

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 18th July 2011 at 7:25 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: G F Evans (Chairman), 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, Mrs M Ryan and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)
R Gates (Town Manager)
Ms C Chadwick (Community Network Manager, Cornwall Council)
Ms L Lloyd (Transition Falmouth)
S Williams (Blue Watch Manager, Falmouth Fire Station)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayors Chaplain)

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C3992 PRAYERS

Conducted by Reverend B. Bennetts.

C3993 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Ayres (work) and Saunby (family illness).

C3994 INTERESTS

None received.

C3995 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 6th June 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 27th June 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C3996 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon civic duties and attendances. These included the Sea Sunday event, RFA Mounts Bay Officers visit and the Princess Royal's visit to A&P Falmouth. He presented to Members the newly acquired Town flag and reported correspondence from Sarah Newton MP who was assisting the Council regarding Pier Master cover at Prince of Wales Pier and the transfer of the Municipal Buildings.

He was very pleased that the Maritime and Coastguard Agency had revised proposals that now included retention of 24-hour cover at Falmouth Coastguard.

He also reported the resignations of Councillors Body and O'Brien from their seats on the Planning Committee. Councillor O'Brien had also advised that he would now sit on the Council as an Independent Councillor.

C3997 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C3998 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

The Town Mayor reminded Members that the Police would now only attend meetings if specifically requested to.

The Town Clerk reported that Sergeant Watts had advised that the PACT Have Your Say process was running on-line on the Council's website. He thanked the Council and advised that the system was being rolled-out as best practice for the entire County. The report was duly noted.

C3999 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms Chadwick introduced herself as the new Network Manager. She would be covering her current area, Helston and the Lizard, as well as now Falmouth and Penryn. This was part of the changes to the Cornwall Localism Team. It was her intention to attend every Council meeting and present a written report. She would look at project initiation and building a strong working relationship with the Council. The report was duly noted.

C4000 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Evans reported upon the Gyllyngdune Project and that he had assisted the project with a contribution from his community budget. He also reported that Cornwall Council had endorsed the Port Master Plan and he was hopeful this work would now commence. The report was duly noted.

Councillor Cramp requested if the Community Network Manager could ask the Falmouth Cornwall Councillors to present regular reports.

C4001 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 20th June 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 20th June 2011 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 6th June 2011 was again presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee. He advised that the minutes had been agreed under minute C3975 and were now reported in written form.

This was duly noted and the minutes received.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 4th July 2011 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th July 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 6th June 2011 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 June 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 27th June 2011 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 27th June 2011 be approved.

C4002 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Town Mayor reported that there were now three vacancies on the Committee and sought nominations. No nominations were received.

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

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee operates with five members until further nominations are received.

C4003 **CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT**

Blue Watch Manager, Mr S Williams, reported upon the operation of Falmouth Fire Station that had tackled a series of high profile fires including a nationally unique situation at Falmouth Docks. He advocated the retention of the Marine Instant Response Group. He provided data on other fires locally and work regarding the regulation of houses in multiple occupation and student fire safety education.

There had been a rise in road traffic accidents consistent with more vehicles on the roads. Further he provided an update upon community engagement initiatives and responded to Members questions.

Mr S Williams then left the meeting.

C4004 **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE REVIEW WORKING PARTY**

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the report of the Committee dated 9th June 2011 be approved.

Councillor Mrs Booth proposed that the Chairman of the Planning Committee sit on the Working Party. This was not seconded. The Chairman of the Working Party however invited her to attend in an advisory capacity.

C4005 TRESCOBEAS RECREATIONAL AREA SUB-COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Sub-Committee dated 17th June 2011 be approved subject to it being noted at T70 that Councillor Ayres had been elected as Vice-Chairman.

C4006 SKATEPARK COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 30th June 2011 be approved.

C4007 FAL ENERGY PENINSULA

Ms Lloyd addressed the Council regarding the initiative, and the involvement of Exeter University and requested that the Council becomes a partner to the project group.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council supports the initiative and as a partner to the project.

C4008 MEETING THE LEADER OF CORNWALL Council

Councillor Cramp reported upon a constructive meeting that some Councillors had attended and raised issues with the Leader of Cornwall Council. He was encouraged by the new localism proposals, backing for the Port Master Plan and local management of assets including car parks.

Councillor Ms Merrett updated upon the Planning Article 4 progress.

C4009 LARGE COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP

The minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 21st June 2011 were duly noted.

C4010 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C4011 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk presented the Town Clerk's report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes, further:

(1) Cornwall Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Study

The Town Clerk and Councillor O'Brien updated the Council regarding the consultants meeting. This was duly noted.

(2) Jewish and Congregational Cemeteries, Ponsharden

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

RESOLVED that the Council acts as client for commissioning the Conservation Management Plan that would be funded by Sainsbury's Ltd.

(3) Falmouth Visitor Information Centre

The Town Clerk reported that the Centre would reopen on 1st August 2011 as the Cornwall Ferries proposals had been agreed by the Cornwall Development Company. The report was duly noted.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed: Date: