

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00 pm.

Present: Councillors A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, Mrs J Booth,  
G W Chin-Quee (to point mentioned), 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 D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
R N Thomas (Administrative and Finance Assistant)

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### **F3832 CHAIRMAN**

The Town Clerk sought nominations for Chair and one valid nomination was received.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs V E Eva be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

A MOTION by Councillor Ms Merrett that Councillor Chin-Quee be elected was not seconded and declined by Councillor Chin-Quee.

### **F3833 VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman sought nominations for Vice-Chairman and one valid nomination was received.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor A K Ayres be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

### **F3834 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors I J Body (family illness) and G F Evans (ill).

Councillor Sterratt requested that the Town Clerk advise upon possible recourses in respect of Councillors who attend meetings in a condition that rendered them incapable of properly contributing.

### **F3835 INTERESTS**

None received.

### **F3836 MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the Part I minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F3837 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk reported letters of thanks from grant applicants: the Helford River Children's Sailing (£500) and Cornwall Blind Association (£250) which were duly noted.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Falmouth Spring Flower Show be granted £400 to assist with storage costs for the Flower Show.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Cornwall Film Festival be granted £500 towards the cost of the 2010 event.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Community Alive Partnership be granted £105 for insurance and St John's Ambulance attendance for the 2010 event.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival 2010 be granted £1000 to enable the use of The Moor as an event venue for 2010 and to assist the attendance of overseas performers.

Further it was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Sterratt and

RESOLVED that a contribution of £1000 be earmarked as an Annual Grant to assist the staging of the Sea Shanty Festival in future years.

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

RESOLVED that due to the illness of the applicant, consideration of the grant request by the Falmouth Family History Group be deferred.

F3838 **CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE: SERVICE PLAN 2010/13**

The correspondence from the Chief Fire Officer and Head of Community Safety was duly noted.

F3839 **CORBEAU DES MERS VISIT TO FALMOUTH**

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

RESOLVED that support of a civic event be agreed in principle and the Town Mayor to report further at the next meeting of the Council.

F3840 **ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2010/11**

The Acting Finance Officer reported further in regard to investment discussions.

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

RESOLVED that the Annual Investment Strategy 2010/11 be agreed and forms part of these minutes.

F3841 **YEAR END UPDATE**

The Acting Finance Officer reported upon year end preparation which was duly noted.

F3842 **BUDGET RATIONALISATION: 2010/11**

The Chairman and Acting Finance Officer reported upon budget rationalisation work which would improve risk management and data presentation. This was duly noted.

F3843 **BANK MANDATE**

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) a new mandate be signed authorising the Mayor, Deputy-Mayor, Chair and Vice-Chairs of Committees elected for the 2010/11 municipal year as follows;  
Councillors Mrs A J Biggins, A K Ayres, Mrs J A Booth, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs M Ryan, I J Body, G F Evans, Mrs V E Eva and Mrs M Davies, and
- (ii) that S D Eva and M Varney be removed from the Councils Banking Mandate.

F3844 **AUDIT FEES**

The reported basic audit fees for 2009/10 (£9,403) and 2010/11 (£12,239) were duly noted.

F3845 **HANGING BASKETS**

The Committee sought clarity in regard to Minute C3810.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council earmark £2,500 towards the cost of plants for hanging baskets in the town in 2011/12 and 2012/13 in recognition of the Falmouth BID contribution to infrastructure in 2011/11.

F3846 **CEMETERY HEDGE**

The Town Clerk reported complaints regarding the overgrown hedge near the entrance to the site.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk requests the Councils Grounds Contractors to provide options for replacement or retention where possible for the hedge and to report accordingly to the Cemeteries Working Party.

F3847 **BEACH WARDEN SERVICE**

Councillor Merrett requested that the Council seeks to utilise the Earmarked Wardens Reserve to provide a Beach Warden Service. The Town Clerk reported correspondence from residents. He added that the Council would not be able to authorise staff wardens as required.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Town Clerk writes to Cornwall Council and the Police requesting action in regard to enforcing the byelaws in respect to barbeques, drinking and congregation on Gyllyngvase Beach
- (ii) the Falmouth Student Union and Falmouth School also be requested to advise students to address these issues.
- (iii) Councillors Cramp and S D Eva meet with representatives of Combined Universities in Cornwall to discuss the issues.

F3848 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

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

F3849 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva 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.