

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held virtually by Zoom on Monday 24th May 2021 at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors J C Robinson (Chair), B M A Ross (Vice-Chair), S D Eva, D Evans BEM, D Clegg, A J Jewell CC, J Kirkham CC, and Z Young.

In Attendance: R N Thomas (Responsible Financial Officer)
H M Boex (Cultural Services Director)
K Finnimore and A Westgarth (Grant applicants)

F6521 APOLOGIES

None.

F6522 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

F6523 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that under the delegated powers agreed by the Council C5449 the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F6524 GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that under the delegated powers agreed by the Council C5449 and pursuant to sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 Cornwall Care be granted £200 to facilitate the purchase of a shade sail for use at Trevern.

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

RESOLVED that under the delegated powers agreed by the Council C5449 and pursuant to section 19 of the Local Government Act 1972 Falmouth Town Football Club be awarded £2000 towards the purchase of horticultural grounds maintenance equipment.

Further the 2021/22 Grant Schedule was duly noted.

F6525 PROJECT UPDATES

The Director of Cultural Services presented an update on the, Dracaena Skatepark Development, Youth Services proposals, Princess Pavilion and Gyllyngdune Gardens transfer as well as the operation of Cultural Services. The reports were duly noted and a request was made for the 4 year strategy to be provided in written form to the next meeting of the Committee.

F6526 ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN 2020/21

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) reported that the year-end accounts were ready to be submitted and that the internal audit had been completed. The supporting Financial Statements and Internal Auditors report were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Kirkham and

RESOLVED that under the delegated powers agreed by the Council C5449 the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and the Financial Statements be recommend to the Council for approval (attached)

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Ross and

RESOLVED that under the delegated powers agreed by the Council C5449 that the RFO respond to the Internal Auditors Report.

F6527 CCLA LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROPERTY FUND

The Market Report for April 2021 and current valuation was received duly noted.

F6528 FEES 2021/22

The Council confirmed Minute F6496 and otherwise deferred consideration of fees and charges pending officer completion and standardisation.

F6529 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The RFO and Director of Cultural Services updated the Committee. The application under the Community Renewal Fund had been unsuccessful as the fund was oversubscribed. Criteria for the Welcome Back Fund had been received and a meeting set to discuss potential aspirations. Cornwall Council had extended the assessment criteria for The Town Vitality Fund and the consideration of the Council's bid was delayed pending this. The report was duly noted.

F6530 REMOTE MEETINGS

The RFO reported that the legal challenge by the sector to the definition in the Local Government Act had been unsuccessful and that the Council has resolved to continue the provision of Covid safe meetings with delegated powers to the Clerk C5449.

F6531 BUS SHELTERS

In the absence of a report this matter was deferred.

F6532 OLD POST OFFICE

The RFO reported that Office 6 has been let, the Atherton Suite continues to be used for staff covid testing and the Information Service had reopened to the public between 1000 and 1300 hours Monday to Friday. The Council Offices had re-opened and were manned but public and councillor access remained restricted. Staff continued to work partially remotely.

F6533 ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH

It was proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that under the delegated powers agreed by the Council C5449 that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedule for April 2021 be approved (attached)

Signed: Date: