

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 26th October 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, G F Evans CC, A J Jewell CC, M McCarthy, 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 M Caddy (Grant applicant)

F4658 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors S D Eva (work), Mrs V E Eva (holiday) and Ms Merrett (ill).

F4659 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Ms Atherton declared a non-disclosable interest in the Grant application by Dementia Alliance (Minute F4661) as her mother volunteered at the Memory Café, and left the meeting during consideration of this item. It was resolved that Councillor Body take the Chair for the consideration of that item.

Councillor Mrs Davies declared a disclosable interest in respect of minute F4674 as she was the Chairman of the Friends of Princess Pavilion and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

F4660 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F4661 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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

RESOLVED that Falmouth Dementia Alliance be granted £1400 towards the costs of providing memory sessions and workshops.

It was noted that Falmouth Recovery Support would not be taking up its grant award in 2014/15 (£780) and the grant schedule for 2015/16 was also noted.

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

RESOLVED that the recommendations of Councillor Mrs Minson be noted but that the status quo be retained in regard to the awarding of Council community and event grants. Further that successful grant applicants be requested to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to update the community upon their activities and grant award.

F4662 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION**

The Chair of the Steering Group provided an update in regard to Neighbourhood Plan and Article 4 Direction progress. The Consultant would attend to provide a fuller report early in 2016. The report was duly noted.

F4663 **CEMETERIES WORKING PARTY**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Working Party meeting held on 20th October 2015 and attached as part of these minutes be agreed and the recommendations therein approved.

F4664 **DATA PROTECTION REGISTRATION**

It was duly noted that the Council's Register entry had been renewed.

F4665 **BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2015**

It was noted with great pleasure the Falmouth success in the national competition and the Town Mayor advised he would recognise all those that had assisted the entry.

F4666 **CORNWALL COUNCIL DEVOLUTION**

The update report from the Localism Portfolio holder at Cornwall Council on progress was duly noted, as was his specific responses to the Falmouth matters raised by the Town Council.

F4667 **CCTV PROVISION**

The Town Clerk and Councillor Mrs Brock reported the progress in this matter.

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

RESOLVED that

(i)the Council enters into the following formal agreements with Cornwall Council and the Cornwall Fire and Community Safety Service:

- Agreement for the provision of an Asset Management Service for Public Space CCTV systems (option A support and maintenance)
- Asset Transfer Agreement for Falmouth Public Spaces CCTV System
- Agreement for provision of a control, monitoring and management service in respect of Public Space CCTV

(ii)that the Falmouth shopwatch system be upgraded to digital, using the underspend on the 2015/16 CCTV budget and connected to the CCTV control room monitoring operation.

F4668 **2016/17 BUDGET SETTING**

Members gave due consideration to the 2016/17 draft budget, notwithstanding the confidential matters reported later in the meeting, and resolved that the draft budget be prepared including the Councillor input to date. Councillor Saunby requested that improvements to the BMX track at Trescobeas be added.

F4669 **BUDGET MONITORING**

The Finance Officer presented the budget monitoring that is attached as part of these minutes and was duly noted.

F4670 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash schedules for September 2015 (attached) be approved.

F4671 **BT TELEPHONE BOXES ON THE MOOR (EXTRA ITEM)**

The Town Clerk reported the costings for the removal of the telephone boxes on The Moor, which were in a poor condition and poorly sited. BT wished to retain one of the four, and provided costs for the removal of two and three units.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Council meet the costs of removal of two BT telephone boxes from The Moor, subject to the reinstatement of the surface and improvements to the remaining two, which should carry the Spirit of the Sea Town brand.

The Chair agreed to take this as an urgent item to expedite matter.

F4672 **ANNUAL RETURN 2014/15 (EXTRA ITEM)**

The Finance Officer reported the receipt of an unqualified audit report by the Council's External Auditor, Grant Thornton Ltd. This was duly noted and the Finance Officer thanked for her efforts in this matter.

The Chair agreed to take this as an urgent item to appraise Members of the audit finding prior to commencing the budget process.

F4673 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Jewell 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 Cramp requested that the matters reported under Minute F4676 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.