

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 15th April 2013 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7:00pm.

Present: Councillors Dr DA Sterratt (Chairman), AK Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, G F Evans CC, A J Jewell, Ms D E Merrett and Mrs M Ryan

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

F4266 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (work), and O'Brien (ill).

The Chairman noted that this was his last meeting as Chairman and he would not be re-standing for election, he thanked Council Officers and Councillors for their support and friendship. The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Sterratt for his efforts as a Councillor and as Chairman of the Committee.

F4267 **INTERESTS**

None received

F4268 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F4269 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 133 of the Local Government Act, 1972 Anchor Day Care be awarded £200 to provide a sensory garden.

Letters of thanks for grant awards from Young Generation (£200) and Falmouth Recovery Support CIC (£350) were duly noted.

F4270 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The Town Clerk reported the response from Cornwall Council in this matter who advised that the café operators etc had been unsuccessful in securing a cleaning operator, hence the need to introduce charging and seasonal opening measures as reported. This was duly noted.

F4271 **MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND WEBBER STREET TOILETS**

The Town Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had now advised that the freehold transfer of the Municipal Buildings and Webber Street Toilets site could be progressed.

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

RESOLVED that the freehold transfer of the
Municipal Buildings and Webber Street Toilets
to the Town Council be progressed.

F4272 **CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

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

RESOLVED that it be established the costs of
running the Falmouth Citizens Advice Bureau,
why Town Council Grants had not been taken
up and what precise assistance was required
from the Town Council and pending those
responses the matter be considered again
by the new Council.

F4273 **YEAR END 2012-13 AND AUDIT**

It was duly noted that Grant Thornton UK LLP had been appointed as the Council's External Auditor and that the deadline for approval of the Annual Return would be 30th June 2013. The Council would formally approve it on 3rd June 2013. Further it was noted that the formal advertisement had been actioned and that Internal Audit was underway.

F4274 **KIMBERLEY PARK**

It was duly noted and approved that electricity supply had been rationalised and work was underway regarding improvements to the Lodge Garden and hedge and that quotes for staging were awaited. Temporary staging would be erected to facilitate events prior to that time.

F4275 **CREDIT INTEREST RATES**

It was duly noted and approved that the Council's Bank had advised that the interest rate payable as the Council's Bank account would reduce to 0.1% from 3rd June 2013 also that an additional £50,000 had been deposited in the Public Sector Deposit Fund.

F4276 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE**

It was duly noted and approved that the Council had contracted Zurich Municipal for a three year term policy from 1st April 2013 as the most cost effective provider.

F4277 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash
Schedules (attached) for February and March
2013 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....