

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 25th April 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors I J Body (Town Mayor), Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva (to point mentioned 7.50pm), Mrs V E Eva (to point mentioned 7.50pm), S Gray, A J Jewell CC, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs P A Minson, and D W Saunby CC.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R J Gates (Town Manager)
A George (Falmouth School)
Prof. A Carlisle (Vice Chancellor Falmouth University)
Prof. D Hosken (Dean Strategic Development, Cornwall – Exeter University)
O Lane (FX Plus)
Father I Froom (Mayor's Chaplain)

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

C4684 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms Atherton (Council business), Mrs Davies (ill), McCarthy (family commitment) and Ross (Council business).

Further apologies were received from PC Cummins (Falmouth Police), M James (Cornwall Council Community Link Officer) and B Goddard (Falmouth Fire Station).

C4685 INTERESTS

None received.

C4686 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th March 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4687 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported correspondence from Councillor Saunby relinquishing his appointed seat on the Planning Committee which was duly noted.

C4688 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4689 PRESENTATION FROM FALMOUTH AND EXETER UNIVERSITIES

Professor Carlisle reminded the Council of the need for and development of the Universities. Cornwall was still amongst the lowest of Higher Education (HE) places in the UK. Overall the strategy was to improve and grow the economy of Falmouth. Growth was still needed and Cornwall was only one of two regions in the UK identified as economically less developed. HE would help build and regenerate the economy. Building up of HE assets was the key to transforming Falmouth and Penryn and wider afield. Access to HE was also vital to Cornish youth, with a target that 25% of students to be Cornish.

They were attempting to address concerns over housing. There was accommodation for new arrivals and Truro and Helston were interested in developing student accommodation. They were also looking at local development options with further development on the Penryn Campus in 2018.

Professor Hosken outlined the community support Exeter University provided, enhancing events and cultural offer. The University wished to be a good neighbour and students and staff good citizens, being socially responsible. He would work together to ensure growth plans were collaborative and inclusive. He outlined the recent profile and national success enjoyed by Exeter University which would grow by 400 students in the next five years (50 students in 2017 all housed on campus).

He totally supported the Article 4 Direction proposal and was looking at housing solutions outside of Falmouth. He would work with specialist providers of student housing and look at increasing parking on campus.

Mr Lane outlined the current engagement with Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan and that proposals brought forward were those of developers and not the Universities.

The representatives from the Universities then responded to Members questions and a full debate ensued, during which Councillors S D Eva and Mrs V E Eva left the meeting.

The Chairman called a brief adjournment for members of the public and University representatives to clear the Council Chamber.

C4690 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

No report.

C4691 FALMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Mr George presented the report of Falmouth Community School that is attached as part of these minutes.

C4692 FALMOUTH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

No report.

C4693 COMMUNITY NETWORK

No report.

C4694 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Arwenack

No report.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported on the Planning Hearing regarding Linden Homes proposed development at Swanpool. Also the Midas proposal at Pool Field was to appeal a refusal of permission. He reported upon other planning matters.

He had spoken to the Open Spaces Officer at Cornwall Council regarding grant funding for play equipment at Boscawen Fields. Also he commended the Council on the landscape planting around the Maenporth toilet site.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton's report is attached as part of these minutes.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported upon the recent public meetings for the proposed Rosslyn Hotel development and the proposed public meeting for the Falmouth School Sports Pitches development. Further the Transport Panel would be looking at enforcement of parking restrictions around local schools.

C4695 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Cultural Services Committee Report dated 18th April 2016 was presented by Councillor Body.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 18th April 2016 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 18th April 2016 was presented by Councillor Gray, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 18th April 2016 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 14th March 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 14th March 2016 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 4th April 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 4th April 2016 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 18th April 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 18th April 2016 be approved.

The Licensing Committee report dated 4th April 2016 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 4th April 2016 be approved.

C4696 **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee Membership for 2016/17 be seven Councillors and revert to full membership (eight) in May 2017.

C4697 **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

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

RESOLVED that the Council be recommended to approve an amended schedule of meetings to see a bi-monthly meeting of the Cultural Services Committee in 2016/17.

C4698 **TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

Further it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Brock, seconded by Councillor Mrs Minson and

RESOLVED that the Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival be formally identified as a Town Council event and added to the Council's Insurance Policy.

C4699 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Cornwall Association of Local Councils

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

RESOLVED that the Council affiliates to the Association (and National Association) in 2016/17.

New Bus Service

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and Finance Officer be delegated, in consultation with the Town Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, to approve a Saturday provision of the 367 'Shore Link' service at a £50 weekly subsidy subject to establishing that the Council are not tied into the delivery and can review after six months of operation.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed: Date: