

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.10pm

Present: Councillors I J Body (Town Mayor), Ms C Atherton CC, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva (to point mentioned), Mrs VE Eva (to point mentioned), 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)
PC M Cummins (Falmouth Police)
B Bodinar and Ms K Springfield (Falmouth Youth Services)
A George (Falmouth School)
M Hodgson (Falmouth Car Club)
Mr A Borrett & Mr J Levine (Tuff Enuuff Obstacle Events)
Father M Mesley (For Mayor's Chaplain)

Prior to the start of the meeting Father Mesley had led the Council in prayer.

C4583 APOLOGIES

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

Mr Goddard of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service and Mr James of Cornwall Council had also submitted apologies for absence

C4584 INTERESTS

None received.

C4585 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20th July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4586 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor updated the Council upon his civic activity and attendances.

He thanked Father Mesley for acting as his Chaplain and wished him well as he was relocating to Plymouth. Father Froome would replace him as Town Mayor's Chaplain.

He congratulated all those involved in Falmouth in Bloom as Falmouth had been awarded Champion of Champions at the South West in Bloom Awards. He also wished them well at the forthcoming national wards.

C4587 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4588 FALMOUTH YOUTH SERVICES

Mr Bodinar the Health, Leisure and Wellbeing Co-ordinator at the Dracaena Centre and Ms Springfield, Youth Work Co-ordinator updated the Council on the initiative. It had been hugely successful so far, five sessional youth workers were engaged and a sixth was to be appointed. Volunteers and partner organisations were engaged and it was hoped the initiative would become sustainable.

In response to questions it was established that Falmouth Town Council was the only Cornish Council supporting Youth Services in this way and that funding from other services was being actively sought.

C4589 'TUFF ENUFF' FALMOUTH EVENT

Mr Borrett advised that his South West based company wished to stage an urban survivor 'tuff enuff' endurance race in Falmouth in February 2016. The events aims were to help adults and children be physically active and building confidence in communities. The events were backed by the current Government Minister for Sport. This would be the first urban assault course event in the South West of England. They had chosen Falmouth because of its proactive events calendar and the professionalism of the Town Management events team. The Town Manager advised he was working with the organisers and the event would supplement Falmouth's event calendar.

In response to questions it was established that 1500 entrants were expected, hopefully 50% of those would be under 16. An outline of possible sites, pricing and other logistical matters was provided.

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

RESOLVED that the Council support in principle the staging of the 'Tuff Enuff' Event to be held in Falmouth in February 2016.

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

C4590 CAR CLUB

Mr Hodgson of Co-Cars explained that it was hoped to start a Car Club Scheme in Falmouth and Truro, similar to the model operated successfully in Exeter. There was Department of Transport funding available to start the scheme, and it would be operated in partnership with Great Western Railways. In Falmouth it was hoped to have a hybrid car available at the Docks station and hopefully in the vicinity of The Moor. Vehicles would be booked by smartphone/on-line and fees would be £3.75 per hour and £0.15 per mile or day rate of £25. Available twenty-four hours per day. This would assist the organisations and the Town Council's aims of mobility for all, assist congestion and make the town more accessible and more attractive to visit.

In response to questions it was established that the taxi industry was generally supportive of the scheme and Cornwall Council the Highway Authority fully supported it.

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

RESOLVED that the Council supports the Co-Cars proposal to establish a Car Club for Falmouth.

Councillor Ms Merrett requested that her name be recorded as having voted against the Motion. Councillors Mrs Davies and Saunby requested that their names be recorded as having abstained from voting.

C4591 FALMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Mr George provided an update of the activity at Falmouth Community School. There had been good student success with examination results in 2015, well above the national average. Well attended community engagement events were ongoing and the new prospectus was in operation. Ongoing capital upgrade works to the buildings were progressing, especially window replacements. He congratulated the Council for supporting the Youth Service work via the Dracaena Centre and advised the school engaged with that. He responded to Members questions.

C4592 **POLICE REPORT**

PC Cummins presented the Community Police Report which was duly noted and is attached as part of these minutes. He responded to Member questions thereon.

C4593 **CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE REPORT**

The Falmouth Community Fire Station Report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C4594 **COMMUNITY NETWORK**

The Report of the Community Link Officer was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C4595 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Councillor Ms Atherton reported that Cornwall Council would now reconsider the matter of the Ships and Castles Leisure Centre closure. Both she and Councillor Mrs Davies sit on the Steering Group. All five Electoral Division Members had worked together to save the facility. Falmouth's expression of interest in Princess Pavilions had also been noted and would be considered.

Cornwall Council would also pilot an extension of its household recycling scheme (plastic tubs) in Falmouth. Also Falmouth continued to do well 'In Bloom' and she was proud of the high standard of Parks and Gardens and community involvement.

Arwenack

Councillor Evans reported further on Ships and Castles and reiterated that all five Falmouth Councillors had worked together. Treluswell roundabout was being redeveloped.

He had contributed £500 to the Dracaena Centre. The Tolvaddon Fire and Rescue Centre was now operational and he urged Councillors to go and see it.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported further on Ships and Castles. He had chaired the Community Network meeting and Neighbourhood Plans, Recycling and Treluswell roundabout had been considered.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby advised that the Union Corner roundabout had been completed and was working well. However, road markings in Trescobeas needed to be clearer. Also he was assisting the Friends of Tregonnigie Woodlands to find an alternative to the proposed cycle route through the site.

Penwerris

No report.

C4596 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee report dated 20th July 2015 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 20th July 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 10th August 2015 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 10th August 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 7th September 2015 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 7th September 2015 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I report dated 7th September 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 7th September 2015 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 14th September 2015 was presented by Councillor Mrs Brock, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 14th September 2015 be approved.

C4597 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C4598 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk presented his report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

In addition he reported that the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners Annual Report was available, Gyllyngvase Surf Life Saving Club were seeking to site a defibrillator on the Gyllyngvase Toilets, Cornwall Council had responded to the devolution queries raised, the winter edition of Fathom would shortly be prepared, the Town Clerk would present to the National Association of Local Councils national conference on devolution and Councillor Ms Atherton had been elected to the National Larger Local Councils Committee. Councillor Ms Atherton also reported on the Post Office redevelopment.

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

RESOLVED that the further reports be noted and that the Gyllyngvase Surf Life Saving Club subject to appropriate safeguards be given permission to fix a defibrillator to the exterior of the Gyllyngvase Toilets.

C4599 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Chappel 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.

4600 **COMMITTEE REPORTS – PART II**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part II report dated 7th September 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 7th September 2015 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 3rd August 2015 was presented by Councillor Body, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the report of the Committee dated 3rd August 2015 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed: Date: