

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 4th February 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R Gates (Town Manager)
Ms C Chadwick (Cornwall Council Community Network Manager)
Inspector S Lenney & Sergeant G Watts (Devon and Cornwall Police)
Captain C Brown (Mayor's Chaplain)

C4185 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Mrs Hrydziuszka (ill) and Sterratt (ill).

C4186 INTERESTS

None received.

C4187 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3rd December 2012 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on the 7th January 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4188 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon Civic attendances including Carol Services, Earles Retreat event, Port Pendennis Apprentice Awards, the Charity Santa Run, Kids in Museum and Cornish Heroes events for the Art Gallery, the Sea Cadets Awards and the opening of the new Squash Courts on Western Terrace.

Further he reported an update on the Falmouth Classics event and a sponsorship request.

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

RESOLVED that the Council financially supports the 2013 Falmouth Classics Regatta and that the Regatta Committee make a request to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Further he reported that the St Nazaire Raid Remembrance Event would be held again in March 2013. He requested that the Council supports this event.

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

RESOLVED that the Council provides administrative support in arranging the St Nazaire event and financial support of up to £500 for the Civic reception and for the cost of the parade band and public address system.

C4189 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C4190 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

The Town Mayor introduced the new Police Sector Inspector Lenney to the Council.

Sergeant Watts presented the Police Community Report and updated on the Sector changes. Falmouth was now connected to Helston and divorced from Truro. There had also been changes to the Neighbourhood Team and he responded to questions thereon. Crime figures were good with reductions in many areas including a 37% reduction in violent crime and a reduction in shoplifting. Detection rates were good in comparison to the rest of the country.

In regard to traffic enforcement he advised that prosecutions of those ignoring cycling restrictions in the retail areas were undertaken. Better repeater signs would assist this.

In regard to community initiatives Street Watch would shortly be relaunched and extended. Safe Space was very effective, it had had a fairly quiet Christmas period and yet had already saved the public purse £1,700. The Council supported Taxi Marshal Scheme had been hugely effective yet promised contributions had not been received. The Town Clerk reminded the Council that the Council administered the scheme and if extended then any shortfall would fall to the public purse. Councillor Evans advised he would allocate some funds to the scheme.

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

RESOLVED that the Council support the continuation of the worthy service to the end of the financial year and the Finance and General Purposes Committee be requested to source a virement to achieve this. Further the scheme be reviewed for 2013/14 financial year to establish the service's ongoing viability.

C4191 **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.

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

RESOLVED that a Citizenship for Life 2012 presentation be made to the next meeting of the Council.

Further she responded to questions that the Friends of Prince of Wales Pier was a separate initiative to the Falmouth First Community Interest Company. The CIC was now legally incorporated, she provided details thereon, and invited Councillors to attend the Steering Group meeting on 6th February 2013 chaired by Councillor Ayres. The Town Clerk reported that the Town Manager was not engaged by the CIC in anyway.

Councillor Chin-Quee now left the meeting.

C4192 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Gyllyngvase Electoral Division: Councillor Evans provided a grant update and reported upon various highways matters.

Trescobeas Electoral Division: Councillor Saunby reported that he had attended a night-time economy visit with the Police, and commended the excellent Safe Space and Taxi Marshal initiatives. He had provided a grit bin at Ashfield, trees had been felled at Arundel Gardens and he provided a grant update.

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

C4193 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 7th January 2013 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 7th January 2013 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 21st January 2013 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 21st January 2013 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 3rd December 2012 was presented by Councillor Ms Merrett, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 3rd December 2012 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 14th January 2013 was presented by Councillor Ms Merrett, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 14th January 2013 be approved.

C4194 TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22nd November 2012, including Councillor Cramp's Article 4 Report, were duly noted.

C4195 TOWN FORUM

The minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 9th January 2013 were duly noted.

C4196 STREET PASTORS

The minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 23rd January 2013 were duly noted.

C4197 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

In response to questions he advised that works to the planting scheme in Bells Court was underway and provided an update on Church Street Car Park remedial measures.

C4198 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

(1) Festival Fund

The Town Clerk reported a need for additional bunting for Town dressing and recommended that an underspend in the festival fund be utilised.

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

RESOLVED that £1,620 be vired from the festival fund to purchase 2,000 metres of bunting for Town dressing.

(2) Precept 2013/14

Further to this protracted matter the Town Clerk reported that decisions by Cornwall Council had affected the local tax base thereby increasing the tax demand for local residents despite a 0% increase in precept request by the Town Council. However Cornwall Council had provided a mitigation grant of £133,140.08. He recommended that this be used to reduce the precept call so as the precept would have a 0% increase on the Falmouth charge-payer as intended.

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

RESOLVED that the Council makes a precept call of £847,607 for 2013/14 and utilise that and the mitigation grant from Cornwall Council to provide services in the agreed 2013/14 budget pursuant to Minute C4179.

(3) Falmouth BID Signage Project

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

RESOLVED that the Council approves the Falmouth BID Signage Project public realm works as permitted development.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Signed: Date: