

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 3rd February 2014 at 7.10 p.m.

Present: Councillors G F Evans CC (Chairman), Ms C Atherton CC, I J Body, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva (to point mentioned), 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)
R J Gates (Town Manager)
Inspector Lenney (Devon and Cornwall Police)
Ms E and P Lochrie (Swanpool Beach Ltd)
Captain C Brown (Mayor's Chaplain)

C4319 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (work), Cramp (ill) and Mrs V E Eva (family illness).

Firefighter Goddard (Falmouth Fire Station) and Mr James (Cornwall Council Community Network Manager) were both unavailable due to operational matters.

C4320 INTERESTS

None received.

C4321 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 16th December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on the 16th December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4322 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor updated the Council on civic attendances.

C4323 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4324 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Lenney reported that the Falmouth and Helston sector was still the best performing in terms of crime reduction. Detection rates were also substantially improved due to new working practices. Further force cuts would effect policing and his team would need to develop ways to work more effectively. The report was duly noted and he responded to members questions.

He was also disappointed at the cessation of the Taxi Marshall Service and welcomed the report of the Town Clerk that the service would be continued for another month. He hoped a sustainable model for its long-term contribution could be found.

The Town Mayor agreed to take this item earlier on the agenda to allow Inspector Lenney to depart given the severe weather. Inspector Lenney now left the meeting.

Further, it was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Brock and

RESOLVED that the Council formally writes to the emergency services and Cornwall Council and its contractor Cormac thanking them and recognising their efforts in dealing with the recent severe weather issues.

C4325 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town Manager presented the Town Management Report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. He responded to members questions thereon.

The Town Mayor agreed to take this item earlier on the agenda to allow the Town Manager to depart given the severe weather. Mr Gates now left the meeting.

C4326 SWANPOOL ADVENTURE PLAYAREA

Miss E Lochrie and Mr P Lochrie of Swanpool Beach Ltd presented a proposal to create a children's adventure play area at Swanpool. They wished to enhance the interpretation of the Nature Reserve and saw the proposal as integral to that as well as tidying up a currently overgrown and scruffy part of the car park area. The proposal would seek external funding and ongoing maintenance and enhancements would be undertaken by their company. The recent Cornwall Council Open Spaces Study identified a 40% lower than average level of children's play in Falmouth, which this would address.

All ages up to 14 would be provided for, free to use and open all year. Falmouth Bay Residents Association and Cornwall Council Planning Service were broadly supportive (knotweed and flooding concerns needed to be addressed). There was overwhelming local communities support. They responded to members questions.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council supports the principle of the children's adventure play area at Swanpool Car Park, that would serve the local need for play and sympathetically enhance the appearance of the site and create greater interpretation and family use of the Nature Reserve.

Miss Lochrie and Mr Lochrie and Councillor S D Eva now left the meeting.

C4327 COMMUNITY FIRE AND SAFETY REPORT

Consideration of this report was deferred as Firefighter Goddard was unavailable due to operational matters.

C4328 **COMMUNITY NETWORK**

The Community Network Manager's Report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C4329 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported that he served the County Transport and Waste Committee and that the Maritime Line (Truro- Falmouth branch rail service) had been recognised as the best in the UK for improvements and service. Improved rolling stock was planned for the future subject to mainline electrification improvements. His community chest funding had now all been allocated (WWI Commemorative bench, memorial bench at Trescobeas, Fire and Police Youth Service Cop Car Project).

In response to questions he was disappointed First Buses had not responded to his suggestion regarding additional late night passenger service improvements.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton advised that all five Falmouth Electoral Division Members had worked together in terms of the Cornwall Council Local Plan consideration. The total County new housing number had been set at 47,500 for the Plan period, however the Falmouth/ Penryn allocation had been reduced to 2,800. She had also met with Falmouth and Exeter Universities and they were working to accommodate additional student housing development on their land. Meetings regarding housing in multiple occupation Article 4 matters were ongoing.

Her community chest monies had funded reusable seagull proof refuse sacks for her Electoral Division.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell advised that the large planning application at Bickland Water Road would be considered by Cornwall Council. He was supporting the Village Green application at Bosvale. His community chest funding had supported Pendennis Brass, Falmouth Surf Life Saving Club, Swanvale Picnic table and Fal 4X Track.

Arwenack

Councillor Evans reiterated that the five Falmouth Electoral Division members worked as a team. The Premier Inn planning application at Discovery Quay had been rejected. His community chest funds had supported Falmouth Dementia Friendly, Samaritans and Youth Mentoring.

C4330 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee Report dated 6th January 2014 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 6^h January 2014 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 20th January 2014 was presented by Councillor Ms Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee

dated 20th January 2014 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 16th December 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 16th December 2013 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 13th January 2014 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 13th January 2014 be approved.

The Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee report dated 13th January 2014 was presented by Councillor Jewell, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Committee report dated 13th January 2014 be approved.

The Licensing Sub-Committee report dated 13th January 2013 was presented by Councillor Mrs Brock, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Sub-Committee dated 13th January 2014 be approved.

The Licensing Sub-Committee report dated 20th January 2013 was presented by Councillor Mrs Brock, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Sub-Committee dated 20th January 2014 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 16th December 2013 was presented by Councillor Body, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Staffing Committee dated 16th December 2013 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 20th January 2014 was presented by Councillor Body, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the
Staffing Committee dated 20th
January 2014 be approved.

C4331 **CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS- LARGER
LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25th September 2013 were duly noted.

C4332 **THE MOOR PIAZZA STAKEHOLDERS GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 19th December 2013 were duly noted.

C4333 **WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE**

Councillor Saunby updated the Council on the work of the Committee from its meeting on 21st January 2014. The report was duly noted.

C4334 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

CCTV

The Town Clerk reported a stakeholders suggestion to reduce Monday evening monitoring. Falmouth Police felt the service should be retained.

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

RESOLVED that if budgets permitted
then Monday evening monitoring of
public realm CCTV in Falmouth be
retained to assist the policing of the
night-time economy.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed: Date: