

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 29th February 2016 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, S Gray, 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)
H Roberts (Grant Applicant)

F4714 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Evans (Cornwall Council business).

F4715 **INTERESTS**

None received.

F4716 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F4717 **GRANTS**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Falmouth Classics be granted an annual grant of £1,000 towards the event, commencing from the 2015/16 Grant Budget.

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

RESOLVED that the Falmouth Dementia Action Alliance be permitted to carry over the 2015/16 grant award (£1,000) towards the cost of providing memory sessions and workshops into the 2016/17 financial year.

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

RESOLVED that Falmouth Age UK be invited to submit a grant request for £300 from the 2016/17 Grant Budget for the Befriending Service in Falmouth.

The grant schedule for 2015/16 was duly noted.

F4718 **FALMOUTH LIBRARY AND ONE STOP SHOP UPDATE**

The Chair reported that Cornwall Council had confirmed transfer of Falmouth Library service in April 2016 as a pilot with Penryn and Callington. The OSS transfer would follow once Cornwall Council had resolved some IT matters. The Town Clerk reported that the Staffing Committee had approved the staffing matters. The report was duly noted.

F4719 **FORMER POST OFFICE DEVELOPMENT**

The Town Clerk updated in regard to lift and extension procurement. The Municipal Office siting would continue separate to those matters. The Registrar Service would as an interim arrangement operate from the Municipal Buildings. Fibre links had been made to enable Town Council IT provision, Cornwall Council had further matters to resolve. The update was duly noted.

F4720 **DRACAENA FIELDS**

A handover meeting was scheduled for the 2nd March 2016 to agree any remedial works with a transfer effective from 1st April 2016 (a tenancy at will may be created as an interim measure if the conveyancing was delayed). Site overage has been negotiated, and an adverse possession claim on the lower site being made. Staff TUPE transfer scheduled for 1st April 2016. Post transfer site development proposals can be created to seek external funding. Also some plant from the Contractor was available and had been assessed, it was within budget and represented a considerable saving on new plant.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the report be noted
- (ii) a Kubota ride on tractor (£8,000) and trailer (£450) be acquired.

F4721 **BOSVALE**

Pursuant to Minute C 4651 the Council had instructed the Committee to review Councillor Jewell's request to register the Bosvale field and Community Centre as assets of community value. The Town Clerk reported that the Localism Act 2011 enabled the Council to nominate premises in its area that have community value. This was a list held by Cornwall Council requiring the land owner to give public notice of sale.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) Cornwall Council be requested to include Bosvale Community Centre and fields on its list of assets of Community value
- (ii) that the Town Mayor, Committee Chair and Town Clerk request a meeting with the landowner to discuss the site and proposed development.

F4722 **PUBLIC REALM CCTV**

The Town Clerk reported that Falmouth was now linked to the Control Room at the Fire and Rescue Centre at Tolvadden. In terms of local monitoring this would move from the One Stop Shop in Church Street to the Post Office premises on The Moor in due course. The report was duly noted.

F4723 **COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Town Clerk reminded Councillors to identify schemes for their Member community funding budgets by 31st March 2016. The report was duly noted.

F4724 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT**

The digest of the settlement by the National Association of Local Councils was duly noted.

F4725 **2015/16 BUDGET MONITORING**

The budget monitoring report attached as part of these minutes was duly noted.

F4726 **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 January 2016 (attached)
be approved.

F4727 **TRESCOBEAS – ADDITIONAL ITEM**

The Town Clerk reported the latest iteration of the lease to Falmouth Sea Scouts

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

RESOLVED that the lease be sealed.

The Chair agreed to consider this as an urgent item to enable the lease to proceed expeditiously.

F4728 **RESIDENT SURGERIES – ADDITIONAL ITEM**

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

RESOLVED that the March 2016 surgery
proceed and be held on 18th March 2016
due to the Bank Holiday.

The Chair agreed to take this as an urgent item to decide whether to proceed with March surgeries.

F4729 **CEMETERY FEES – ADDITIONAL ITEM**

The Town Clerk reported that the Cemetery Working Party 2016 fee recommendations would not be considered by the Committee in time for the start of the financial year. The Chairman of the Working Party presented the fee recommendations.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Cemetery fees for 2016/17 be set as per the schedule attached to these minutes
- (ii) the Cemetery Working Party to reconsider the Exclusive Right of Burial duration for the Swanpool Cemetery, and reuse of grave space.

The Chair agreed to take this matter as an urgent item to enable fees to be set in time for the start of the financial year.

F4730 **SPRING CLEAN 2016 – ADDITIONAL ITEM**

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

RESOLVED that £500 be used for the acquisition of plants from the Environmental Enhancements Budget to assist Volunteer efforts with the 2016 Spring Clean.

The Chair agreed to take this as an urgent item to enable plant acquisition prior to the event.

F4731 **LOCALISM – ADDITIONAL ITEM**

The Chair provided an update regarding devolution and policy following the meeting of the Cornwall Council Localism Advisory Committee. She allowed this as an urgent item as it affected ongoing devolution matters and the report was duly noted.

F4732 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Chappel 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.