

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 16th April 2012 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:15pm.

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

In Attendance: Mr A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)

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F4119 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Mrs Booth (suspended), Mrs Hrydziuska (ill) and O'Brien (work).

F4120 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Mrs Davies declared an interest in respect of F4122 and the grant application from the Falmouth Stroke Club as she was President of the Club. She did not speak nor vote thereon.

F4121 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F4122 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Falmouth Stroke Club be granted £500 to facilitate its meetings in 2012/13.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, Young Generation be granted £200 to facilitate the production of Guys and Dolls in 2012.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Chin-Quee and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972, Fal River Festival be granted £500 towards the 2012 festival.

Letters of thanks for grant awards from Penryn Junior School (swimming pool) and Victim Support were duly noted.

The 2012/13 grant fund budget was duly noted.

F4123 **2011/12 FINANCIAL YEAR END**

The Finance Officer reported predicted year end out turn and recommended the creation of Earmarked Reserves for 2012/13.

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

RESOLVED that the reported predicted 2011/12 year out turn be duly noted and that Earmarked Reserves for 2012/13 be created as reported and as attached to these minutes.

F4124 **NOTICE OF ANNUAL AUDIT FOR YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2012**

The Town Clerk reported correspondence from the Audit Commission requiring that the 11th June 2012 be appointed as the date for interested parties to exercise their rights to view the Council's account, this was duly noted and the need to convene a Special Meeting of the Council to agree the 2012/12 annual return.

The publication of the advertisement of the 11th June 2012 appointed was also duly noted.

F4125 **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Investment Strategy for the Council for 2012/13 be approved and operated as attached as part of these minutes; and
- (ii) the Council invests in the Public Sector Deposit Fund which was consistent with the policy direction at (i) above and permitted immediate access to funds.

F4126 **CCTV**

The Town Clerk reported upon the successful operation of the scheme and to budget in 2011/12 by the stakeholders and that work to secure volunteer operatives was progressing well. The report was duly noted.

F4127 **KIMBERELEY PARK**

(i) **Catering Facility**

The Town Clerk reported that the current provider was unable to continue with the operation, he hoped the service could continue with another provider. The Kimberley Park Working Party would consider the matter.

(ii) Sheds

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the quotation for asbestos removal be agreed on the basis of it being a specialist services requirement
- (ii) quotations for roof replacement be sought and the Town Clerk delegated to approve these (if necessary) in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

F4128 **BUS SERVICES**

The correspondence from Cornwall Council and First Devon and Cornwall Ltd were duly noted and that a further response from First Devon and Cornwall Ltd was still awaited.

F4129 **THE CORNWALL COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER**

The correspondence from Cornwall Council was duly noted.

F4130 **TAXI MARSHALS**

The Town Clerk reported a successful and positive start to the scheme.

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

RESOLVED that the Council writes to Cornwall Council seeking a response to the request to consider a temporary taxi rank in Market Street or Church Street.

F4131 **REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

The Town Clerk reported that updated forms had now been received from all Councillors and had been forwarded to the Monitoring Officer as well as being available on the Council's website. This was duly noted.

F4132 **THE MOOR MARKET AGREEMENT**

The Town Clerk reported the receipt of expressions of interest for Market Management of the Thursday and Saturday Markets. The Moor Management Group had requested the formalisation of those interests, and this was awaited. The report was duly noted.

F4133 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) for February 2012 be approved.

F4134 **CLEANSING STANDARDS AND REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CHANGES (EXTRA ITEM)**

The Chairman agreed to take this as an urgent item so that current refuse and recycling collection issues could be addressed and that cleansing standards could be addressed prior to the summer season start and forthcoming town events.

The Town Clerk referred to the Town Manager's report regarding cleansing standards and the recommendations therein. The Chairman of the Staffing Committee advised that some of those matters had been considered by her Committee and should not return for consideration within six months.

Councillors Merrett and Jewell, the Council's Environmental Champions, raised the issues of refuse and recycling collection changes which had been poorly implemented by Cornwall Council. Councillor Saunby advised that these were issues caused by the contractor.

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council does not direct additional resources to improvements to cleansing standards in Falmouth
- (ii) the Council writes to Cornwall Council expressing its concerns and disappointment at the implementation of the new operation of the recycling and refuse collection changes.

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

Signed.....

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