

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 14th December 2015 at 7pm.

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, Mrs V E Eva, G F Evans CC, 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)
Father I Froom (Mayor's Chaplain)

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

C4620 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Gray (holiday).

C4621 INTERESTS

None received.

C4622 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Part I minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4623 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon a busy festive period.

C4624 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4625 FALMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

To receive the report in the new year.

C4626 POLICE REPORT

PC Cummins presented the Community Police Report which was duly noted and is attached as part of these minutes.

C4627 COUNCILLOR CRAMP'S REPORT – FALMOUTH DOCKS

Councillor Cramp reported upon a meeting with the Acting Managing Director of Falmouth Docks and the RFA Liaison Officer. He apprised members of expansion plans, the RFA contract work and the crucial economic need for deep water dredge. The report was duly noted

C4628 COMMUNITY NETWORK

No report.

C4629 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Penwerris

Councillor Ms Toms submitted report is attached as part of these minutes.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton advised that the Local Government settlement was awaited. The local Councillors had met regarding cycle routes and there were issues to resolve. The Neighbourhood Plan Consultant would report to the Council in the new year. Ships and Castles Leisure Centre would substantially close for refurbishment for 10 weeks from 4th January 2016.

Arwenack

Councillor Evans reported upon Ships and Castles Leisure Centre and cycle route meetings. As well as planned improvement to the A39 road.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported on the road safety works to the A39. The Community Network Panel had also received the report regarding open space unification of specifications for 2016. Also planning applications at Bosvale and Swanpool were due to be considered. He was disappointed at the cycle route proposals.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported issues with the cycle route proposals.

C4630 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee report dated 9th November 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 9th November 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 30th November 2015 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chair of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Chappel, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 30th November 2015 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I report dated 7th December 2015 was presented by Councillor Ms Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Part I report of the Committee dated 7th December 2015 be approved.

The Licensing Committee report dated 23rd November 2015 was presented by Councillor Mrs Brock, Chair of the Committee.

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

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

C4631 COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT CALL

The Council considered the 2016/17 budget agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee (Minute F4691). The Chair of the Committee advised Councillors that the budget attempted to include the community aspirations that they had requested and debated and agreed during 2015. A full debate ensued.

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

RESOLVED that :

- (i) the Council's budget for 2016/17 be approved and that a precept call of £1,637,436.15 (an increase of £35.08 per annum on a Band D property over the 2015/16 level) be made to Cornwall Council
- (ii) it was noted that the budget included sufficient provision to assume the management and running of Falmouth Library and One Stop Shop and those services to be operated by the Town Council from 1st April 2016

Councillors S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva and McCarthy requested that their names be recorded as having voted against this decision. An Amendment proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor McCarthy, that the precept setting be delayed until 31st January 2016 was lost.

C4632 FALMOUTH BEACHES MANAGEMENT GROUP

The notes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2015 were agreed.

C4633 MARITIME LINE FORUM

The notes of the meeting held on 16th June 2015 and the November update were noted.

C4634 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C4635 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

In regard to the NALC Conference and other forums Councillors Ms Atherton and Cramp advised that the Council had received much feedback regarding delivering best practice and commended the Town Clerk for that.

C4636 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

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

C4637 **MINUTES – PART II**

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

RESOLVED that the Part II minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4638 **COMMITTEE REPORTS – PART II**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part II report dated 7th December 2015 was presented by Councillor Ms Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Part II report of the Committee dated 7th December 2015 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed: Date: