

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 20th June 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors G G Chappel (Town Mayor), Ms C Atherton CC, I J Body, Mrs R D Brock, Mrs M Davies, 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)
P Wickes (Cornwall Marine Network)
D Rogers (Keynvor Morlift Ltd)
Crew Manager Keen (Falmouth Fire Station)
Father I Froom (Mayor's Chaplain)
Miss C Hydstrom (Mayor's Cadet)

PRAYERS

Prior to the start of the meeting Father Froom led the Council in prayer and the Mayor observed a minute silence in memory of Jo Cox MP.

C4718 APOLOGIES

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

C4719 INTERESTS

None received.

C4720 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th April 2016, the Annual Council Meeting held on 9th May 2016 and the Special Council Meeting held on 6th June 2016 be confirmed as correct records of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

C4721 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon his Civic engagements and those attended by the Deputy Mayor and introduced his Police Cadet, Miss Hydstrom, who addressed the Council and later left the meeting.

He reported correspondence from Antonia Pickup attached and the Cornwall Council Leader. Councillors Ms Atherton and Mrs Minson reported further on the meeting with the Leader regarding student accommodation within Falmouth.

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

RESOLVED that the Council writes to support the humanitarian efforts of the Mayor of Grande Synthe, Dunkirk, France regarding the development of the refugee camp there.

C4722 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received

C4723 **FALMOUTH WHARVES**

Mr Rogers updated the Council on his Company's acquisition of the site, assisted by Cornwall Marine Networks. KML were a South West marine contractor with 8 vessels engaged with marine renewables and salvage work. Falmouth would become its headquarters. This had protected the site from undesirable development. Thirty nine skilled jobs were part of the operation and further phased investment was planned. Whilst the emphasis was on commercial marine activity the current mixed uses of buildings on the wharves would continue and existing marine business had security of tenure.

Mr Wickes advised that CMN supported the thriving marine sector in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. He provided details on the sector and the not for profit CMN operations, which represented 351 local marine businesses. In 2015 it turned over £2m with a staff of 20 and had supported 20 Projects (7 in Falmouth and Penryn), creating 145 new jobs, 70 apprentices and helped draw in £5.3m of private investment. In 11 years it had turned over £18.5m (creating £185m of investment), created 1800 new jobs and 1100 apprentices. 8,000 young people had also been engaged with careers advice.

Messrs Rogers and Wickes responded to members questions and left the meeting

C4724 **POLICE REPORT**

The Community Police report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C4725 **FALMOUTH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Crew Manager Keen presented the Falmouth Community Fire Station report and responded to members questions before leaving the meeting. The report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C4726 **COMMUNITY NETWORK**

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Community Network held on 26th May 2016 were noted.

C4727 **CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Arwenack

Councillor Evans reported upon devolution matters. He felt some suggested service amalgams with Devon were not appropriate. The CCTV operation was a good example of local partnership working. The Boundary Commission were reviewing Cornwall Council with a rationalisation likely to see a reduction in the number of elected members. He also reported on proposals to give better clarity to the operations of the Harbour Board, with a comprehensive Country-wide Harbour Order.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton provided an update regarding the Article 4 Directive and an update regarding progress on the deep water channel dredge application for Falmouth Docks. Further a number of applications were being prepared by the Falmouth Coastal Communities Team for funding. The deadline was 30th June.

She felt that as well as changes to electoral division boundaries then the town boundary should also be reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the Boundary Commissioner be requested to review the Falmouth Town boundary in conjunction with the Cornwall Electoral Division review, and advised that for efficacy Town Ward boundaries would reflect electoral division boundaries as they do currently.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby updated regarding the student 'cap' planning application and his discussion with the Case Officer.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported upon the planning applications at Menehay and Bosvale. He had assisted with highway verge cutting, he felt the current service standard was inadequate and a risk to highway safety. He requested the Town Council make representations to South West Water to remedy a water leak at Maenporth.

Penwerris

No report.

C4728 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 6th June 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 6th June 2016 be approved.

The Planning Committee Report dated 25th April 2016 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 25th April 2016 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 23rd May 2016 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 23rd May 2016 be approved.

The Cultural Services Committee report dated 6th June 2016 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 6th June 2016 be approved.

C4729 **POLICE LIASON COMMITTEE**

Councillors Saunby and Merrett reported upon the inaugural meeting of the Committee on 8th June 2016.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that Councillor Ms Merrett represents the Council on the Police Liaison Committee.

C4730 **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCARTHY**

Councillor McCarthy moved on behalf of the Fairer Falmouth Group 'That the Council implements a minimum two week period between the publishing of the Council's draft budget and any vote on the draft budget'.

'Within this period the Council should make every effort to consult the public as the proposed budget, and hold an independently chaired public meeting to ensure the views of the people of Falmouth are clearly heard.' A full debate ensued.

It was proposed as an Amendment by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Ms Minson and

RESOLVED that if the growth in precept in 2017/18 is greater than 10% over the 2016/17 level then the Council implements a minimum two week period between the publishing of the Council's draft budget and any vote on that budget. Within that period the Council should make every effort to consult the public on the proposed budget, and hold a public meeting chaired by the Town Mayor.

Councillor S D Eva had seconded the Motion. Councillors S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva and McCarthy requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the Resolution.

C4731 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Minute C4704 the Council considered reverting the Planning Committee to eight seats and whether to appoint Councillor S D Eva to the eighth seat. A full debate ensued.

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

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee reverts to eight seats and Councillor S D Eva be appointed to sit thereon (it was noted that Councillor S D Eva had undertaken the necessary training to serve the Planning Committee)

Councillor Ms Merrett requested that her name be recorded as having voted against this decision.

C4732 **CAMBORNE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

RESOLVED that the Council supports Camborne Town Council in its representations to Cornwall Council to secure the freehold transfer of Camborne Recreation Ground in its entirety to Camborne Town Council for community management.

C4733 **TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

C4734 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

C4735 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature
of commercially sensitive and contractual matters
it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public
be excluded from the meeting.

C4736 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Town Manager reported further to the Council upon an event opportunity and positive discussions with key partners. It was agreed to continue to support the event and the report was noted.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed: Date: