

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors I J Body (Town Mayor), Ms C Atherton CC, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, O K Cramp, 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 Goddard (Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service)  
M James (Community Link Officer, Cornwall Council)  
K Hill (Solicitor, Cornwall Council)  
T Light and I Knowles (Cornwall Ferries Ltd)  
Father I Froom (Mayor's Chaplain)

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

### **C4601 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Mrs Davies (ill), S D Eva (holiday) and Mrs V E Eva (holiday).

### **C4602 INTERESTS**

Councillor Merrett declared a non-disclosable interest in minute C4607 as she had been acquainted with the individual and left the meeting during the consideration thereof.

Councillors Ms Atherton, Mrs Brock and Ross declared non-disclosable interests in minute C4619 as they were members of the Falmouth Labour Party and helped provide a stall as part of the market. They left the meeting during the consideration thereof.

### **C4603 MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### **C4604 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

None received.

### **C4605 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

### **C4606 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 an issue of outstanding debt recovery, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

Members of the press and public duly left the meeting.

C4607 **OUTSTANDING DEBT RECOVERY**

Mr Hill acting for the Council in this matter reported an update for Councillors and the latest offer to resolve the matter. The Town Clerk reported regarding process and risk.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council was disappointed that the respondent had failed to respond and that the matter was further protracted. This was unreasonable and if a satisfactory offer of repayment was not made as a matter of urgency then the Council's Solicitor be instructed to seek remedy in the Court and to request the reopening of the prosecution to seek repayment of the total amount due, and costs to date and that a payment schedule would not be acceptable. Further Mr Hill to prepare a report for the Council of full costs to date.

C4608 **READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

RESOLVED that the members of the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.

C4609 **FALMOUTH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE AND FAL RIVER**

Mr Light updated Councillors on the operation of the VIC and his report is attached as part of these minutes. He responded to questions and provided updates on bus operations and the Ponsharden Park and Ride which was now operating free of subsidy. He introduced Mr Knowles as the new Operations Manager and responded to members questions who duly noted the report.

C4610 **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.

C4611 **CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE REPORT**

Mr Goddard presented the Community Report of Falmouth CFRS which was duly noted and is attached as part of these minutes. He responded to members questions thereon.

C4612 **COMMUNITY NETWORK**

The Community Link Officer presented the Community Network Report which was duly noted and is attached as part of these minutes. He responded to member questions thereon.

C4613 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**Arwenack**

Councillor Evans reported he had met the Speaker of the House of Lords. Further he would be meeting with Cormac soon to discuss traffic regulation matters. He had been appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee and had donated to the Christmas Lights event from his Community Chest Fund.

**Smithick**

Councillor Ms Atherton reported her concerns for Cornwall Council in regard to the Government's Autumn Statement, particularly in regard to adult care and public health issues. She doubted if it would be able to fulfil its statutory functions. She had used her Community Chest Fund to assist the Parklive events in 2016 in Kimberley Park. Where she was pleased to note the Town Council would provide a new stage. She also donated to the Christmas Lights and was again pleased to note the Town Council would match those donations pledged.

**Boslowick**

Councillor Jewell reported a number of highway matters. Work at Union Corner and Penryn Bypass had seen considerable traffic congestion. He had donated towards a defibrillator for Maenporth Beach.

**Trescobeas**

Councillor Saunby reported that the Union Corner roundabout was now complete, he was disappointed that some lane markings were not clearer. He had donated towards the Christmas Lights.

**Penwerris**

No report.

C4614 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 22nd October 2015 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chair of the Committee.

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

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

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I report dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 5<sup>th</sup> October 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be approved.

The Licensing Committee Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 was presented by Councillor Mrs Brock, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be approved.

**C4615 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

**C4616 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

In addition he reported a request to add to and clarify the Falmouth Town-wide Traffic Regulation Order.

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

RESOLVED that the Falmouth Town-wide Traffic Regulation Order (Waiting Restrictions) be approved subject to:

- (i) the inclusion of the Helston Road, Penryn scheme, and that Penryn Town Council meet any additional costs.
- (ii) the Access Suitable Waiting Restriction – Pendennis Rise to the train station be designated as no waiting at any time.

C4617 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

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