

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 1st February at 7pm.

Present: Councillors I J Body (Town Mayor), Ms C Atherton CC, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, O K Cramp, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, G F Evans CC, S Gray, A J Jewell CC, M T 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)
A George (Falmouth School)
Father I Froom (Mayor's Chaplain)

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

C4639 APOLOGIES

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

Apologies were also received from M James (Cornwall Council Community Link Officer) and B Goddard (Falmouth Community Fire Station).

C4640 INTERESTS

None received.

C4641 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th December 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4642 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon civic attendances.

He also reported correspondence from Councillor McCarthy regarding the formation of the Fairer Falmouth political group on the Council (which incorporated Councillors Cramp, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva and McCarthy) that was duly noted and correspondence from Ms Garwood with a contemporary Town Crier proposal which the Council supported.

C4643 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4644 POLICE REPORT

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

The Town Clerk reported correspondence from Inspector Thomson setting out the new service standards for engagement with town and parish councils. PC Cummins assured the Council he would continue with the current level of engagement.

C4645 **FALMOUTH SCHOOL**

Mr George presented the Falmouth School report which was duly noted and is attached as a part of these minutes.

C4646 **FALMOUTH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

No report.

C4647 **COUNCILLOR MS ATHERTON'S REPORT TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS MEMBERS**

Councillor Ms Atherton advised the Council of her report to NALC and thought many towns were working hard towards integrating services and that it was important to learn from each other. Falmouth continued to be recognised as best practice.

C4648 **COUNCILLOR CRAMP'S REPORT – CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Councillor Cramp's report on CALC activity was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C4649 **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCARTHY**

Councillor McCarthy presented the following motion:

'This motion calls on Falmouth Town Council to move to a system of appointing committees and sub-committees based on the political make-up of the Council rather than continuing to operate the current methods used to appoint Committee places.

As the current Council is currently made up of our group of four councillors and twelve other councillors who belong to no formal Council group, we would like to hold one quarter of the positions on all committees and sub-committees, whilst the remaining three quarters will be held by Councillors who do not belong to our group'

The Town Clerk advised that there was no legal requirement for political balancing but a convention could be adopted by the Council if felt desirable and necessary. A full debate ensued.

The motion was proposed by Councillor McCarthy, seconded by Councillor S D Eva. The Council resolved not to support the motion.

C4650 **COMMUNITY NETWORK**

No report.

C4651 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Penwerris

No report.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton reported that Cornwall Council had rationalised its health and adult care committees. She had been appointed to the newly created body. She advised that the closure of the Cardrew Walk-in Centre would disadvantage Falmouth residents who used that service and place an unacceptable burden upon Falmouth Minor Injuries Hospital.

Cornwall Council was undertaking a car parking review and she urged all Councillors to promote this in their wards. She had also met with Falmouth Afoot who wished to see fuller pedestrianisation of the town centre. Cornwall Council had advised that the bollard would be replaced by 17th February 2016 but that the requested extra signage was not permissible.

Arwenack

Councillor Evans reported that the traffic bollard in the town centre was also a measure to address air pollution. The centre lane creation on the A39 at Treluswell would be done in May 2016.

Further with the Town Mayor he had met with Falmouth Petroleum who would start work on the redevelopment of the eastern breakwater of the Docks which would yield further economic benefit. His remaining community chest fund has been allocated to Beacon Regeneration Benefit Advice and the MS charity.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported that the planning appeal by Linden Homes for development at Swanpool was scheduled for April 2016. The Midas Homes development at Budock Water Road had been refused. As had the planning application for the redevelopment of Bosvale Community Centre site and he requested that the Town Council consider registering that site as a Community asset.

He also encouraged participation in the Car Parking Review as Falmouth was recognised as being proactive in these matters.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported meetings regarding remedying sewage and flooding problems at Tregonigie Woods. The infrastructure here would not cope with any further new housing proposals. A compromise solution regarding cycle trails had been reached at this site.

He had allocated his community chest monies to the Trescobeas Play Area and other community groups.

C4652 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Cultural Services Committee (formerly Art Gallery Committee) report dated 4th January 2016 was presented by Councillor Evans, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the report of the Committee dated 4th January 2016 be approved.
- (ii) the name of the Committee be changed to the Cultural Services Committee and the scheme of delegation amended pursuant to minute A789.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 18th January 2016 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 18th January be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 14th December 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 14th December 2015 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 11th January 2016 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 11th January 2016 be approved.

The Licensing Committee report dated 18th January 2016 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 18th January 2016 be approved.

C4653 **TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

Further to the report it was proposed by Councillor Gray, seconded by Councillor Body and

RESOLVED that quotes be sought and progressed pursuant to minute F4707 of the Finance and General Proposes Committee to provide market stalls for the Thursday and Saturday Moor Markets, funded from income from the site.

C4654 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The report of the Town Clerk was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

Further to the report, it was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Cramp and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Minson attends the Local Government Association Parish and Town Council Leadership Programme.

C4655 **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 issues of staff contracts and events management, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

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C4656 COMMITTEE REPORTS – PART II

The Staffing Committee report dated 18th January 2016 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 Staffing Committee
dated 18th January 2016 be approved.

C4657 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT – PART II

The Town Manager reported in regard to future Tall Ships Event and costings and detail thereof. The Town Clerk reported in regard to the implications.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council
agree in principle to become the lead body
for a future Tall Ships Event and that a
financial reserve be created to facilitate this.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: Date: