

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 20th January 2014 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Ms C Atherton CC (Chair), I J Body, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, Mrs V E Eva, G F Evans CC, 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: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)
Ms V Ferguson, M Rogers and H Roberts (Grant applicants)

F4364 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin- Quee (ill) and S D Eva (work).

F4365 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Cramp declared a non-disclosable interest in Minute F4367 (Falmouth Classics Grant Request) as he may become a competitor in the 2014 Falmouth Classics event. He left the meeting during the consideration of that item.

F4366 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the Council budget attachment to the minutes had been updated by the decisions at the Council meeting on 16th December 2013 (Minute C4316).

F4367 **GRANTS**

Ms Ferguson (St. Piran's Day), Mr Rogers (Source FM- Parklive) and Mr Roberts (Falmouth Classics) answered questions in respect of their grant requests.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the St. Piran's Day Parade- Falmouth (2014) granted £175 to provide a children's storyteller.

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

RESOLVED that consideration of the grant request by Specsavers Falmouth for a community defibrillator be deferred for them to attend to answer members questions in respect of the request including location and accessibility of the equipment.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs V E Eva, seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Falmouth and Penryn Community Radio Source FM be granted £2,500 for the Parklive 2014 Events.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Falmouth Classics Association be granted £1500 for the 2014 Falmouth Classics Event, which includes £398 vired from the Community Grant Budget.

A MOTION from Councillor Mrs Minson that consideration be deferred to establish if the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners would support the event was not seconded.

It was duly noted that the small grants policy would be amended from 1st April 2014 and that the grant schedule for 2013/14 was duly noted.

F4368 **PRECEPT CALL AND BUDGET**

The Chairman reported that the Government had still to make an announcement in regard to extending Referendum Principles to Town and Parish Councils, the Council had therefore been frustrated and unable to notify its precept call for 2014/15.

Further the Town Clerk reported the receipt of Cemetery Tree Reports that included works that had yet to be costed.

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

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Council makes representations to the Department of Communities and Local Government strongly opposing the extension of the Referendum Principles to Town and Parish Councils, particularly in the context of local delivery of services the subject of austerity cuts by Principal Authorities, and the Local Member of Parliament be requested to support that representation;
- (ii) Cemetery Tree Works be undertaken in 2014/15.

F4369 **FEES AND CHARGES**

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the scale of fees and charges for 2014/15 as attached to these minutes be operated from 1st April 2014.
- (ii) the Council comprehensively reviews its

scales of fees, and terms and conditions,
for Falmouth Cemetery during 2014/15.

F4370 **PUBLIC REALM CCTV**

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

RESOLVED that the Council endorses the letter of intent sent to Cornwall Council for the Town Council to operate public realm CCTV provision from 1st April 2014 subject to budget, contract and other matters and that recent lightning strike repair and replacement works be future proofed to serve this aspiration.

Further, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brock and

RESOLVED that separate cost neutral arrangements be made for the Beacon School and Gyllyngvase Beach cameras outside of the transfer arrangements.

F4371 **TAXI MARSHALL SCHEME**

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

RESOLVED that as further income for the initiative had not been forthcoming that the service of notice on the contractor be noted and endorsed and that the service would cease of 6th February 2014.

Further it was proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that the Council does not fund the continuation of the service until 31st March 2014 at a cost of £2526.

Councillor Ms Merrett requested that her name be recorded as having voted against the above resolution.

F4372 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME**

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

RESOLVED that the triennial valuation be noted and that new contribution rates and the annual deficit contribution employers rate to the scheme be agreed.

F4373 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

(i) Winter Opening

The Chairman reported that stakeholders were keen to engage with the Council regarding winter operation.

(ii) Cleansing

Given the delays with budget approval then arrangements for cleansing had not been actioned and it may be contract considerations could not be actioned until post transfer.

(iii) Transfers

Lease negotiations were ongoing and it was hoped that the Gyllyngvase Toilets could be rationalised with a sub-lease to assist the Gyllyngvase Surf Life Saving Club with storage space.

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

RESOLVED that the reports be noted and the Council undertakes survey work and looks to rationalise toilet provision and sub-lease the Gyllyngvase Toilets to accommodate the storage needs of the Gyllyngvase Surf Life Saving Club.

F4374 **MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

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

RESOLVED that the transfer date of 1st April 2014 be noted and that the Council undertakes a Building survey Report at a cost of £1750.

F4375 **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

(i) Cheque Payment

The proposed changes to remove the requirement for two cheque signatories and better enabling electronic banking was welcomed and noted.

(ii) Bank Mandate

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

RESOLVED that a new bank mandate be prepared and operated, all Committee Chairs and Vice- chairs to be official signatories (with the Chair and Vice- chair of the Licensing Sub- Committee).

F4376 **WEED SPRAYING**

The Council noted with disappointment the decision of Cornwall Council not to fund the Service Level Agreement for Weed Spraying in 2014/15. The Town Council to further consider any measures it could take to mitigate the lack of weed control in Falmouth.

F4377 **COMMONS ACT 2006- BOSVALE FALMOUTH**

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

RESOLVED that the Council recognises that Bosvale Field had been well used as an area of public resort for at least twenty years and supports the application to register it as a town or village green.

F4378 **IT UPDATE**

The Finance Officer reported further to the previous request of the Committee. The report forms part of these minutes.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the Council maintains the status quo in respect of its IT provision arrangements including the retention of Objective IT services.

F4379 **FALMOUTH AND EXETER UNIVERSITIES**

The Chairman reported upon her meeting that had considered the matter of universities aspiration and growth, student behaviour and housing issues. The report was duly noted.

F4380 **SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM**

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

RESOLVED that the Council enters the 2014 South West in Bloom competition and that Councillor Ms Atherton joins Councillors Mrs Davies and Gray as the Council's In Bloom Champions.

F4381 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules (attached) November and December 2013 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.....

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