

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 21st March 2011 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, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Hrydziuska, Ms D E Merrett, D M O'Brien, D W Saunby and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R Gates (Town Manager)
K Gerry (Falmouth Harmony Choir)
C Jarvis (Cornwall Development Company)
Councillor M Varney (Cornwall Council)
Captain M Sansom (Falmouth Harbourmaster)
I Granville (Pendennis Superyachts)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayors Chaplain)

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C3936 **PRAYERS**

Conducted by Reverend B. Bennetts.

C3937 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Jewell (meeting), and Mrs Ryan (holiday).

Inspector Gooding from Falmouth Police also sent her apologies.

C3938 **INTERESTS**

None received.

C3939 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 14th February 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C3940 **TOWN MAYORS REPORT**

The Town Mayor thanked Mr Gerry for the Falmouth Harmony Choirs participation in Christmas activities and allowing fund raising to be used for the Town Christmas Fund. He reported upon the Charter 350 programme and that Commander Ross RN Retired had presented HMS Falmouth memorabilia to the Council.

C3941 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3942 PORT OF FALMOUTH MASTERPLAN

Mr Jarvis presented the Masterplan Consultation and introduced key partners to the Council. He outlined projects for a five year period and then beyond, these fell into key elements of: Port operations; shiprepair; superyachts; and, bunkering. The need to dredge was a common thread. The projects required £80m of investment and would realise 720 new jobs (this could increase to £106m and 850 new jobs). Cornwall Council had identified £12m of capital funding and £11m of European funding had been allocated (until 2013). The rest would be from private investment.

Mr Jarvis and partners then responded to questions and it was established that job opportunities would be sustainable and for local people. A&P were committed to developing local young people, there was a need sometimes to bring in outside skills. There would be no roll-on, roll-off ferry operation. Ammonium nitrate storage would be addressed. There were no specific housing proposals. There were ongoing discussions with Falmouth Marine School.

It was proposed by Councillor Cramp, seconded by Councillor Choak and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council fully supports the Masterplan and would expect job creation to be for local people.

C3943 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Gooding had sent her apologies and referred the Council to her recently submitted Community Policing update.

C3944 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 21st February 2011 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 21st February 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 14th February 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 14th February 2011 be approved.

C3945 TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

The Council in accordance with previous practice gave consideration to nominations of Mayor and Deputy for the 2011/12 Municipal Year. The Town Clerk reminded the Council that nominations had no standing in law and could not bind the Annual meeting.

Councillor Evans was duly proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hrydziuska for the nomination of Mayor Elect. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED unanimously that Councillor Evans be designated as Town Mayor Elect for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

Councillor Body was duly proposed by Councillor Sterratt and seconded by Councillor Cramp for the nomination of Deputy Mayor Elect. There were no other nominations.

RESLOVED unanimously that Councillor Body be designated as Deputy Mayor Elect for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

C3946 **OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES**

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

RESOLVED that the status quo be maintained in regard to recommended representatives to serve outside bodies in 2011/12, except:

- Councillor Mrs Merrett be removed from Earle's Retreat and the position be held vacant.

C3947 **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011/12 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

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

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the status quo be maintained in regard to recommended Committee membership.
- (ii) Committee Chair and Vice Chair appointments be delegated to the respective Committees.

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

RESOLVED that post the 2011 Annual General Meeting the Structure Review Working Party meet to consider Committee structure.

C3948 **WORKIG PARTIES**

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

RESOLVED that the status quo be maintained in regard to recommended Working Party membership for 2011/12 Municipal Year, except:

- Councillor Mrs Hrydziuszka fills the vacant seat on the Cemetery Working Party.

C3949 STANDING ORDERS

The Town Clerk reported the completion of draft Standing Orders.

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

RESOLVED that consideration of Standing Orders be held in abeyance pending confirmation of the changes to the Standards Regime and any recommendations of the Structure Review Working Party.

C3950 GRANTS

The Town Clerk reported two deferred grant applications (Finance and General Purposes Committee Minute F3961 refers).

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

RESOLVED that:

- (i) only one grant application be considered as the applications were closely related.
- (ii) pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Fal River Links Co-Operative Ltd be granted £500 towards the cost of the 2011 Fal River Festival.

C3951 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C3952 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

- (1) Maritime and Coastguard Agency Consultation
The Town Clerk reported upon the recent public meeting and the MCA response to the Council's objections to the consultation. The report was duly noted.
- (2) Cornwall in Bloom
Councillor Mrs Davies advised she was unable to attend a forthcoming event and requested that a Councillor attend in her place. No Member was able to attend.
- (3) Falmouth and Penryn Community Plan
The Town Clerk reported upon the publication of the summary document to the plan and that the Chairman of the Management Committee would shortly write to all Members. The report was duly noted.

C3953 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Merrett, 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

C3954 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Staffing Committee report dated 7th March 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Biggins, Chairman of the Committee

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the report of the
Committee dated 7th March 2011 be approved.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: Date: