

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 2nd March 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 (to point mentioned), Mrs V E Eva (to point mentioned), G F Evans CC, S Gray (from point mentioned), Ms D E Merrett, Mrs P A Minson, B M A Ross and D W Saunby CC.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
W Parkinson, Ms S Rapetti, M Ryan (Grant Applicants)

F4534 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Chin-Quee (work).

F4535 **INTERESTS**

None received.

F4536 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

F4537 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Gyllyngvase Surf Lifesaving Club be granted £500 towards the acquisition of rescue boards.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 Falmouth Recovery Support CIC be granted £780 towards the Falmouth Recovery Support Group.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 CHICKS be granted £898 towards providing respite breaks for Falmouth disadvantaged children.

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

RESOLVED that monies be vired from the Community Events Grants Budget to meet the agreed commitments above.

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

RESOLVED that the 2014/15 grant award to Falmouth Age UK Day Centre for new fencing at £1,000 be carried over into the 2015/16 financial year at the recipients request.

Councillor Gray now entered the meeting.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 the organisers of the Corbeau de Mers French Flotilla be granted £1,000 towards the visit to Falmouth to mark the 75th Anniversary of the French evacuation by sea during World War II.

The Grant schedule for 2014/15 was duly noted.

F4538 **RESIDENTS PRECEPT LETTER**

The 2015 residents precept information was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. The information was also to be included in the summer edition of Fathom the Residents Newsletter.

F4539 **THE ELECTRONIC SUMMONS**

The Local Government (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2015 had come into force and this was duly noted.

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

RESOLVED that the Council continues its practice of electronic summons to attend meetings and Members to continue to give individual consent and Standing Orders amended accordingly.

F4540 **LOCAL COUNCIL AWARDS SCHEME**

The Town Clerk reported that the successor scheme to the Quality Council scheme was now established and the Council's Quality status mark had fallen away. This was duly noted and that the Council does not accredit to the new scheme as it was not a current priority nor were there tangible benefits in doing so.

F4541 **AUTOMATIC PRECEPT REFERENDA**

The Town Clerk reported the Government's decision not to impose automatic precept referenda in 2015/16. This was welcomed by the Council and that efforts should continue to raise concerns about this power.

F4542 **FALMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION**

The Chair updated in regard to these initiatives. The Plan Co-ordinator had been appointed and first consultation work was well underway. Grant funding had been secured from Locality. This was duly noted and Councillors to be provided with the proposed consultation questionnaire in advance of issue.

F4543 **DRACAENA RECREATION AREA**

The site transfer was still scheduled for the 1st April 2015 however Cornwall Council had now requested the submission of a paper outlining the advantages and benefits of the local management proposal. This was duly noted.

F4544 **FORMER POST OFFICE BUILDINGS**

The Chair reported that survey and design work were progressed and members viewed the redevelopment proposals.

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

RESOLVED that the site development continues with Option 1 (exterior lift proposal) as preference. A Heritage Impact Assessment be commissioned and thereafter a planning application submitted.

Councillors S D Eva and Mrs V E Eva now left the meeting.

F4545 **PUBLIC REALM CCTV**

The Town Clerk and Councillor Mrs Brock provided an update.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the CCTV proposals move forward and the Council noted this may exceed current budgetary expectation
- (ii) the relay station proceeds to be situated in the Town Management Office at the Municipal Building
- (iii) the Shopwatch Link to the CCTV Control Room is seen as a fundamental requirement of the service.

F4546 **BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15**

Deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

F4547 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

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

F4548 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

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

F4549 **FORMER POST OFFICE BUILDINGS – PART II**

The Town Clerk reported in terms of lease and contractual matters.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the actions taken by the Town Clerk and Finance Officer in regards to lease matters be approved.

- (ii) Financial Regulations be amended so that significant matters concerning arrears and breaches of lease are reported to the Council prior to action.

F4550 **GROUNDS AND FACILITIES MANAGER**

The Chair, and Chairman of the Staffing Committee provided an update in this matter and it was noted that Mr Penna would commence employment on 16th March 2015.

There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed: Date: