

## **TOWN OF FALMOUTH**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.00p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: G F Evans(Chairman), AK Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, C H Choak, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, A J Jewell, Ms D E Merrett, D M O'Brien, Mrs M Ryan, Dr D A Sterratt and D W Saunby

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
R Gates (Town Manager)  
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)  
Ms C Chadwick (Falmouth & Penryn Community Network Manager)  
Sergeant G Watts (Falmouth Police)  
G Daniels (Superfast Cornwall)  
Messrs N Carpenter and R Wilcox (Chairman and Manager, Falmouth BID)  
J Bernard (Merchant Navy Association)  
Captain C Brown (Mayor's Chaplain)

#### C4053 **PRAYERS**

The Mayor conducted a minutes silence in remembrance of Reverend B Bennetts, Mayor's Chaplain.

Prayers were then conducted by Captain Brown the Mayor's newly appointed Chaplain.

#### C4054 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (Carrick Housing Meeting) and Mrs Hrydziuszka (medical appointment).

The Fire Brigade representative was unable to attend to present the Community Safety Report. Inspector Richards of Devon and Cornwall Police also gave his apologies.

#### C4055 **INTERESTS**

None received.

#### C4056 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

#### C4057 **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor presented Mr Bernard with a plaque to mark his retirement from and his efforts for the Merchant Navy Association. Mr Bernard expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Town Council.

The Mayor reported upon the arrangements for the St Nazaire 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and the Council agreed to continue to support this as reported and hoped the annual anniversary service would continue.

Further he reported the successful Civic Carol Service; the new seat in Market Street in memory of Brian Stewart; his visit to Kids in Museums on behalf of the Art Gallery; the personal delivery of Charter 350 books to Falmouth school children; Olympic Torch preparations; support for Falmouth Rugby Club grant application; request from the Lord Lieutenant to support Jubilee Beacons (the Mayor suggested Cornwall Councillors utilise their community chest budgets and the Beacon Centre were keen to assist); finally he reported upon a very successful Civic Service and commemoration of 60 years since accession for Queen Elizabeth II.

The Mayor's Chaplain now left the meeting.

C4058 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C4059 **SUPERFAST BROADBANC CORNWALL**

Guy Daniels Project Officer at Superfast Cornwall reported upon the rollout of fibre optic broadband provision for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. Superfast Cornwall was part of Cornwall Development Company and the total project cost was £137 million. By 2014 80% of the local population would have access to superfast broadband. He then reported upon deployment process and responded to Members questions.

Mr Daniels now left the meeting.

C4060 **FALMOUTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT(BID)**

Messrs Wilcox and Carpenter presented an update on the Falmouth BID scheme. They emphasised the strong partnership working with the Council and other community partners.

In regard to future work the BID would continue to support and communicate with over 400 local businesses and grow visitation to the town. Ventures to improve footfall included Falmouth Food and Drink Week, Visitor Hospitality Programme, Spring Festival, Arts Festival, Digital Marketing, lobbying and partnership. Although there was the lowest vacancy rate in the South West it was important to support the High Street.

Messrs Carpenter and Wilcox responded to Members questions. Members thanked them and BID for its efforts and they left the meeting.

C4061 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee  
dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Booth, seconded by Councillor Choak and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee  
dated 12 December 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was presented by Councillor Ms Merrett, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be approved.

The Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be approved.

The Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 was presented by Councillor Evans, who chaired the meeting of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 was presented by Councillor Mrs Ryan, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mrs Booth and

RESOLVED that the report of the committee dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 be approved.

It was noted that the Staffing Committee report of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 would be reported to the next meeting of the Council.

#### **C4062 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

Sergeant Watts presented the Community Police Report. He reported an overall drop in the percentage of crime reported. However there was an increase in shoplifting following a national trend and operations were under way to address that. There was a concerning rise in violent crime with injury. An increase in 37% saw 60 crimes. This was mostly related to the night-time economy. There had also been a spate of recent burglaries from commercial properties.

The Police operating model was still the model that was recently introduced and this was placing great stress on the Community Team. New appointments were: PC Vincent to Boslowick and Trescobeas with PCSO Blanning. PCSO McDonnell transfers to Penwerris (leaving one vacancy in Penwerris). PCSO Jukes to Arwenack (joining PC Hocking and PCSO Wood). PC Cummins retained in Penwerris and PC Keverne in Arwenack (as well as student liaison across the Town Wards).

Other town issues were anti-social behaviour with violence and some homelessness (with alcohol related issues). Low level anti-social behaviour at Gyllyngvase (that peaks in the summer) was to be addressed by a Street Watch Programme of civilian street patrols. This was the first project of its kind in the South West and a pilot for Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

Police cuts and night-time deployment issues had seen an increase of incidents on the Moor and the taxi rank. He advocated the Council support, by becoming the accountable body and providing financial assistance, towards a Taxi Marshall Scheme. The majority of funding was already in place.

He then responded to Members questions.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Biggins, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that in principle the Council supports the scheme and could act as accountable body the matter be fully considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Also in respect to possible funding.

Sergeant Watts now left the meeting.

C4063 **FIRE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

Report not available.

C4064 **COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Council duly noted the Localism Newsletter (Edition 19) and minutes of the Community Network Meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

Ms Chadwick reported upon the establishment of Youth Credit Unions at Penryn College and Falmouth School. There was also the Citizenship for Life Programme. A Community Interest Company proposal for the Prince of Wales Pier had already been presented to Members informally.

She reported on the Talk to Me Consultation for young people at the Dracaena Centre. She would circulate details of local Cornwall Councillors Community Chest spending.

The Community Network meeting at Falmouth had been well attended and discussed Code of Conduct, Localism Act and Olympic Torch. Further she had assisted the evacuation processes in Penryn following a chemical fire and continued to assist Town and Parish Councils with bid and grant applications. It was noted that the Town Council had not been represented by a Councillor at the Network Meetings.

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Mr Biggins and

RESOLVED that Councillor Jewell deputises for Councillor Chin-Quee in regard to attendance at meetings of the Community Network.

C4065 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillors Saunby and Evans updated the Council on matters within their Electoral Divisions.

Ms Chadwick now left the meeting.

C4066 **COMMITTEE REVIEW WORKING PARTY**

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

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Working Party held on 23rd January 2012 be approved except that the Media Policy be further considered by the Working Party and that the Town Clerk amend the Delegation and Contract threshold values in Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to reflect the desired practises of the Council.

It was recognised that the above decision was formal approval of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for operation by the Council (except the referred items above).

C4067 **CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS GROUP**

Further Councillor Cramp reported upon a meeting in regard to Car Parks Management with Bodmin Town Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Cramp, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins and

RESOLVED that Councillor Cramp's reports and the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be noted.

C4068 **CORNWALL IN BLOOM**

The minutes of the Cornwall in Bloom meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 was duly noted.

C4069 **FALMOUTH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP**

The minutes of the Falmouth Energy Partnership meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011 was duly noted.

C4070 **TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Town Manager presented the Town Management Report that as duly noted and forms part of these minutes. As was his updates regarding graffiti removal in Webber Street, chewing gum removal proposals and works to the South West Coastal Path.

C4071 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented his report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.  
Further :

New Archive and Record Office for Cornwall

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

RESOLVED that Cornwall Council be advised that Falmouth and in particular The Moor area as a centre for municipal and cultural activity should be considered as the site for a new home for the County archive and historic library collections.

2012 OFF STREET PARKING ORDER

It was proposed by Councillor Choak, seconded by Councillor Cramp and

RESOLVED that the Council supports the amendments to the Order to allow long stay parking provision at Church Street Car Park.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

Signed: ..... Date: .....