

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 12th December 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, I J Body, Mrs A J Biggins, Mrs J A Booth, C Choak, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Hrydziuska, A J Jewell, D M O'Brien, Mrs M Ryan, 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)

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C4058 PRAYERS

Conducted by Councillor Mrs M Davies

C4059 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Chin-Quee (Carrick Housing Meeting).

Reverend Barrington Bennetts, the Mayor's Chaplain was ill.

C4060 INTERESTS

None received.

C4061 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 31st October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th November 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4062 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon Civic functions attended and a lunch he had hosted for the Parks and Gardens Team to thank them for their efforts. He thanked those Councillors who attended the Freedom Ceremony for Reverend Barrington Bennetts and the Tree Planting Memorial for Brian Stewart.

Further he reported that Falmouth had been successfully chosen as a Town on Route for the Olympic Torch in May 2012. He had attended Westminster recently to press the case with Government to support the Port Master Plan and Dredging as well as attending to Art Gallery matters. Also he reported a request from the Lord Lieutenant for Falmouth to host Armed Forces Day in 2013.

Finally he reminded Members of the Council Carol Service scheduled for 15th December 2011.

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

RESOLVED that the Council supports Armed Forces Day and Falmouth as a Town venue in 2013.

C4063 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C4064 **CORNWALL COUNCIL REPORTS**

Items withdrawn.

C4065 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

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

The Planning Committee report dated 14th November 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 14th November 2011 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 21st November 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 21st November 2011 be approved.

The Chairman reported pursuant to Minute F4085 and that he had met with the Chairman of the Town Forum. The meeting had been constructive and the issue dealt with.

C4066 **COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT CALL 2012/13**

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee presented the draft budget recommendations to the Council in respect of the Council estimates for 2012/13 that would determine the precept call. He thanked the Finance Officer for her assistance therewith. The Town Clerk reported further thereon.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council agrees estimates for 2012/13 as per the attached summary as recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee requiring a precept call of £979,468.

It was noted that this was a 0% increase in precept call from 2011/12. There had been some changes to the tax base.

C4067 THE CORNWALL COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER, 2012

Pursuant to Minute F4084 this consultation had been referred from the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration by the Council. The Town Manager reported further thereon.

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

RESOLVED that the Council responds to the consultation on the draft Order that in respect of tariffs for Falmouth Car Parks it was

- a positive move to have a cheaper short stay fee in long stay car parks, however this was diluted by the £1.70 first hour charge in short stay as the Council felt this should also be £1.
- the large difference between the two hour charge and the three hour charge would also be problematic and detrimental to shoppers in the Town.
- in respect of Sunday charging this should be a one charge all day, to prevent abuse of yellow line parking on those days.
- outside of the Order signage should also be improved to better distinguish between short stay and long stay sites.
- the Council strongly advocates payment on exit for off street sites.

C4068 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C4052 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

Cemetery Extension

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

RESOLVED that the Council renews its extant planning permission on land at Budock earmarked for cemetery extension.

Proof of Life

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk continues to attest to confirm the identity of Falmouth residents who require proof of life confirmation for foreign pensions etc and uses the Council's official stamp when doing so, where he is personally satisfied that the person can confirm their identity and is known to him.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed: Date: