

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 26th March 2012 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Councillors G F Evans (Chairman), AK Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, G W Chin-Quee, C H Choak, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, Ms D E Merrett, D W Saunby and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R G Gates (Town Manager)
J Hick (Falmouth Tallships Association)

C4091 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Body (work), Mrs Booth (suspended), Mrs Hrydziuska (broken wrist), Jewell (medical operation) and O'Brien (work).

Prior to receiving apologies the Town Mayor led a minute silence in remembrance of former Mayor Mr Percy Lobb who had recently died.

C4092 INTERESTS

None received.

C4093 MARINE EVENTS INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr Hick reported that a request for additional pontoorage was not being presented as a funding opportunity had expired. He reported a need for additional wharf space to enable events such as Tallships and larger yachting events such as the Pendennis Cup. He outlined the significant economic benefits to the town. The 2008 Tallships event had attracted 70,000 visitors and contributed £7 million to the local economy. The next event was planned for 2014 and he requested support for that. Mr Hick then responded to questions.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council does not look to support additional pontoon provision at the current time
- (ii) the Council does financially support the 2014 Tallships events and sets aside appropriate budgetary provision in 2013/14 and 2014/15 operating budgets to facilitate this.

Mr Hick now left the meeting.

C4094 OLYMPIC TORCH – TOWN EVENTS

The Town Manager reported upon Olympic Torch events and preparation. He felt it was important to maximise the significant media interest. There were free community events proposed including Events Square and Kimberley Park. Marshalling arrangements needed to be addressed including the shop watch radio scheme and matched funding assistance towards town decoration. He responded to questions.

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

RESOLVED that £5,000 be vired from the Festival/Events Grant Budget and earmarked into 2012/13 financial year to assist and facilitate Olympic Torch activity. To be apportioned : £2,000 town decoration, £1,500 for facilitation of community events; £1,000 towards shop watch radios; and, £500 as a contingency sum to be directed by the Town Manager as appropriate.

C4095 **CHURCH STREET CAR PARK – SEATING SCHEME**

Councillor Cramp updated the Council of progress on the proposal that it had previously supported in principle. Cornwall Council had reacted positively and suggested a lease of the proposed seating area for public waterfront access. Councillor Cramp responded to questions and advised that Cornwall Council would shortly be remarking parking bays and the proposal would see the loss of twenty spaces.

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

RESOLVED that the Council supports the principle of leasing an area of Church Street Car Park to provide public seating and planting and that £10,000 be vired from the Car Park Management budget, and earmarked accordingly for 2012/13 budget, to help facilitate the scheme.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7.50p.m.

Signed: Date: