

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 22nd February 2010 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00 pm.

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

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

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F3811 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (on a course) and Sterratt (work).

F3812 INTERESTS

Councillor S D Eva declared an interest in F3816 Business Rates as a member of Cornwall Council, the collection authority. He did not speak or vote thereon.

F3813 MINUTES

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

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

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the special meeting held on 11th January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of Mrs Ryan's name as present.

F3814 NEW CEMETERY

The Town Clerk reported continuing efforts to enter into dialogue with the site vendor. Should this prove unsuccessful he would recommend that the Council requests Cornwall Council to exercise compulsory purchase powers on its behalf. The report was duly noted.

F3815 BOTTLED WATER

The Council considered costs comparisons for alternate supplies of bottled water.

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

RESOLVED that
(i) When the current supply is utilised then the current contract be terminated;

- (ii) Bottled water be purchased cost effectively locally and stored in the Council's fridge for general use; and
- (iii) The arrangements for the provision of bottled water be reviewed in three months.

F3816 BUSINESS RATES

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

RESOLVED that a direct debit mandate be executed by two Councillor signatories to facilitate monthly payment of the Council's business rate liabilities.

Councillor S D Eva did not speak or vote on this item.

F3817 ARTIST PAYMENTS

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

RESOLVED that all approved artists payments in respect of Art Gallery activity be executed by two Councillor signatories through the Council's BACS facility with the Bank of Ireland.

F3818 BUS SHELTERS-DAMAGE

The Town Clerk reported a spate of vandalism to the Council's and Cornwall Council's shelters on Cliff Road and that repairs were being actioned. The report was duly noted.

Councillor Merrett requested that the Town Clerk write to the Falmouth Bay Residents Association detailing ownership and damage reporting procedure for the shelters.

F3819 RATIONALISATION OF GRANT FORMS

The Town Clerk reported that work had been undertaken to rationalise the Council's grants pro-forma that would be reported for approval to a future meeting. The report was duly noted.

F3820 FEES AND CHARGES

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

RESOLVED that the schedule of fees attached as part of these minutes be applicable from 1st April 2010

F3821 CCTV UPDATE

The Town Clerk and Councillor Ms Merrett provided an update in respect of the ongoing CCTV service review which was duly noted.

F3822 AUDIT COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

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

RESOLVED that the correspondence from the Audit Commission advising that the Council's Audit would now be carried out in accordance with the full Commission's Code of Audit Practice, and therefore the appointment of Lee Budge as the Council's External Auditor, be noted.

F3816 ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) for January 2010 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed.....

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