

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.15 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, S Gray, 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)  
Watch Manager Addinall (Falmouth Fire Station)  
G Greaves (Merlin Cinemas)  
J James, S Brett and Ms J Cooper (Cornwall Council)  
Captain C Brown (Mayor's Chaplain)

### **C4335 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jewell (Cornwall Council business)

The Mayor led the Council in a minutes silence to remember former Town Mayor David Breacker who had recently passed away.

### **C4336 INTERESTS**

None received.

### **C4337 MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### **C4338 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor with Councillor Mrs V E Eva presented Miss Amy Jones with a Princess Diana Award in recognition of her Stay Strong Anti-Bullying Initiative.

The Town Mayor updated the Council upon his civic activity and attendances including the recent grant of freedom of the town to the Falmouth Royal Naval Association.

### **C4339 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

### **C4340 GREENBANK GARDENS**

From Cornwall Council, Messrs James (Environment Manager), Brett (Principal Officer) and Miss Cooper (Trainee Solicitor) updated the Council regarding the land ownership issues with Greenbank Gardens, North Parade, Falmouth. A lease of land to Cornwall Council had ceased and a new lease opposed. A trial was put on hold for the parties to negotiate and a potential comprise had been reached in terms of a land swap to secure step free public and vehicular access to Greenbank Gardens. This was recommended as the best outcome for community access. A last resort could be compulsory purchase.

In response to questions it was established that the land exchange was for parcels of equal size and Cornwall Council were disputing that they had failed to maintain the sea wall as alleged. Further consultation would be undertaken including with South West Water.

Cornwall Council had no intention to develop the public gardens in anyway and in any case any development would require planning permission.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that the Council supports the proposal by Cornwall Council to swap land to secure a step free public access to Greenbank Gardens. Further Cornwall Council be requested to make a Village Green status application for Greenbank Gardens to protect it from any future development proposals

Councillor Cramp requested that his name be recorded as having abstained from voting.

**C4341 PHOENIX CINEMA, FALMOUTH**

Mr Greaves from Merlin Cinemas Ltd raised concerns with the Council regarding the proposals for retail and leisure development at the Carn Brea Leisure Centre site in Pool, that included a Multi-plex cinema. This was still at the pre-planning application stage. Such a development would likely bring about the closures of existing cinemas in St Ives, Helston and Redruth and severely affect the sustainability of the cinemas in Falmouth and Penzance. Although these cinemas were important to their local communities they are economically marginal operations. This would have a knock-on detrimental effect upon those town centres. So far over 10,000 local residents had registered their opposition to the development.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council requests the Leader of Cornwall Council and the local Electoral Division Councillors to oppose the development at the Carn Brea Leisure Centre that would have a detrimental effect on those Cornish Town Centres that would see existing Cinema sustainability lost. Reuse of land at this site should be for sporting uses only.

**C4342 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Lenney reported continuing positive performance statistics with a 10% reduction in crime and brought to justice rate over the 35% threshold. Central crime processing had improved efficiency in a time of budgetary reductions. This was a model being rolled out to other Police forces nationally. The Chief Constable had also recently visited Falmouth.

In response to questions he advised that officer numbers were below historical levels and further cuts would take effect in 2015. The Force was now operating in a much leaner way. The report was duly noted.

(Councillor S D Eva left the meeting during the above report)

**C4343 COMMUNITY FIRE AND SAFETY REPORT**

Watch Manager Addinall presented the report which was duly noted and is attached as part of these minutes.

**C4344 COMMUNITY NETWORK**

No report.

C4345 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Arwenack

Councillor Evans provided an update including his appointment to the Adult Education Trust.

Boslowick

No report.

Penwerris

No report.

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton updated in regard to the Article 4 Direction for Houses in Multiple Occupation and Neighbourhood Plan.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported his efforts to improve Cornwall Housing call out practices to the elderly and disabled.

C4346 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 be approved subject to the heading for Minute F4395 being amended to read 'Framework for Town and Parish Councils and Community Groups to have an increased role in service delivery'.

The Planning Committee report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be approved.

The Licensing Sub-Committee report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 be approved.

The Licensing Sub-Committee report dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be approved.

**C4347 TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT 2014/15**

The Council pursuant to Minute C4219 confirmed that Councillor I J Body would be Town Mayor Elect for 2014/15 and that Councillor G W Chin-Queen BEM would be Deputy Mayor Elect for 2014/15. The Town Clerk reminded the Council that nominations had no standing in law and would not bind the Annual Meeting.

**C4348 OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES**

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

RESOLVED that the status quo be maintained in regard to recommended representatives to serve the life of the Council.

**C4349 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014/15**

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

RESOLVED that the status quo in respect of Committee Structure and Membership be retained for 2014/15 Municipal year.

**C4350 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

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

RESOLVED that where so permitted by Standing Orders the status quo in respect of Committee, Sub-Committee and Working Party Chairs and Vice Chairs be retained for 2014/15 Municipal year.

**C4351 WORKING PARTIES**

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

RESOLVED that the status quo in respect of the composition of Working Parties, etc be retained for 2014/15 Municipal year.

**C4352 COUNCILLOR CHAMPIONS**

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

RESOLVED that the status quo be retained in respect of the Councillor Champion appointments for the 2014/15 Municipal year.

**C4353 GREAT WAR COMMMEMORATION COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED that the report and recommendations of the committee dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be approved and that 'Peace' Roses be planted to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the Great War in 2018.

C4354 **TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

C4355 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Further he reported response from the Chief Executive at Cornwall Council and the Western Area Manager for Cormac Solutions Ltd acknowledging the Council's thanks for their staffs' efforts regarding recent storm remediation and emergency works.

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

RESOLVED that the branding recommendations  
be agreed and Councillor business cards expedited.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....