

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors I J Body (Chairman), Ms C Atherton CC, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, G W Chin-Quee BEM, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva (to point mentioned), Mrs V E Eva (to point mentioned), G F Evans CC (to point mentioned), S Gray, A J Jewell CC, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs P A Minson, B M A Ross and D W Saunby CC

In Attendance: A M Williams	(Town Clerk)
R J Gates	(Town Manager)
S J Penna	(Grounds and Facilities Manager)
R May	(Dracaena Centre)
Ms C Langford	(St Petroc Society)
A Brinnen, S Van-Evelingen and R Holbert	(Falmouth Skatepark Committee)

Prior to the start of the meeting Councillor Mrs Minson led the Council in prayer and the Mayor called a two minute silence in memory of PC Andy Hocking. Every Councillor paid tribute to PC Hocking.

C4485 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Cramp (ill).

C4486 INTERESTS

None received.

C4487 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 2nd February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4488 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor updated the Council upon his civic activity and attendances. He had also received notification from Councillor Mrs Brock that she had changed her Councillor political status and was now a Labour Councillor.

Councillor Chin-Quee reported that it was his intention to resign as a Councillor. He thanked his colleagues and the Council staff for their support.

C4489 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4490 ST PETROC'S SOCIETY

Ms Langford presented upon the work of the St Petroc's Society in assisting single homeless people and the operation of the property in Trelawney Road, Falmouth. She also advised upon the extent of the problem in Falmouth and in Cornwall as well as the Freshfields Drug Counselling Service and cold weather homeless provision. She responded to Members questions and the Mayor thanked her for the presentation.

Councillor Evans now left the meeting.

C4491 FALMOUTH YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION

Mr May thanked the Council for supporting the provision of the Falmouth Youth Support Officer, an initiative unique in Cornwall. He reported upon how the service would be provided, benefitting many young people in Falmouth, maintaining services cut by Cornwall Council, providing them cheaper, but increasing the number of opportunities for young people who required support from targeted services. He responded to Members questions.

Councillors S D Eva and Mrs V E Eva now left the meeting.

C4492 DRACAENA SKATEPARK

Mr Brinnen presented the work of the Falmouth Skate Park Committee over the last few years on improving the site provision. The need had been expedited by the removal of the existing facility. Mr Holbert presented indicative design proposals and layout for a sprayed concrete development. They responded to Members questions and it was noted that the site would have a 30 year life expectancy and be subject to grant funding and procurement practices. It was also dependent upon the site transfer from Cornwall Council to the Town Council.

Councillor Chin-Quee now left the meeting.

C4493 POLICE COMMUNITY REPORT

Not available.

C4494 COMMUNITY NETWORK REPORT

Not available.

C4495 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Arwenack

No report.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell advised that due to the weight of public objection he had called in the planning application that the Town Council had supported at Swanpool for scrutiny by Cornwall Council, and there would be a public site meeting. Further the application for Village Green Status for land at Bosvale had been unsuccessful and a planning application, that included a replacement community centre would now be forthcoming.

He updated on Cornwall Council's consideration of planning applications that included the Stadium for Cornwall proposal. He had used his Community Chest funds for 2015/16 towards a defibrillator to serve Maenporth Beach and a public shower at Gyllyngvase Beach.

Penwerris

No report.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton updated upon the Stadium for Cornwall proposal and that she had used her Community Chest Funds towards supporting Age UK, student clean-up and seagull proof bag initiatives and an event at Kimberley Park. Works were also due to be undertaken to the sea wall at Church Street Car Park to improve structural stability.

The Town Forum had requested that the Council try to expedite movement on the dredging of a deep water channel to serve Falmouth Docks as the delay was having serious economic impact upon the Docks and Town.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Body and

RESOLVED that the council write to the MMO to seek a meeting to establish why there had been no action on achieving the deep water dredge and expressing concerns at the economic impacts the delay was causing.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported in regards to car parking fees and local frustrations that Falmouth's proposals had not been taken on by Cornwall Council. Although there had been a reduction in evening charging to bring Falmouth in line with Truro.

The Longfield bus shelter was due to be in place by 20th April 2015 and the planning application in connection with 44 Trescobeas Road had been called in for further scrutiny by Cornwall Council.

C4496 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 2nd March 2015 was presented by Councillor Ms Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 2nd March 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 2nd February 2015 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 2nd February 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 23rd February 2015 was presented by Councillor Ms Merrett, Vice-Chair of the Committee

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 23rd February 2015 be approved.

The Licensing Sub-Committee report dated 16th February 2015 was presented by Councillor Gray, Vice-Chair of the Committee

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 16th February 2015 be approved.

C4497 **TOWNS MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR REPORT**

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Minson and

RESOLVED that Councillor I J Body become Town Mayor Elect for 2015/16.

It was further proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that Councillor G G Chappel become
Deputy Town Mayor Elect for 2015/16.

C4498 RESIDENT SURGERIES

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Brock, seconded by Councillor Mrs Minson and

RESOLVED that monthly resident's surgery be run
between 11:00 and 13:00 hours with the first hour as
drop in and the second hour as booked appointments
as well as drop in.

Councillor Jewell requested that the Council again consider evening surgeries but that was not supported at the current time but would be reviewed in the future.

C4499 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk and Councillor Ms Atherton provided an update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation and requested Councillors to assist with drop in exhibitions on 9th and 29th April 2015. The report was duly noted.

C4500 CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILLORS – LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE

The report of Councillor Cramp regarding the Committee meeting on 11th February 2015 was duly noted.

C4501 CARRICK TAXI FORUM

The notes of the meeting of the forum held on 11th February 2015 was duly noted.

C4502 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C4503 TOWNS CLERK'S REPORT

No report in Part 1.

C4504 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Chappel and

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature
of the business about to be transacted, to progress
staffing and contractual matters, it is advisable in the
public interest that the press and public be excluded
from the meeting.

C4505 COMMITTEE REPORTS- - PART II

The Staffing Committee report dated 16th February 2015 was presented by Councillor Body, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee
dated 16th February 2015 be approved.

C4506 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – PART 11**

The Town Clerk reported further to the Finance and General Purposes Committee report upon a matter of rent arrears and that subsequent payment schedules had not been adhered to. He reported a number of options for recovery.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Body and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor and Chair and Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee seek legal advice and look to make recovery of the arrears.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed: Date: