FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 5th July 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 A Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, G F Evans,

Mrs S Hrydzisuzka, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs M Ryan and D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)

Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)

S Kessell (Visit Cornwall)

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F3854 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Jewell (another meeting).

F3855 INTERESTS

Councillors Mrs Davies, S D Eva and Evans declared an interest in the Gyllyngdune Project as they served the Gyllyngdune Project Board (Councillors Mrs Davies and Evans) and /or Carrick Leisure Board (Councillors S D Eva and Evans).

Councillors S D Eva and Mrs V E Eva declared an interest in the grant application by Talking2Minds as they were known to the applicant and spoke to the item but left the meeting for its consideration.

F3856 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2010 and the special meeting on the 28th June 2010 be confirmed as a correct records 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 Council be requested to reconsider Minute C3830 to recognise that the Council did not support the principle of funding a Warden Service for the Gyllyngvase and Swanpool beaches.

F3857 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported a letter of thanks from the Falmouth Flower Show for the grant award of (£400) which was duly noted.

The Finance Officer provided an update of 2010/11 grant budget and awards which was duly noted.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Falmouth Family History Group be granted £250 to support the Group's activities in 2010/11.

Councillor Mrs Davies requested that her name be recorded as having abstained from voting on the above resolution.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Biggins, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED unanimously that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Talking2Minds charity be granted £1000 to assist a Falmouth ex-serviceman address Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

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

RESOLVED that the request by Superact CIC be refused as it was not clear what services would be provided in Falmouth

A MOTION by Councillor Ayres that consideration of the request be deferred pending the receipt of further information was not seconded.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the HLFW Shoreside Committee be granted £1000 to facilitate the HLFW 2010 event.

The Finance Officer recommended that to reduce Officer time and regular reporting that the Council consider granting an annual grant to HLFW Shoreside for future years.

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

RESOLVED that the Council does not make an annual grant award to HLFW Shoreside Committee.

F3858 EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Finance Officer reported that the Audit Commission Audit would commence on 12th July 2010 and would take approximately two weeks. The Audit presentation would be made to the Council on 20th September 2010. The report was duly noted

F3859 KIMBERLEY PARK WORKING PARTY

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

Resolved that the minutes and recommendations of the Kimberley Park Working Party Meeting held on the 18th June 2010 be approved.

F3860 CCTV STKAEHOLDERS

The report and further report of the Town Clerk was duly noted.

F3861 LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF FALMOUTH HOSPITAL – SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

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

RESOLVED that £250 be granted from the General Fund Reserve to provide a bench as part of the Forest Project at Falmouth Hospital.

F3862 GYLLYNGDUNE PROJECT

The update report from Cornwall Council in respect of the project was duly noted.

F3863 FINN GOLD CUP

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

RESOLVED that the Finn Gold Cup organising committee should investigate whether local accountancy firms could provide accounting and budgetary service. If this cannot be achieved then the Council reconsider the matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

F3864 BUS SHELTER – THE MOOR

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that a bus shelter that is currently redundant be re-sited from the lower part of the Moor to adjoin the existing shelter on the upper part of the Moor (outside the Wetherspoons premises).

F3865 **BOTTLED WATER**

The Finance Officer reported that at the conclusion of the agreed trial period bottled water was problematic to collect in terms of Officers time and therefore a reversion to water cooler was preferred.

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

RESOLVED that the current arrangement be retained and that the water quality in the Municipal Buildings be tested to establish if bottled water could be discontinued.

F3866 ACTIVE PARTNERING

The Town Clerk reported upon current progress with Cornwall Council that was duly noted.

F3867 ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH

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

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

F3868 TRESCOBEAS RECREATIONAL AREA

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

RESOLVED that his item be considered in Part I of the meeting.

The Finance Officer and Town Clerk reported an overspend in regard to phased development of the site, this would be offset in 2010/11 and was due to a failure in project management.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) any additional works be held in abeyance at the current time,
- (ii) a full financial report for the duration of the site development be provided for Councillors.

F 3869 POLICE OFFICER AND PCSO COVERAGE- GYLLYNGDUNE AND SWANPOOL BEACH

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

RESOLVED that this item be considered in Part I of the meeting.

The Town Clerk reported upn a meeting with Cornwall Council and the Police. The Police had suggested that Police Officer and PCSO cover could be provided if the Council assisted with funding. The Town Clerk recommended that this be instigated to address the reported problems.

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

RESOLVED that the Council does not fund Police Officer and PCSO coverage as recommended as it felt Cornwall Council should provide this service.

A MOTION by Councillor Ayres that the Council does provide funding was not seconded

F 3870 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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