

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 27th April 2009 at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: M A Varney (Town Mayor), A K Ayers, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J E Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, G F Evans, Ms D E Merrett, D J Noakes and Mrs M Ryan

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

C3631 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elliott (ill) and Councillor Sterratt (ill)

C3632 INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs V E Eva declared that she had received a bouquet of flowers from a local resident she had assisted.

Councillors Mrs Biggins and Body declared an interest in item C3633 regarding Falmouth Rugby Club, as they were members of the Club and left the meeting for that item.

C3633 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Ms D Merrett, seconded by Councillor Noakes and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 3rd March 2009 (Parts I and II) subject to Minute C3615 to be amended to record " It was proposed by Councillor Cramp that a Working Group be formed to negotiate with Cornwall Council to determine a new Lease for the Recreation Ground with Falmouth Rugby Club" be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Further, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Booth, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that a Working Group be formed to negotiate with Cornwall Council to determine a new lease with Falmouth Rugby Club for the Recreation Ground.

The Town Clerk had questioned the validity of forming a working group to examine an issue beyond the remit of the Council.

C3634 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon his civic activity and reported responses from the Department for Enterprise and Regulatory Reform pursuant to Minute C3620 and from the Post Office regarding the future of the Post Office at The Moor.

C3635 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3636 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 6th April 2009 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 6th April 2009 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee reports Part I and Part II dated 20th April 2009 were presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Part I and Part II reports of the Committee dated 20th April 2009 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 9th March 2009 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 9th March 2009 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 31st March 2009 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 31st March 2009 be approved.

C3637 **CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – LARGE LOCAL COUNCIL GROUP**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Group held on 13th March 2009 was duly noted.

C3638 **CCTV STAKEHOLDERS GROUP**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Group held on 5th February 2009 and the 13th March 2009 and the requirement for a further resource in Berkeley Vale was duly noted.

C3639 **COUNCILLOR MS MERRETT**

It was duly noted that Councillor Ms Merrett had resigned from the United Kingdom Independence Party and would now sit as an Independent Councillor.

C3640 **COUNCILLOR BODY**

It was duly noted that Councillor Body had resigned from the Liberal Democrat Party and would now sit as an Independent Councillor.

C3641 COUNCILLOR MRS BIGGINS

It was duly noted that Councillor Mrs Biggins had resigned from the Liberal Democrat Party and would now sit as a independent Councillor.

C3642 CORNWALL COUNTYWIDE ACCESS STRATEGY

The Strategy and the advice from the Environment Service Manager of Cornwall Council was duly noted.

C3643 FALMOUTH IN BLOOM 2009

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Town Clerk be noted and Councillor Mrs Davies be nominated to assist in the preparation of the Portfolio and judging arrangements.

C3644 CORNWALL COUNCIL – BECOMING A COUNCILLOR GUIDE

The publication and nomination details were duly noted.

C3645 MISSION STATEMENT

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Mission and Vision Statements, alongside the outcomes and objectives as a part of these minutes be formally adopted.

C3646 HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

The Annual Report 2008 and Business Plan Statement 2009-2019 was duly noted.

Captain Sansom provided an update on the Port Development Initiative, that included the Port Master Planning exercise, which analyses the Port's resilience functions. The report was duly noted and the Council would continue to strongly support the initiative.

C3647 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Trott reported upon new local policing targets and amendments to the PACT process. There had been a 30% drop in crime and public satisfaction was at 88%. Falmouth had been set a crime reduction target of 10% and had now more experienced staff. He then responded to questions.

The Town Mayor congratulated Inspector Trott and his team on the success of meeting targets and in the partnership working arrangements that existed.

C3648 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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

He provided further updates regarding the enhancement of the shuttle bus service and the first cruise ship call which was duly noted.

C3649 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Councillor Cramp advised that he had tabled a member's question to the next meeting of Cornwall Council to request the contribution of funding to the Out of Hours Patrol Service.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8:15p.m.

Signed: Date: