

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 6:00pm.

Present: Councillors Dr D A Sterratt (Chairman), A K Ayres (Vice Chairman), I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, C H Choak, Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Hrydziuszka, A J Jewell, Ms D Merrett, Mrs M Ryan and D W Saunby.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)

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### F3994 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Biggins (holiday), Evans (holiday) and O'Brien(work) as well as Mr Kessell (Visit Cornwall).

### F3995 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Body notified the gift of tickets to a performance at the Polytechnic.

### F3996 **CHARTER 350**

The Finance Officer reported that the Falmouth Rotary grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund had been refused. However, the Council had been advised without prejudice that a revised application, that included the Council as the applicant, could be reconsidered.

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

RESOLVED that the submission of the Charter 350 grant request as reported be submitted by the Council.

### F3997 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Town Clerk reported a request from the press that all, or aspects of, agenda item 5 be considered in Part I of the meeting. The item would involve discussion upon items that were pertinent to employees and it was difficult to unpick that.

Further to the request the advice of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils had been sought who had confirmed that the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 would be pertinent and the press and public to be excluded given the 'confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Ryan, seconded by Councillor Jewell 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.

F3998 **FALMOUTH TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC)**

(Exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 and 4 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order , 2006)

The Town Clerk reported the response from Ms Arnold regarding the queries raised in connection with Business Plan as well as revised figures and the visitor figures for April 2011.

A full debate ensued.

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

RESOLVED that the Council does not financially support the Business Plan for the Falmouth Tourist Information Centre provision in 2011/12 as there was insufficient demonstration of financial support from local businesses, Cornwall Council or local hoteliers to make the Centre a viable and sustainable proposition and for the council to risk public funds thereon.

Councillor Body had requested a recorded vote which was agreed. Voting for the Resolution: Councillors Mrs Booth, Choak, Mrs Davies, Ms Merrett, Mrs Ryan and Sterratt (6). Voting against: Councillors Ayres, Body, Jewell and Saunby (4). Abstained: Councillor Mrs Hrydziuska.

A MOTION proposed by Councillor Body and seconded by Councillor Saunby that the Council provides financial support to the Centre subject to a six monthly review with the option to withdraw if it was felt it was unsustainable, fell to the above recorded vote.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....