

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 1st February 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: G F Evans (Chairman), Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J E Booth
G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva,
A J Jewell, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs M Ryan and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk and Finance Officer)
R Gates (Town Manager)
Inspector J Trott (Devon and Cornwall Police)
J Frankland (Mycornwall.TV)
A Barrett and B Goddard (Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service)
Councillor D Saunby (Cornwall Council)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayors Chaplain)

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C3758 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Ayres (holiday).

S Sharples the Cornwall Council Community Network Manager also sent his apologies.

C3759 INTERESTS

None received

C3760 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 14th December 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Town Council meeting held on the 18th January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3761 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor presented his report that included the successful repair of the civic regalia and introduced Mr Frankland of Mycornwall.TV.

My Frankland reported upon the niche television channel which was available on-line. It attracted 35,000 viewers per month and focussed upon regional areas such as Falmouth. He would work with the Town Manager and BIDs Directors to create a brief for Falmouth.

C3762 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C3763 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

The Town Mayor welcomed back Inspector Trott from his accident who gave an update on community policing and crime detection. PC Michelle Thompson had been appointed as the Trescobeas and Boslowick Neighbourhood Beat Manager assisted by PCSO Janthea Kingston. The Sector boundary had increased to include the adjoining parish area. Sergeant Trott was now responsible for the Neighbourhood Team for Falmouth and Sergeant Binnie for Penryn and the other parishes. He also reported crime statistics which showed favourable improvements.

C3764 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Saunby provided a planning update and he was pleased to report the the former schools kitchen site at Trescobeas Road would be developed for affordable housing.

He was unable to respond to a question regarding the proposed staffing cut backs at Cornwall Council.

C3765 CORNWALL FIRS AND RESCUR REPORT

Andy Barrett, Group Manager Response and Resilience, presented his report that is attached as part of these minutes. He responded to Members questions thereon.

(Messrs Barrett and Goddard now left the meeting)

C3766 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGERS REPORT

Not received.

C3767 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Planning Committee report dated 14th December 2009 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 14th December 2009 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 11th January 2010 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 11th January 2010 be approved.

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 4th January 2010 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th January 2010 be approved.

Councillor Sterratt requested that the Town Mayor formally congratulate the Director and his staff on the success of the John Singer Sargeant Project.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 18th January 2010 was presented by Councillor Mrs V E Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 18th January 2010 be approved.

It was noted that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee had already been agreed by the Council at its special meeting on 18th January 2010.

C3768 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that the Planning Committee were currently operating with only three members which was not ideal in terms of public confidence and as three was the quorum. The Committee had recommended that two members from each Town Ward form the Committee. A full debate ensued.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) The status quo is retained and the Council address the composition of the Planning Committee at the Annual Meeting;
- (ii) To ensure a quorum is retained Councillor Jewell (once undertaken training) be appointed as a substitute to cover Councillor absences. Failing this other Councillors with planning training to be able to substitute; and
- (iii) Planning training to be made available for Town Councillors who wished to assist the Planning Committee.

The above was an Amendment to a Motion proposed by Councillor Chin-Quee and seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins. The Motion had contained itself to item (i) above. Another Motion proposed by Councillor Mrs Booth and seconded by Councillor Cramp that the Planning Committee be constituted by eight Councillors with two appointed from each Town Ward was LOST. Councillor Elliott requested that his name be recorded as having voted against that Motion and Councillors Mrs Biggins and Mrs Ryan also recorded as having abstained from voting. Councillor Elliott also requested that his name be recorded as having voted against the resolution.

C3769 EARLE'S RETREAT

The Town Clerk reported that the Chairman of Trustees at Earle's Retreat has advised that the Trustees were happy to work with a lesser number of Council appointees as requested. This was duly noted

C3770 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C3771 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented his report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.
Further the Town Clerk to apprise Councillors further regarding the report of the Boundary Committee for England.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8:41p.m.

Signed: Date: