

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs M Ryan (in the Chair), A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, O K Cramp, G F Evans, Mrs S Hrydziuska, A J Jewell and Ms D E Merrett.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)  
N Carpenter and R Wilcox (Falmouth BID) (from point mentioned)

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### F4017 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (ill), Choak (work), Mrs Davies (ill), Saunby (family illness) and Sterratt (ill).

### F4018 **INTERESTS**

None received.

### F4019 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

### F4020 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk and Finance Officer provided updates in regard to the applications.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972, The Derive Project be granted £300 towards the provision of studio space.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, the Kimberley Park Association be granted £140 to stage a family event.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972, the HL Falmouth Week Shoreside Committee be granted £2,500 towards the facilitation of events in 2011.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council includes in its estimates for 2012/13, and future years, an annual grant award for HL Falmouth Week Shoreside Committee of £2,500.

An Amendment by Councillor Ayres and seconded by Councillor Cramp that the H L Falmouth Week Shoreside Committee and other events be reviewed for inclusion in estimates for annual awards, was lost.

Further it was noted that the outstanding application from Embark Ferry Art 2011 would be reported to a future meeting. Also letters of thanks for grant awards from Fal River Links, Talking 2 Minds, Penryn Junior Swimming Pool and Home Start Kernow were duly noted as was the 2011/12 grant schedule.

F4021 **THE CORNWALL COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2011**

Pursuant to Minute F4005 the Town Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had advised it would not deliver a presentation as requested.

Councillor Cramp reported that he was soon to meet with the Cornwall Council Devolution Manager and would raise this issue with him.

F4022 **INTERNAL AUDIT**

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

RESOLVED that the report be duly noted and that response and action be undertaken as agreed by the Council pursuant to Minute C3990.

F4023 **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END 2011**

Pursuant to Minute C3990 the previously agreed Annual Return was duly noted and endorsed as was the advertisement of the date for the exercise of electors rights.

F4024 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCE REVIEW**

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

RESOLVED that the Council reaffirms its representations that public convenience provision in Falmouth was essential and fundamental to tourism. Where Cornwall Council currently lease facilities then nearby public conveniences be brought into the purview of those leases.

F4025 **SKATEPARK, DRACAENA AVENUE**

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

RESOLVED that the emergency repairs and the painting at the site be endorsed.

F4026 **BUDGET FORCAST 2011/12**

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

RESOLVED that the budget forecast as reported be duly noted.

F4027 **NOTICE OF VARIATION – BARCLAYCARD**

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

RESOLVED that the changes to the Merchant Services agreement be agreed.

F4028 **BANK MANDATE**

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

RESOLVED that a fresh mandate be prepared and agreed, omitting former Councillor Mrs V E Eva as a signatory and adding Councillor Dr D A Sterratt as a signatory in his capacity of Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

F4029 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) for May and June 2011 be approved.

F4030 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett 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.

Messrs Carpenter and Wilcox now entered the meeting.

F4031 **FALMOUTH BID – VISITOR INFORMATION AND HOSPITALITY STRATEGY**

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

Further to the previous presentation Messrs Carpenter and Wilcox provided further detail and costings regarding the strategy. They responded to Members questions.

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

RESOLVED that the Council provides £20,000 from its Tourism budget in 2011/12 to support the Falmouth BID Visitor Information and Hospitality Strategy for Falmouth. If necessary the remainder (£3,300) be supplemented from General Fund Reserve if the previously supported Tourist Information/Visitor Centre proposal is implemented.

A MOTION by Councillor Mrs Ryan and seconded by Councillor Cramp that the Council supports the strategy by providing £20,000 in 2011/12, with a caveat that an initial £5,000 be committed to infrastructure at Prince of Wales Pier was not incorporated as an AMENDMENT and was then DEFEATED.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed.....

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