

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors I J Body (Chairman), Ms C Atherton CC, Mrs R D Brock, G G Chappel, Mrs M Davies, G F Evans CC, S D Eva (to point mentioned), Mrs V E 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 S Lenney (Falmouth Police)
Miss S Walker (Events Support Assistant)
PCSO E Gray (Falmouth Police Cadets)
Cadet S Passmore (Mayor's Police Cadet)
Father M Mesley (Mayor's Chaplain)

C4435 APOLOGIES

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

Firefighter Goddard (industrial action) and Community Network Manager M James (attending another meeting) also submitted apologies for absence.

C4436 INTERESTS

None received.

C4437 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 29th September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4438 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor updated the Council upon his civic activity and attendances. This included South West in Bloom presentations, opening the Oyster Festival and attendances at the Universities and others.

He introduced the Council's recently appointed Events Support Assistant Miss Sarah Walker who updated the Council on event plans, especially in relation to The Moor to make it a more inviting and better used public space.

C4439 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C4440 FALMOUTH POLICE CADETS

Cadet Passmore and PCSO Gray updated the Council on the Cadets summer activities and their newsletter.

C4441 FALMOUTH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC) AND PONSHARDEN PARK AND RIDE

Mr Light advised that the VIC continued to operate successfully and was well used as an information centre for local people as well as serving visitors. He requested that the Council continues to support the centre as it had done for the last three years. Cornwall Council had increased rent and rates requirements and this could make the centre unsustainable,

he requested the Council to assist in this matter, possibly by looking at asset devolution. Work was also required in improving the step access to moorings.

The VIC continued to enjoy strong links with the Falmouth and District Hotels Association and provided direct accommodation brochure and invoicing and web site assistance.

In regards to Ponsharden Park and Ride/Float this was also at risk of being unsustainable and he was in discussions with Cornwall Council and the Harbour Authority to develop a cost neutral operating model. During the Tall Ships event in 2014 over 30,000 ferry passengers had been carried. The report was duly noted.

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

RESOLVED that the Council continues to support the Falmouth Visitor Information Centre for a further three years and look to rationalise the assets at the pier to develop sustainable models for the VIC and toilets.

C4442 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Inspector Lenney presented the Community Police Report. He mentioned the hugely successful youth Cop Car Project, which had become an international event. Six other forces had copied this model. He thanked the Council for initially supporting the project and reported that £5000 funding had been secured for 2015. The Falmouth Police Cadets were the largest in the Constabulary.

In terms of the Police station operation this continued to be successful and other stations were incorporating that method of working. Crime continued to reduce in Falmouth.

In response to questions be confirmed that the Falmouth Inquiry Desk had closed and there was little prospect of it reopening. The report was duly noted.

C4443 CORNWALL FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Community Report of the Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C4444 COMMUNITY NETWORK

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

C4445 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Smithick

Councillor Ms Atherton updated on draft 2015/16 budget revisions and was pleased to report some good news in regards to Visit Cornwall. Many Cornwall Council staff would be shed and a final budget decision was due on 25th November 2014.

Arwenack

Councillor Evans further updated upon the draft four year budget and some positive amendments to long stay car parks and night time charging. He had supported the Youth Club and hoped to support Young Generation with his Community Chest Fund.

Trescobeas

Councillor Saunby reported that the design of Union Corner Roundabout redevelopment had been resolved. He also hoped the Council would support a replacement bus shelter in Longfield. Dropped kerbs in Lambs Lane were being provided and gully cleaning in Ashfield progressing.

Boslowick

Councillor Jewell reported further on Union Corner road improvements. Resurfacing works at Mongleath Avenue would be reviewed as the speed bumps were too high. The Community Network had held its Annual General Meeting and would be chaired by Councillor Hatton, with Councillor Jewell as Vice-Chair. In terms of his Community Chest he was supporting the Gig Club and the Park Homes Association.

Penwerris

No Report.

C4446 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art Gallery Committee Report dated 29th September 2014 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 29th September 2014 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee Part I and Part II reports dated 20th October 2014 were presented by Councillor Ms Atherton, Chair of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Part I and Part II reports of the Committee dated 20th October 2014 be approved.

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

C4447 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – LARGER COUNCILS COMMITTEE

The notes of the Committee meeting held on 14th October 2014 were duly noted.

C4448 CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (1) LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE

The notes of the Committee Meeting held on 22nd October 2014 were duly noted.

(2) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of Councillor Cramp of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 14th October 2014 was duly noted.

C4449 FALMOUTH STREET PASTORS

The report of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 10th July 2014 was duly noted.

C4450 CORNWALL COUNCIL TAXI (CARRICK ZONE) AND PRIVATE HIRE FORUM

The notes of the meeting of the forum held on 16th September 2014 were duly noted.

Councillor S D Eva and Mrs V E Eva now left the meeting.

C4451 **TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

C4452 **TOWNS CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Further he advised that the date of the next Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee had been established as 3rd December 2014 at 6pm. The 2015/16 Budget recommendation would be formulated.

C4453 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the items to be considered involved confidential information in respect of contractual and staffing matters.

C4454 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Staffing Committee Report dated 27th October 2014 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 Committee dated 27th October 2014 be approved.

There being no further business to transact the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed: Date: