant amount request.

Councillor Noakes now entered the meeting.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Falmouth Shout Shanty Singers Association be granted £1,000 towards the cost of the 2009 festival from the 2009/10 community grants fund.

(A MOTION as above but grant to be made from the 2009/10 General Fund Reserve was proposed by Councillor S D Eva but not seconded).

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

RESOLVED that consideration of the grant request from Cornwall Film Festival be deferred to seek clarification on the estimated budget and income received data which appeared anomalous.

The acknowledgement of the grant for the Street Pastors Scheme was duly noted as was the appointment of the Town Clerk and Inspector Trott to the Management Group.

**F3706 FALMOUTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)**

The voting statistics for the successful BID were noted as was the Council's 2009/10 levy contribution of £91.00.

**F3707 SWANVALE ALLOTMENT SITE LEASE**

The Town Clerk reported valuation advice and the recommendation of the Finance Sub-Committee.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the lease be renewed in the terms recommended by the Valuer except that it be phased;
  - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 - £900 payable (no increase)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 - £1200 payable
  - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 - £1500 payable
  - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 - £1800 payable
  - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 and for the duration of the lease the annual RPI adjustments recommended by the Valuer.
- (ii) the increased rental income be ring-fenced to offset capital and revenue expenditure on the asset.

**F3708 CORNWALL ELECTORAL REVIEW**

The correspondence from the Boundary Committee detailing the reasons for delay in publishing its final recommendations was duly noted.

F3709 **LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP**

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

RESOLVED that Local Maintenance Partnership 2009/10 offer of grant at £238 or 100% of eligible costs whichever is the lower be agreed and the Cornwall Council Grounds Maintenance be engaged as the relevant contractor.

F3710 **CONSULTATION ON TAXI PROVISION FOR CORNWALL**

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council strongly objects to the proposal for a common policy of de-zoning for Hackney carriages.

F3711 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

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

F3712 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Chin-Quee, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins 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 excluded from the meeting.