

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 Wednesday 3rd December 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, 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 (Grant applicant)

F4510 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (work) and Evans (family illness).

F4511 **INTERESTS**

None Received.

F4512 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F4513 **GRANTS**

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act, 1972 the St Piran's Day Falmouth 2015 organiser be granted £150 towards the children's parade.

Further it was resolved by Councillor Ms Atherton, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that the Council make an annual grant award of £150 towards the St Piran's Day Falmouth children's parade.

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

F4514 **DOGS ON BEACHES**

Councillor Mrs Davies reported that pursuant to Minute F4500, the Falmouth Beaches Management Group had fully considered the request for summer access for dogs to Castle Beach, Gyllingvase Beach, Maenporth Beach and Swanpool Beach as well as whether a winter ban for dog access should be applied. The group had recommended that it was not appropriate for dogs to have summer access to the above beaches as that would cause conflict to beach users. However, winter access as currently provided was acceptable and equitable. The group recommended the status quo be retained.

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

RESOLVED that

(i) the status quo be retained and that Cornwall Council be advised that the currently operated restrictions on access to dogs be maintained for Castle, Gyllyngvase, Maenporth and Swanpool Beaches.

(ii) the Council encourages the publication and promotion of a Falmouth dog friendly guide so that residents and visitors can know where to exercise dogs in the summer.

(iii) The Falmouth Beach Management group decision to include Ms N Simons to represent the interests of dog owners on the group be supported.

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

Councillor Ross requested that his name be recorded as having voted against item (i) above.

F4515 **2015/16 BUDGET**

The Chair reported the recommendations of the Finance Sub-Committee in regard to draft budget 2015/16. The transition toilet grant from Cornwall Council had been rescinded and the Council Tax Support Grant reduced. These shortfalls had been accounted for and the proposal included growth and new service items as requested by Councillors and included a raft of proposals. Some of which were: establishing an Environmental Management Team, additional shuttle bus service, CCTV operation, cultural services proposals to secure future of Library. Youth services, rationalise grounds and cleaning contracts, acquisition of plant and equipment, environmental health callout enhancements, Article 4 and Neighbourhood Plan production, confirmation of support for the Visitor Information Centre, Britain in Bloom measures, continuing to support community events, Traffic Regulation Order, Pension auto-enrolment and living wage introduction, rationalisation of fees, and a reduction in cost centres where possible. Councillor Gray reported in regards to shuttle bus proposals and Councillor Mrs Brock in regards to CCTV. Councillor Body and Chappel requested a recorded vote that was carried.

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

RESOLVED that

(i) subject to confirmation of the Council Tax base then the recommendation (attached as part of these minutes) be made to the Council that would require a precept call for 20145/16 of £1,362,414. Equivalent to £207.57 per year per band D property (an increase of £46.89 over 2013/14)

(ii) the Council increases fees and charges by 1% over inflation except for Cemeteries and the recommendations of the Cemetery Working Party be implemented, except that fees for non-parishioners be trebled because of capacity issues at Swanpool Cemetery.

Those Councillors that voted for the motion: Councillors Ms Atherton, Body, Mrs Brock, Chappel, Cramp, Mrs Davies, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, Gray, Jewell, Ms Merrett, Mrs Minson, Ross and Saunby. Those voted against it: nil. Those abstained: nil.

F4516 **WODEHOUSE TERRACE**

Pursuant to Minute F4501 the Town Clerk updated that Cornwall Council would now forgo overage on the allotment rationalisation and a structural survey was awarded on the upper wall. The lower wall would be retained by Cornwall Council as it abutted the highway. The report was duly noted.

F4517 **BUS SHELTER - LONGFIELD**

Councillor Ross reported objection to option 1 and 2 proposals and suggested that the originally removed shelter siting was the most appropriate.

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

RESOLVED that consideration of the Ward Councillor recommendations be deferred for them to undertake a site visit, meet with residents, and review the existing options and a trial option reinstatement of the original shelter. To report back to the Council Meeting on 15th December 2014 so to not further delay the matter.

F4518 **CCTV**

Councillor Mrs Brock updated in regard to future proofing of the system and new control room provision. The report was duly noted.

F4519 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

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

F4520 **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee held on 21st and 28th November 2014 be approved and the recommendations therein duly actioned.

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

Signed: Date: