

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Ms C Atherton CC (Chairman), Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, G W Chin- Quee BEM, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, S Gray, A J Jewell CC, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs P A Minson, B M A Ross and D W Saunby CC

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

### F4310 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Body (family commitments), and Evans (ill).

### F4311 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Gray declared a disclosable interest in respect of Minute F4319 as he operated Castle Beach Café adjoining the site of public conveniences.

Councillor Mrs V E Eva declared a non-disclosable interest and left the meeting in respect of Minute F4313 as she was a work colleague of the grant applicants matter.

### F4312 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Jewell and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

### F4313 **GRANTS**

It was proposed by Councillor Chin- Quee, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, the 1972 Stay Strong :) Anti- Bullying Awareness Campaign be granted £500 to support the annual running costs of the campaign.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972, Pendennis Brass be granted £500 to assist the costs of the Bands travel to Cheltenham to compete in the National finals.

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

RESOLVED that the annual grant to the with Royal Naval Association for Sea Sunday a slight increase to £1086.54 in total caused by the costs of bottled water for veterans in the Sea Sunday Parade be approved.

To 2013/14 Grant Schedule to date was duly noted.

F4314 **EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The delay of the Council's Audit response due to technical issues regarding the treatment of charities and the Councillor roles as trustees was duly noted.

F4315 **CORNWALL COUNCIL BUDGET**

The Chairman reported substantial and unpalatable cuts to services were proposed by Cornwall Council. The Town Council would need to consider whether it could provide a local solution in some of those instances.

Further Cornwall Council would hold a local budget consultation event at Mabe on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013. The Town and Parish Summit was scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013 at Kingsley Village.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted and:

- (i) the Finance Sub-committee consider areas where the Town Council could better provide services locally.
- (ii) the Town Clerk be delegated in consultation with the Committee Chair to request Cornwall Council to hold a local budget consultation event in Falmouth.

F4316 **SPONSORSHIP OF HIGHWAY ROUNDABOUTS**

Cornwall Council had revisited the maintenance standards of Highway Roundabouts which were now unsustainable in terms of cost. A Sponsorship Policy would hopefully assist maintaining current standards for roundabouts, particularly where they were situated at important gateway sites for Towns and Villages. The Policy gave first opportunity of sponsorship to Town and Parish Councils.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that the Council agrees in principle to sponsor the highway roundabout maintenance for identified important gateway sites to Falmouth and that the Finance Sub-committee consider the matter fully.

F4317 **CORNWALL COUNCIL AGENCY AGREEMENT 2013/14**

Cornwall Council had increased payment by 2% and therefore the new rate of Weed Treatment Agency Agreement was £160.61. Giving the Council £11801.14 to undertake the work for 73.477 kilometres of highway the report was duly noted.

F4318 **CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION**

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk, be delegated to assist the Cornwall Association of Local Councils in making a sector response to Cornwall Council in regard to the consultation.

F4319 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES- FALMOUTH**

The Chairman reported upon the meeting with Cornwall Council where the transfer of toilets was discussed.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Davies and

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Town Clerk in consultation with the Committee Chair write to the Portfolio Holder at Cornwall Council advising that the Town Council would engage with Cornwall Council to establish the best method of local management of public conveniences from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and;
- (ii) the Committee Chair and Vice- Chair continue to meet with Cornwall Council to progress this matter.

F4320 **MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

The Town Clerk reported an update regarding transfer of the Municipal Buildings to the Town Council this was duly noted.

F4321 **BUDGET FORECASTING**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Brock, seconded by Councillor Gray and

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the budget forecasting report attached as part of these minutes be duly noted.
- (ii) the Finance Officer considers cheaper and more sustainable options for paper/ stationary use by the Council.

F4322 **COUNCILLOR EMAILS AND COUNCIL BRANDING**

Councillors Mrs Brock and Ross reported that this had been delayed whilst they revisited the Council's Branding.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Minson, seconded by Councillor Mrs Davies and

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs Brock and Ross in consultation with the Town Clerk and Town Manager revisits the Councils Branding and the Council's Aims and Objectives/ Mission Statement.

F4323 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) July and August 2013 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Signed.....

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