

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ms C Atherton CC (Chair), G G Chappel, 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)
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)

F4790 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Body (family commitment)

F4791 **INTERESTS**

None received.

F4792 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F4793 **GRANTS**

Letters of thanks for grant awards were duly noted from Bosvale Community Association, Falmouth Classics Association and Falmouth Twinning Association as was the grant schedule for 2016/17.

The Town Clerk reported that Cornwall Resus, who provided first-aid cover for the Falmouth night time economy in conjunction with Street Pastor patrols, and who were the recipients of a Council grant had experienced problems evidencing a grant application to Crimebeat.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Chappel and

RESOLVED that the Town Council act as the accountable body for the Crimebeat application to support the work of Cornwall Resus in Falmouth.

The Chair agreed to consider this as an urgent item as the grant application deadline was 18th July 2016.

F4794 **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

It was duly noted that risk assessment would become a standing agenda item for the Committee and that all service heads would prepare specific service based risk assessments for review.

F4795 **CEMETERIES WORKING PARTY**

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Cemeteries Working party dated 15th June 2016 be agreed.

F4796 **DEVOLUTION FUND**

The confirmation of the Cornwall Council Devolution fund grant of £26,230 was duly noted.

F4797 **LIBRARY AND ONE STOP SHOP**

The Town Clerk reported upon progress of the development that was duly noted.

F4798 **ANNUAL RETURN 2015/16**

The advertising and submission of the Annual Return to the Council's External Auditors was duly noted.

F4799 **DEVOLUTION MATTERS**

The Town Clerk reported that the Environmental Devolution package was shortly to be formally considered by Cornwall Council, this included Queen Mary Gardens, Fox Rosehill Gardens, Gyllyngdune Gardens, seats and shelters, green spaces in Arwenack, Penwerris and Smithick Wards, Highway Roundabouts, Gyllyngvase Car Park, The Dell Car Park and parking spaces in New Street. As well as matters pertaining to the future tenure of Gyllyngvase Car Park and Fox Rosehill Nursery.

The Chair also reported her attendance at the Local Government Association Conference and that she had spoken regarding devolution. Falmouth continued to be viewed as a good practice model.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the Environmental Devolution Package be progressed.

F4800 **TOWN AND SITE NOTICE BOARDS**

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

RESOLVED that the designs be approved and the noticeboards be installed as recommended.

F4801 **LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP**

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee regarding the details of the LMP and they considered the correspondence from the North Coast Cluster Group and Cornwall Council thereon, which were duly noted.

F4802 **CORNWALL PARKING REVIEW**

The Town Clerk and those Councillors that attended the Cornwall Council Parking Review Presentation reported thereon.

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

RESOLVED that the reports be duly noted and that Cornwall Council be requested to expedite the outstanding Traffic Regulation Order works that had been funded by the Town Council.

F4803 **COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUNDING**

The Chair provided an update regarding the recent round of funding applications and the latest iteration of the Economic Plan, which were duly noted.

F4804 **2016 TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL WITH VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUMMIT**

The provisional date of summit, 13th October 2016, was duly noted.

F4805 **COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

The Town Clerk referred to recent events attended by Members regarding Code of Conduct and Chairmanship Skills and also upon future training opportunities. He requested that Councillors continue to notify him of training needs so that provision can be made. The report was duly noted.

F4806 **CCLA – PROPERTY FUND**

The Town Clerk reported that as a result of the UK deciding to leave the European Union capital values in the fund had slipped by 4%. However he felt the fund remained attractive and would realise more than the Council would achieve elsewhere.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the council retains its investment in the CCLA Property Fund and
- (ii) the Council writes in support of the Leader of Cornwall Council who had requested that the UK Government guarantees the lost funding commitments and proposals to Cornwall from European funds.

F4807 **MOOR MARKETS**

The Town Clerk reported revisions to the operation and infrastructure to the Thursday and Saturday markets on The Moor and the changes to the licencing regime in regard to street trading.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the changes to the market operation and infrastructure be approved.

F4808 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESLOVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash schedules for June 2016 (attached) be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed: Date: