

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 at 7.00p.m.

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
R Gates (Town Manager)  
Ms C Chadwick (Cornwall Council Community Network Manager)  
M Philpott (Community Support Training Officer, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service)  
B Goddard (Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service)  
Inspector M Richards (Devon and Cornwall Police)  
Captain Sansom and P Fish (Falmouth Harbour Commissioners)  
R Wilcox and R Thomas (Falmouth BID)  
Captain C Brown (Mayor's Chaplain)

### **C4157 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Mrs Hrydziuska (ill).

### **C4158 INTERESTS**

None received.

### **C4159 MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### **C4160 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported upon Civic attendances including Remembrance Services, Urbanism Awards, Allotments, Christmas Lights/Parade, Falmouth Gig Club event and RNLI Carol Service.

### **C4161 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

### **C4162 PHOENIX PROJECT**

Mr Philpott apprised the Council of the work of the Phoenix Project since its inception in 2002 and how it had evolved in that time. He thanked the Council and the Mayor for supporting the project. It was only the second such project nationally when it was established by the Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service as an engagement tool to assist people to make positive changes. School courses remained the backbone of the project but also operated as inter-generational referrals and had successfully applied for over £1million in funding, and received many awards and recognition of its success.

The Town Mayor presented Mr Philpott on behalf of the Phoenix Project a Council plaque recognising the ten year anniversary of the worthy community initiative.

**C4163 FALMOUTH BAY : DREDGING**

Mr Fish, Deputy Chairman of the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners and Captain Sansom, Harbour Master, updated the Council in regard to the trial dredge of Falmouth Bay. The Statutory Harbour Authority had been formed in 1870 to manage the Harbour and ensured the ongoing viability of the Port as well as engage with the local community. A deepwater channel remained essential for the future of the Port and related Falmouth employment. Therefore the Commissioners undertook to obtain a licence, a protracted process. The Port of Falmouth Development Initiative was trying to deliver the Port Master Plan (adopted by Cornwall Council in 2010). The Penryn River Study was a related study. The dead maerl habitat had been raised as an environmental concern and therefore a trial dredge for assessment was agreed. Although very challenging technically the trial had gone well. This was being independently assessed. They then responded to members questions and it was established that only a small part of the dead maerl habitat was the issue and the Port had been regularly dredged up until the 1960s.

The Council reiterated its support for dredging and the Port Master Plan and Mr Fish and Captain Sansom left the meeting.

**C4164 FALMOUTH BID : SIGNAGE PROPOSALS**

Mr Thomas, BID Director and Mr Wilcox, BID Manager reported upon signage and interpretation proposals to comprehensively rationalise signage throughout the town. This was financially supported by the Council. Signage would include story-telling aspects and encourage exploration of the town, direction from the Docks to Town, and at focal points. The project could be built on and extended in the future as appropriate. In response to questions it was established that signage would be to Highway Authority standards in terms of robustness and suitable for local climatic conditions. Signage would be compliant with Disability Discrimination Act requirements.

The Council reiterated its support for the proposal and Messrs Thomas and Wilcox left the meeting.

**C4165 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Richards reported ongoing force wide cuts. In terms of Falmouth policing there had seen an overall crime rate reduction of 4%. House burglary down 29%. Commercial burglary down 6%. Marine crime had seen a large increase and the Police were teaming up with partners to address that. Assault rates were down by 14%, this reduction in violent crime had been assisted by town safety initiatives and he thanked the Council for its support with those : Taxi Marshals was running well and he hoped funding would continue, the Safer Spaces Scheme had also made a positive impact. Street Watch was also going well.

Regarding force reorganisation it was hoped to provide a more tailored service that was locally accountable in 2013. In January 2013 Truro and Falmouth would be split and Falmouth would be aligned with Helston, and have a new Inspector. He thanked the Council for its support of his role, and responded to questions. The Town Mayor thanked Inspector Richards for his support of community policing and wished him well on behalf of the Council for his continuing role in Truro.

**C4166 COMMUNITY FIRE AND SAFETY REPORT**

Firefighter Goddard presented the report that is attached as part of these minutes and was duly noted by the Council. He responded to questions in respect of false alarm procedures and mine flooding measures and then left the meeting.

**C4167 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mrs Chadwick presented her report that is attached as part of these minutes and was duly noted by the Council. She invited Councillors to attend the next Panel meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 that was looking to reinvigorate Community Network Panels. Further she notified Alcohol Awareness Sessions and a Dementia Friendly pilot in Falmouth. Ms Chadwick then left the meeting.

Councillor Chin-Quee now left the meeting.

**C4168 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Gyllyngvase Electoral Division: Councillor Evans updated the Council on his grants spending and a permanent Tree Preservation Order creation at Swanpool.

Arwenack, Boslowick, Penwerris and Trescobeas Electoral Divisions : No reports received.

**C4169 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be approved subject to the inclusion of the following resolution under Minute F4213 :

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

RESOLVED that if necessary unspent monies in Event Grants budget for 2012/13 be vired to the Community Grants budget for 2012/13 to assist the delivery of Community grants.

The Planning Committee report dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 was presented by Councillor Ms Merrett, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 was presented by Councillor Mrs Biggins, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be approved.

The Chairman reported that pursuant to Minute S546 Mrs Davis had been appointed to provide maternity cover for the Interpretation Officer.

The Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee report dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 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 26th November 2012 be approved.

C4170 **KIMBERLEY PARK WORKING PARTY**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be approved (attached as part of these minutes).

C4171 **SKATEPARK WORKING PARTY**

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 were duly noted.

C4172 **TRESCOBEAS RECREATIONAL AREA WORKING PARTY**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be approved (attached as part of these minutes).

C4173 **COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL**

The minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were duly noted.

C4174 **TAXI (CARRICK ZONE) AND PRIVATE HIRE FORUM**

The minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were duly noted.

C4175 **MARITIME LINE FORUM**

The minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were duly noted.

C4176 **STREET PASTORS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th June 2012 were duly noted.

C4177 **CORNWALL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were duly noted.

C4178 **SEALING OF DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS**

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

RESOLVED that the official seal of the Council is affixed to the Interim Catering Arrangements at Kimberley Park Agreement and duly signed.

C4179 **COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT CALL 2013/14**

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee reported the recommendation of the Committee (pursuant to Minute F4223) in regard to Council budget for 2013/14. The Town Clerk reported that clarification regarding tax base and referenda requirements was still awaited and consideration of precept setting could be deferred for that, further the use of reserves to offset 2013/14 expenditure was not best practice.

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

RESOLVED that the Council's budget for 2013/14 be approved as attached as part of these minutes and that a precept call of £979,468 (a 0% increase on 2012/13 precept) be made to Cornwall Council.

C4180 **TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Town Manager presented the Town Management Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

The Council congratulated the Town Manager for his efforts in regard to Christmas lights and events provision.

C4181 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

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

RESOLVED that the Environmental Champions Councillors Ms Merrett and Jewell meet with the Town Clerk and Town Manager to consider the application of the Seagull Proof Sack Initiative.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.55p.m.

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