

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 14th February 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, Mrs J A Booth, G W Chin-Quee (to point mentioned), O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Hrydziuska, A J Jewell, Ms D E Merrett (to point mentioned) D M O'Brien, D W Saunby and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)
R Gates (Town Manager)
S Sharples (Community Network Manager, Cornwall Council)
PC M Cummins (Trescobeas Neighbourhood Beat Manager)
Red Watch (Falmouth Fire Station)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayors Chaplain)

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C3915 **PRAYERS**

Conducted by Reverend B. Bennetts.

C3916 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Body (family illness), Choak (holiday) and Mrs Ryan (holiday).

C3917 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Evans declared a gift of three bottles of wine from A & P Falmouth

C3918 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 13th December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C3919 **TOWN MAYORS REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported on the well attended memorial service for Brian Stewart and attendances on behalf of the Art Gallery for the Kids in Museums Presentations and the Sandford Awards whereat the Gallery had won the Education award. He also reported upon his recent and forthcoming Mayoral duties.

C3920 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3921 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

PC Cummins reported upon the successful adaption of PACT and more representative 'Have Your Say' initiative, whereby over 500 issues had been raised. The main issues were: dog fouling; parking; and speeding vehicles.

He reported upon crime figures which were generally reducing but there were slight increases in burglaries and shop-lifting and some target hardening work was being undertaken.

The Police Cadet launch was scheduled for 19th February 2011. Inspector Gooding would report further in due course regarding the changes to local policing.

C3922 DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICY AUTHORITY

The Council duly noted the report of the Chairman of the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority regarding the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.

C3923 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FIRE REPORT

Red Watch at Falmouth Fire Station presented the Community Safety and Fire Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C3924 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER AND CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT

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

Further he updated the Council in regard to the transfer of the Municipal Buildings and CCTV proposals.

Councillor Saunby reported upon matters in Trescobeas Ward that included addressing sewage/sewer problems; the development of the Old School Kitchen site; tree works; housing issues; and grit bins.

Councillor Evans reported upon matters in Arwenack Ward that included a pedestrian crossing in Melvill Road; works at Swanpool and an update on the Gyllyngdune Project. Councillor Mrs Davies added to this report.

C3925 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art Gallery report dated 10th January 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 10th January 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 13th December 2010 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 13th December 2010 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 17th January 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 17th January 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 31st January 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 31st January 2011 be approved

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 24th January 2011 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 24th January 2011 be approved.

C3926 FOOTPATH AT PENDENNIS

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported pursuant to Minute P 4096 of her Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Booth, seconded by Councillor O'Brien and

RESOLVED that the Council supports the Chairman of the Planning Committee in championing an application to recognise and maintain the footpath.

(Councillors Chin-Quee and Ms Merrett and PC Cummins now left the meeting).

C3927 PLANNING POLICY WORKING PARTY

The Chairman of the Planning Committee reported that Cornwall Council had deferred consideration of the Article 4 Directive for Falmouth pending further information and had requested an audience with the Planning Policy Group at Cornwall Council

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

RESOLVED that the Council endorses the Planning Working Party Group recommendation to undertake a survey to gauge local views regarding imposing controls for Houses in Multiple Occupation in Falmouth.

C3928 FALMOUTH AND PENRYN CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Planning Committee wished to formalise Councillor attendance.

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

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee send a representative to the Advisory Committee, this should in the first instance be the Chairman, if unavailable then the vice-Chairman or another member of the Planning Committee. This arrangement to be reviewed after six months.

Councillor Sterratt requested his name be recorded as having voted against this decision. A MOTION proposed by Councillor Sterratt that the Council does not appoint a representative to the Advisory Committee as it was undemocratic was not seconded.

C3929 FALMOUTH PACT MEETING

The notes of the PACT meeting held on 15th December 2010 were duly noted.

C3930 FALMOUTH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The notes of the Association Committee meeting held on 25th January 2011 were duly noted.

Councillor Mrs Davies reported that the Association Annual General Meeting was scheduled for 22nd March 2011 and all Councillors were invited.

C3931 REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

The Town Clerk reported instructions from Cornwall Council for members to ensure that Register of Interest forms were fully up to date, the report was duly noted. He advised that he would also write to members individually in this regard.

C3932 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C3933 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

Further it was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Cornwall Council Public Convenience review be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.
- (ii) the Fal River Festival 2011 request for sponsorship be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration of the request as a grant application once submitted accordingly.
- (iii) members to comment in regard to Cornwall Core Strategy and Planning Future Cornwall Consultations and the Town Clerk to collate a comprehensive response.

- (iv) the Town Clerk be delegated to respond with the Council's objections to the Maritime and Coastal Agency regarding proposed changes to the Coastguard Service.

C3934 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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

PART II

C3935 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Staffing Committee report dated 13th January 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Biggins, Chairman of the Committee

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated
13th January 2011 be approved.

Further to the report the Chairman advised that the Park Attendant and Security Officer had appeared to have left his post. The Town Clerk would liaise with the relevant Committee Chairs in regard to this matter.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.00.m.

Signed: Date: