

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 7th December 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Ms C Atherton CC (Chair), I J Body, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, 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)
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)
Ms H Boex (Gallery Director)
S J Penna (Ground and Facilities Manager)
B Amos and I Cocklin (6th Falmouth Sea Scouts)
G Matthews (Grant applicant)

F4680 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Evans (family commitment) and Gray (family commitment).

F4681 **INTERESTS**

None received.

F4682 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F4682 **6th FALMOUTH SEA SCOUTS – LAND AT TRESCOBEAS**

Mr Amos and Mr Cocklin outlined to Councillors the history and activity of the Scouts and the proposals for a new scout hut and intended uses for the hut and site to be leased from the Council. Development would be phased. Uses covered secured camping, boat storage, workshops and landscaping. Existing path ways would be maintained. There would also be an option to provide public conveniences.

It was proposed by Councillor Saunby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Eva and

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council approves the submitted building design and intended site uses and moves forward to lease land on that basis and subject to all necessary permissions and consents being obtained; and
- (ii) the Trescobeas working party to consider the matter of possible public toilet provision and that the sea scouts be requested to make service provision for this possibility.

F4683 **GRANTS**

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Minson and

RESOLVED that pursuant to SS 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 Falmouth Poetry Group be granted £200 towards a public address system for workshop events.

A letter of thanks from Penhaligon's friends for grant award (£250) and the grant schedule for 2015/16 was duly noted.

F4684 **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED that the reports of Finance Sub Committee dated 9th November 2015 and the 13th November 2015 be approved and the recommendations therein inacted.

F4685 **AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2015**

The completed Annual Return for 2014/15 and the satisfactory report of Grant Thornton Ltd, the Council's external auditor was duly noted.

F4686 **RHS BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2015**

The Town Clerk reported the judges' feedback on the outstanding success of Falmouth in the national competition. This was noted with pleasure.

F4687 **CCLA – PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROPERTY FUND.**

The reports of the CCLA upon the performance of the funds was duly noted.

F4688 **FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPENSATION SCHEME**

The changes to the scheme as notified by the Council's bankers, the Bank of Ireland, was duly noted.

F4689 **BARCLAYCARD**

Barclaycard's notification in regard to changes in pricing was duly noted.

F4690 **STAGE AT KIMBERLEY PARK**

The Council considered three quotes for construction and tender documents for the stage at Kimberley Park.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that the appointment of Marraum Architecture and Design be endorsed to progress the approved Kimberley Park stage design into construction drawings and tender documents at the a cost of £3,400, which was the lowest quote.

F4691 **2016/2017 BUDGET**

Pursuant to minutes F4668 and F4675 the Committee further considered the 2016/17 budget. The Committee noted the requirement to notify the precept by 31st December 2015. Further it was noted that the Council Tax Support Grant continued to taper and assessment was based upon an assumed collection rate of 98.75%.

The Town Clerk reported that Council Tax Referendums for 'excessive' Council Tax rises had still to be advised upon by the Government. The billing authority will advise once this is known. It was noted in 2015/16 the limit was set at 2% but did not apply to Town and Parish Councils as it needed to allow for and encourage devolution and localism proposals.

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

RESOLVED that the 2016/17 budget be approved as presented (and as attached as part of these minutes).

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 Saunby and seconded by Councillor S D Eva that the budget be further considered at a special meeting prior to the Council meeting on the 14th December 2015 was lost. A Motion that the consideration of the budget be deferred proposed by Councillor McCarthy and seconded by Councillor S D Eva was withdrawn.

F4692 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules for October and November 2015 (attached) be approved.

F4693 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business as it involves the consideration of property and contractual matters.

Councillor S D Eva requested that matters reported under Minute F4694 be considered in Part I of the meeting. The Town Clerk advised that these matters were not in the public interest to be debated in Part I of the meeting and were commercially sensitive.

The Chair called for a brief adjournment.