

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 16th December 2013 at 7 p.m.

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R G Gates (Town Manager)
Miss C Hayman (Events Support Assistant)
Inspector Lenney (Devon and Cornwall Police)
M James (Community Network Manager, Cornwall Council)
K Brader (Senior Environmental Health Officer, Cornwall Council)
PSCO E Gray (Falmouth Police)
Cadets T Gilbert and J Devereux (Falmouth Police Cadets)

C4306 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor Gray (holiday).

C4307 **INTERESTS**

None received.

C4308 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Body seconded by Councillor Ms Atherton and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 4th November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Subject to the deletion of Councillor Jewell from the list of attendees.

C4309 **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor updated the Council on civic attendances including Remembrance Day and Christmas events.

Further he reported a request to formally mark the site of the former Falmouth Sailors Home and Hospital at Bank Place. The Council agreed that the Mayor assists the request.

Also he introduced Miss Hayman the Council's recently appointed Events Support Assistant.

C4310 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C4311 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT INCLUDING PRESENTATION BY THE FALMOUTH POLICE CADETS**

Inspector Lenney reported that Falmouth was the best performing Police area in the West Country with an 11.4% reduction in crime on the previous year in Falmouth/ Helston (a 15.2% reduction for Falmouth) and an increase in the brought to justice rate from 25% to 34.5%.

Further he reported the launch of a new trial system at Falmouth Police Station whereby crimes would be held by the station rather than individual officer allocations to provide faster responses given a reduction in officer numbers.

The Council congratulated Inspector Lenney and his officers and he responded to questions in regard to National Crime Recording statistics and methods, system reviews and the 101 telephone number operation.

PSCO Grey and Cadets Gilbert and Devereux presented to the Council in regard to Youth Engagement and the 'Cop Car' Project which received regional and national award success. They thanked the Council and those individual Councillors that had supported the project and responded to Councillors questions. There were currently 16 Cadets in Falmouth, expanding to 22 in 2014.

(Cadets Gilbert and Devereux now left the meeting).

C4312 **COMMUNITY NETWORK**

(1) Community Network Manager's Report

The Community Network Manager presented his report that was duly noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Jewell and seconded by Councillor Mrs Minson and

RESOLVED that the Council appoints
Councillor Ms Merrett to represent it
(with Councillor S D Eva) on the
Community Network Panel.

(2) Presentation by Senior Environmental Officer

Mr Brader updated the Council in the work of the Community Protection Team, he covered Falmouth/ Truro/ Newquay area and this was in regard to Dog Issues, Enviro-Crime and noise nuisance/ licensing matters. He advised on enforcement matters and resources, and responded to members thereon. It was recognised that different working methods would be employed to deal with current issues such as late night noise and officers were encouraged to make proactive visits. He was also working closely with Falmouth and Exeter Universities and he would look to provide an enhanced service at particular times when problems could be expected.

(Councillors S E Eva and Mrs V E Eva left the meeting during the above matter. Mr Brader now left the meeting)

C4313 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Arwenack

Councillor Evans advised that he had undertaken planning training and reported issues with the lights installation at Fox Rosehill Gardens.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported that planning applications in regard to Penmere Manor Hotel and Pennance Mill Cottage had been called-in and refused by Cornwall Council. He was also working with the tenants at Swanpool Beach to develop a community play area.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton advised that Cornwall Council continued to make service cuts. She had attended a good meeting regarding Article 4 (HMO restriction) and an up to date locals survey would be undertaken.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported that he was seeking to encourage the provision of a late night bus service trial by the operator and utilise buses returning to depot.

C4314 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 2nd December 2013 was presented by Councillor Ms Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 2nd December 2013 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 4th November 2013 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th November 2013 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 25th November 2013 was presented by Councillor Chappel, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 25th November 2013 be approved.

The Licensing Sub-Committee report dated 18th November 2013 was presented by Councillor Mrs Brock, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Sub-Committee dated 18th November 2013 be approved.

The Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee report dated 25th November 2013 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee report dated 25th November 2013 be approved.

The Joint Meeting of the Planning Committee and the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee reported dated 18th November 2013 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman for that meeting.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Joint Meeting of the Planning Committee and

the Strategic Planning and Regeneration
Committee dated 18th November
2013 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 4th November 2013 was presented by
Councillor Body, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the
Staffing Committee dated 4th
November 2013 be approved.

C4315 KIMBERLEY PARK WORKING PARTY

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Working
Party held on 18th November 2013 be
approved.

C4316 COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT CALL 2014/15

The Council considered the draft budget recommendation of the Finance
and General Purposes Committee. The Town Clerk advised that since the
formulation of that recommendation Cornwall Council had advised that
the Council Tax Grant had been reduced by £13,000.

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee advised
that the budget had been carefully formulated to suit the community and
provided essential services she therefore commended the recommendation
to the Council incorporating the Council Tax Support Grant shortfall.

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

RESOLVED that the Council's budget for
2014/15 be approved and that a precept call of
£1,044,827 (an increase of £27.40 per annum
on a Band D property from 2013/14) be made
to Cornwall Council.

C4317 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C4318 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 Jewell, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

RESOLVED that the Council supports the
re-establishment of the Falmouth Transport
Infrastructure Group and that Councillor
Saunby chairs the group.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed: Date: