

## **FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 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, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, S Gray, A J Jewell CC, 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)  
L Allen, M Stevens and H Roberts (Grant applicants)

### F4491 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Evans (Council business) and Ms D E Merrett (family illness).

### F4492 **INTERESTS**

Councillor Body declared a disclosable interest in Minute F4494 (grant application by Falmouth Rugby Club Under 14s) as he was a Life Vice President of the Club. Councillor Gray declared a non-disclosable interest in the same matter as his son was a member of the team. Both Councillors left the meeting for the consideration of the grant request.

### F4493 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of Councillors Ms Merrett and Mrs Minson as having attended the meeting.

### F4494 **GRANTS**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Institute of Cornish Studies be granted £700 to assist the production of the film 'Falmouth and the Great War'.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 1976 Falmouth Rugby Club Under 14 Team be Granted £250 towards its forthcoming UK tour.

A proposal by Councillor Mrs V E Eva that a grant of £200 be made was not seconded.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1972 the Falmouth Classics Association be granted £750 towards the Falmouth Classics Event 2015.

Councillor S D Eva requested that his name be recorded as having voted against this resolution. A proposal by Councillor Cramp that a grant of £1,000 be made was not seconded.

The grant schedule to date for 2014/15 was duly noted.

F4495 **INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

It was duly noted that the Council had renewed its registration with the Information Commissioner's Office effective until 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

F4496 **MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

It was duly noted that Cornwall Council had registered its lease back of the Library area for 125 years and that the One Stop Shop relocation to the site was progressing.

F4497 **BUS SHELTER - LONGFIELD**

Councillor Saunby reported requests for the reinstatement of the bus shelter at Longfield and his discussions with Cornwall Council regarding grant assistance and Fernbank regarding installation and maintenance. The Town Clerk reported two residents objections to the request.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be delegated in consultation with the Ward Members to review residents representations and meet with Cornwall Council and then report further to the Committee in terms of design, costs, siting and maintenance.

F4498 **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS- MANIFESTO**

The manifesto was duly noted.

F4499 **MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The Model Regulations, that would form the basis for the Councils Financial Regulations in due course was duly noted.

F4500 **DOGS ON BEACHES**

The Council had received representations for and against relaxing the restrictions on dogs on beaches. Cornwall Council who owned the beaches had stated they would be cognisant of the views of the Town Council in regard to this matter.

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

RESOLVED that the Beach Management Group be requested to review the matter and report back to the Committee thereon.

F4501 **WODEHOUSE TERRACE**

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) The Council note the regularising registration of this site back to the Town Council following Cornwall Councils error in registering but the Council did not recognise that Cornwall Council should have overage provision
- (ii) the Council take on the ownership and maintenance of the adjoining public open space, subject to a full structural assessment of the wall at Gyllyng Street.

F4502 **GYLLYNGVASE TOILETS**

The Finance Officer updated in regards to structural improvement works required at the site and that were ongoing. Temporary provision had been provided for the now completed drainage works but will be retained until roof works were completed. The Chair reported that she had raised the matter with Cornwall Council in terms of remedying the structural defects. The reports were duly noted.

F4503 **CORNWALL COUNCIL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

The Chair reminded the Committee that Cornwall Council were presenting budgetary proposals in a public session of the Community Network Panel on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and she advised all Councillors to attend.

F4504 **TRANSPARENCY CODE**

The Town Clerk reported further upon the Code and that the Cornwall Association of Local Councils would shortly produce a guidance note thereon. The report was duly noted.

F4505 **BUDGET FORECASTING**

The Chair presented the Budget Forecasting and Monitoring Report that was duly noted.

F4506 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules for September 2014 (attached) be approved.

F4507 **SKATEPARK, DRACAENA AVENUE – URGENT ITEM**

The Town Clerk reported that following an inspection by the Councils Insurers Inspector emergency repairs to the metal skate ramps had been agreed, however the ramps were in such condition that further repairs would be unviable and would have to be removed from site in 6 to 12 months time, pending further assessment. This gave weight to the requested transfer of the Dracaena site from Cornwall Council to Falmouth Town Council. The report was duly noted.

The Chair agreed to consider this as an urgent item to enable Councillors to be apprised of the urgent works required.

F4508 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business as it involves the consideration of contractual and staffing matters.

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**PART II**

**F4509 FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Chair reported the minutes and recommendations of the Sub Committee held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Finance Sub Committee date 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be approved (attached) and the recommendations therein actioned by the Council.

There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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