

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00 pm.

Present: Councillors A K Ayres (In the Chair), Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body,  
Mrs J E Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, G F Evans,  
Ms D E Merrett and Mrs M Ryan

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
S J Polglase (Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer)  
D J Pollard (Town Manager)  
Ms G McLaren (Cornwall Development Company) (to point mentioned)  
T Light (Falmouth Town Forum) (to point mentioned)

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### F3762 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors S D Eva (holiday), Mrs V E Eva (holiday), Jewell (work) and Sterratt (ill).

### F3763 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Mrs Biggins declared an interest in Minute F3766 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Trescobeas (14<sup>th</sup> Falmouth) Scout Group grant application as she was secretary for the Scout Group and did not speak or vote thereon.

### F3764 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held  
on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 be confirmed as a correct record  
of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

### F3765 **STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK (SIF)**

The Chairman welcomed Ms McLaren from the Cornwall Development Company and Mr Light from the Falmouth Town Forum.

Ms McLaren explained the SIF would direct ERDF funds available under Priority 4 of the Convergence Operational Programme 2007-13. Designed to 'Unlock the Economic Potential of Place' and was only available for seven specific locations including Falmouth and Penryn. £110m was available for the best projects. Key assets to build upon in Falmouth/Penryn were Combined Universities in Cornwall (CUC) and the Marine Sector, of which Falmouth Docks was a major component. Other local business sectors with growth potential included: environmental technologies and higher and creative industries e.g. digital media. So the area was well placed to access Priority 4 funds. Eligible projects could include Falmouth Marine School relocation, new initiatives in Falmouth Docks, development of new business sites and premises, upgrading older business areas and improved transport infrastructure.

The SIF draft would be available shortly for the commencement of a six week consultation.

Mr Light emphasised the importance of the SIF as the last chance to access European funding for an extended period. It required a united front and positive drive to secure funding to those regeneration initiatives the community had been seeking for a long time.

They then responded to questions, following which the chairman thanked them for their attendance and they left the meeting.

#### F3766 GRANTS

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Street Dance Project be granted £300.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 133 of the Local Government Act, 1972 a grant of £1,000 to be made to the Falmouth Penryn Sea Cadets to facilitate repairs to the Unit building.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 a grant of £55 be made to the Fal Fibro Friends.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, a grant of £500 be made to the 1<sup>st</sup> Trescobeas (14<sup>th</sup> Falmouth) Scout Grant to establish the group and acquire camping equipment.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 a grant of £250 be made to the over 60's Friendly Club towards the costs of bus trips and Christmas lunch.

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

RESOLVED that consideration of the grant request by the Falmouth and Penryn Parent Group be deferred pending further information regarding the number of Falmouth Families they assist, whether they were supported by Cornwall Council or Penryn Town Council and the submission of accounts.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972, the 2009/10 annual grant to the Falmouth Royal Navy Association be increased by £250 to meet an overspend on the 2009 Sea Sunday event.

It was noted that the 2010/11 annual grant would be reviewed by the Finance Sub Committee as part of its review of 2010/11 draft budget.

Further the following letters of thanks for grant awards were duly noted:

- Lambs Lane Resident Association (£515)
- Falmouth Spring Flower Show (£1,000)
- Carnon Carers (£150)

F3767 **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were duly noted.

F3768 **COUNCIL PRECEPT 2010/11**

The Town Clerk reported correspondence from the Cornwall Council Group Accountant Forward Planning regarding notification of precept.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Mayor be requested to call a Special Meeting of the Council following the Meeting of the Committee on 18th January 2010 to formally determine the Council's precept.

F3769 **ANNUAL RETURN 2008/09**

The Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer reported upon the Annual Return and the need for some minor amendments.

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

RESOLVED that the amended Annual Return 2008/09 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk.

The Chairman agreed to take this as an urgent item to ensure the timely processing of the submission by the Audit Commission.

F3770 **MEMORIAL AT PENNANCE POINT**

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

RESOLVED that the Council repairs the memorial and bench as recommended by the Town Clerk.

F3771 **FOOTSTEPS TO COPENHAGEN**

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

RESOLVED that the Council formally signs the pledge and supports the Cornish declaration to support an agreement to keep the increase in temperature of the planet to below two degrees centigrade.

F3772 **BUS SHELTER AT MONGLEATH AVENUE**

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

RESOLVED that the Council assumes the ownership of the Mongleath Avenue Bus Shelter from Cornwall Council.

F3773 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND LATE NIGHT OPENING**

Pursuant to the request from Councillor Mrs Biggins the Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer reported that £1633 had been raised to date to release the Councils matched funding.

The Town Manager reported that events and fundraising were still ongoing and Councillor Evans reported that the local Cornwall Councillors had all contributed £200 each from their community budgets.

The reports were duly noted.

F3774 **FALMOUTH BID**

It was duly noted that the revised Memorandum of Undertaking between the Council and Falmouth BID had now been formally signed.

F3775 **AGENCY AGREEMENT 2010/11**

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

RESOLVED that the Agreement for Weed Spraying with Cornwall Council be renewed on similar terms for 2010/11.

F3776 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Evans, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

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

F3777 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Booth 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.