

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors I J Body (Town Mayor), Ms C Atherton CC, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva (to point mentioned), Mrs VE Eva, G F Evans CC, S Gray, A J Jewell CC, M McCarthy, 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)  
M James (Cornwall Council)  
PC M Cummins (Falmouth Police)  
B Goddard (Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service)  
Father I Froome (For Mayor's Chaplain)

Prior to the start of the meeting Father Froome for the Mayor's Chaplain had led the Council in prayer.

C4563 **APOLOGIES**  
None received.

C4564 **INTERESTS**  
None received.

C4565 **MINUTES**  
It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Ms Atherton and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4566 **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**  
The Town Mayor updated the Council upon his civic activity and attendances.

He thanked Councillor Saunby for helping arrange the interpretation and unveiling ceremony for the former Board School bell, now on display in the Council Offices. He advised that the Council had not heard from Bristows the contractor replacing the 771 Squadron Search and Rescue and he would make contact with them.

He welcomed Councillor McCarthy to the Council. He also congratulated Ty Stephens, a former Mayoral Police Cadet who had been nominated as local Rotary Young Citizen and he wished him well in the national consideration.

C4567 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**  
None received.

C4568 **PENWERRIS BY-ELECTION**  
It was duly noted that Councillor McCarthy had joined the Council following his election to the Penwerris Ward.

**C4569 COUNCILLOR S D EVA**

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

RESOLVED that the resignation of Councillor S D Eva from the Planning Committee be duly noted and that the Committee operates with seven members and review in three months.

**C4570 POLICE REPORT**

The Community Police Report by PC Cummins was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. He responded to Member questions in respect of service reductions, crime statistics, drinking byelaws, traffic matters and contact information.

**C4571 CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE REPORT**

Mr Goddard presented the Falmouth Community Fire Station Reports for January to March 2015 and from April to June 2015 which were duly noted and forms part of these minutes. He responded to Members questions in respect of gorse fires and night-time service.

**C4572 FALMOUTH YOUTH SERVICES**

The presentation by the Manager of the Dracaena Centre was deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

**C4573 COMMUNITY NETWORK**

The Community Link Officer presented his report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. He advised that the Coastal Communities Team Action Plan grant request had been successful.

**C4574 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Arwenack

Councillor Evans reported upon the prioritised schemes with the Traffic Regulation Order and these would move forward. He advised upon his Community Chest spending and reported that the five Falmouth Electoral Division Members continued to work well together supporting the Town.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton reported a re-think at Cornwall Council regarding Libraries and the consideration of Community Models. She hoped Falmouth would be the first to pursue that aspiration. The Case for Cornwall had been partially agreed by Government, she was concerned that efforts devoted to this initiative would reduce resources elsewhere.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported that road improvement works at Union Corner were nearing completion. The former Board School bell was now on display at the Council Offices. He suggested that the Council looks to improve acoustics in the Council Chamber with a hearing loop and voice amplification.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be instructed to report options to add improved sound amplification, with the previous decision of the Council, to investigate the viability of video recording of meetings.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported that the planning application at Swanpool had been rejected. Shelbourne Road Traffic Measures would be included in the 2015 Traffic Regulation Order. There had been some anti-social behaviour and drinking etc in some fields that was being dealt with. He had also undertaken personally some hedge and verge cutting.

Penwerris

No report.

**C4575 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

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

RESOLVED that the Standing Orders (including Financial Regulations) be approved and operated by the Council as attached as part of these minutes.

**C4576 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I report dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 Part I report of the Committee dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 was presented by Councillor Gray, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee  
Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 be approved.

**C4577 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

(Councillor S D Eva now left the meeting).

**C4578 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented his report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. Further he reported delays in the delivery and with legal advice to support the CCTV operation.

**CCTV**

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk, in consultation with Councillors Ms Atherton, Mrs Brock and Gray be authorised to sign off the: Monitoring Contract, Asset Transfer Agreement, Asset Management Service Agreement and Code of Practice for CCTV Monitoring Service to enable the expeditious establishment of the control room for West Cornwall, and monitoring operations.

**C4579 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

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

C4581 **COMMITTEE REPORTS – PART II**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part II report dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 Part II report of the Committee dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 was presented by Councillor Body, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 subject to the amendment of Minute S647 to record that Councillor Mrs Minson was the proposer of the motion be approved.

C4582 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – URGENT ITEM**

The Town Clerk reported that in respect of a longstanding legal matter the other party had offered to pay the Council £6,500 to settle the matter with a payment schedule.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council rejects the offer and as a minimum only accept a payment of £10,000 plus repayment of all legal and administrative costs in full and that a payment schedule was not normally acceptable.

The chairman agreed to consider this as an urgent item so that the matter could be expedited.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....