

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 20th September 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, G W Chin-Quee, C H Choak, Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Hrydziuska, A J Jewell, Ms D E Merrett, D O'Brien, Dr D A Sterratt and Mrs M Ryan

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R Gates (Town Manager)
Mrs R Thomas (Finance Officer)
Inspector J Trott and Sergeant G Watts (Falmouth Police Station)
Watch Manager M Mellor and Officers of Black Watch (Falmouth Fire Station)
Councillor D Saunby (Cornwall Council)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayors Chaplain)

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C3853 PRAYERS

Conducted by Reverend B. Bennetts.

The Town Mayor then led the Council in a two minutes silence in memory of Captain Michael Burn M.C. survivor of WWII St Nazaire Raid.

C3854 APOLOGIES

Council O K Cramp (holiday)

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillors Choak and O'Brien to the Council.

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

RESOLVED that Councillors Choak and O'Brien sit on the Planning Committee.

C3855 INTERESTS

None received

C3856 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19th July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record of the Meeting and signed by the Chairman subject to the addition of Councillor Body as having attended the meeting.

C3857 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillors after the recess. He reported proposals for the 350th Anniversary of Charter Status for Falmouth which were supported by the Council.

Further he was pleased to announce that he had received the Portman Cup on behalf of the Town at the South West in Bloom Awards. There was also a Special Award for Falmouth Schools. The Falmouth Twinning Association had had a successful trip to Douarnenez, where the Council had been presented with a painting and the Town Clerk had rededicated a Red Telephone Box and plaque. He reported upon numerous civic engagements including meeting the Pope and the Battle of Britain Service.

C3858 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C3859 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Trott reported that Sergeant Watts was in post as Community Sergeant for Falmouth whilst Sergeant Trott was seconded to another role. He provided the crime update for Councillors which was positive and on revised policing for the night time economy.

He reported upon revised procedures for traffic management instigated by Cornwall Council. He responded to Members questions.

It was proposed by Councillor Dr Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that the report be duly noted and that Council raises its concerns with Cornwall Council that the revised traffic management procedures will likely jeopardise the viability of Community events and parades.

C3860 COMMUNITY FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

The Community Report from Watch Manager Mellor of Black Watch was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. Watch Manager Mellor responded to Members questions.

It was requested that the Fire Safety Officer be invited to a future meeting of the Council to advise upon monitoring and reporting requirements for houses in multiple occupation.

C3861 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER AND CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

Councillor Saunby provided an update including roadside improvements in Tregenver Road and Trescobeas and that the development of the former school canteen site in Trescobeas Road was progressing. He thanked the Town Mayor for attending the Martin Jennings Memorial Motorcycle Ride that raised £4,500 for Cancer Research.

Councillor Evans reported upon improvement works at Swanpool Nature Reserve and upon the Cornwall Council review of parking fees especially overnight charges that he hoped would be abolished.

C3862 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT AND ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

The Audit Manager of the Audit Commission reported upon the Council's Audit. This was the first full audit since 2005 as the Council meet the threshold requirement. She thanked Mrs Thomas the Council's Finance Office for her assistance.

The Audit Manager had closed the audit for 2009/10 with a clear opinion on the accounts and a finding that the Council offers value for money. She then responded to Members questions.

C3863 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Planning Committee report dated 19th July 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 19th July 2010 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 2nd August 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 2nd August be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 6th September 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 6th September 2010 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 13th September 2010 was presented by Councillor Dr Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Dr Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 13th September be approved.

C3864 CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

(1) Larger Local Council Liaison Group

The notes of the meetings of the Group held on 1st July and 5th August 2010 were duly noted.

(2) Large Local Councils Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28th July 2010 were duly noted.

C3865 POLICE AUTHORITY LIAISON MEETINGS

The update from the Assistant Chief Executive of Devon and Cornwall Police was duly noted.

C3866 KIMBERLEY PARK WORKING PARTY

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

RESOLVED that the Kimberley Park Working Party
be reconstituted as follows:
Councillors Dr Sterratt (Chairman), Ayres, Mrs Biggins,
Body and Cramp.

C3867 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C3868 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk presented his report which was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C3869 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins 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 remainder of the meeting.