

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors R J O'Shea (Chairman), R J Bonney, L D Coley, S D Eva, G F Evans CC MBE, A J Gillett, A J Jewell CC, M T McCarthy CC, P A Minson, M C Morgan, A Parker, J C Robinson, D W Saunby CC and J M Spargo.

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
R N Thomas (Finance Officer)  
Councillor J Kirkham (Cornwall Council)  
G Starnes and V Baker (Grant applicants)  
R Pascoe and J Alderman (Grant recipients)

### F6176 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chappel (Mayoral duties) and Ross (ill).

### F6177 **INTERESTS**

None received.

### F6178 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Bonney, seconded by Councillor Morgan and

RESOLVED that the Part I minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

It was proposed by Councillor Bonney, seconded by Councillor Morgan and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

### F6179 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor Saunby, seconded by Councillor Robinson and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Sections 1-8 of the Localism Act, 2011 Cornwall Hospice Care be granted £500 towards community support facilities in Falmouth.

A proposed amendment by Councillor Bonney, seconded by Councillor Eva that consideration of the application be deferred until a Falmouth Community Hub was more developed was not carried.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor McCarthy and

RESOLVED on an amendment that consideration of the Stomp and Twang (Americana Festival) application be deferred for further details regarding the delivery of the Falmouth event, its workshops and its integration into the Falmouth event programme.

A Motion proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Gillett that a grant award of £900 be made was lost.

Richard Pascoe and Jake Alderman attended to thank the Council and update the Committee on Jake's training and work with St Piran Racing which had been assisted by the grant award from the Council.

The amended grant schedule for 2018/19 was duly noted.

F6180 **RISK ASSESSMENT**

It was duly noted that the Council had renewed its contract for five years with Ellis Whittam for health and safety overview services from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at a discounted rate.

Further it was noted that the Staff Health and Safety Committee had met and would continue to meet quarterly as per a recommendation from Ellis Whittam and a number of matters were being progressed from that.

F6181 **2019/20 PRECEPT**

It was duly noted that Cornwall Council had confirmed receipt of the Council's precept request and that would be paid on 1<sup>st</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

F6182 **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CORNWALL – FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Government Boundary Commission final recommendations on new electoral arrangements for Cornwall Council was duly noted which would see an overall reduction to 87 Councillors and four electoral divisions to serve Falmouth – Arwenack, Boslowick, Penwerris and Trescobeas/Budock combined. Ward boundaries would change to reflect the new divisions.

F6183 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Jewell and

RESOVED that the Council confirms that it wishes Cornwall Council to conduct a Community Governance Review for Falmouth to establish the northern boundary for the town at the A30 road and the western boundary extended to encompass new housing proposals.

F6184 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT**

It was duly noted that the settlement had been published on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 as the Government had maintained its commitment not to introduce referendum principles to local Councils for 2019-20. This was the second year of a three year commitment to enable Councils to set realistic precepts for community growth in the context of Localism.

F6185 **SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE**

It was duly noted that the Committee would launch its report of their inquiry into local government ethical standards on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

F6186 **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT APPEAL**

Pursuant to Minute F6146 it was noted that the appeal (business rates relief on public toilets) had been submitted.

F6187 **CORNWALL COUNCIL : PARKING STAKEHOLDER UPDATE**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Spargo and

RESOLVED that the Council responds positively to the 2019 Off Street Parking Order Consultation that reflected the requests of the Council and Community subject to amended typographical errors.

F6188 **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Pursuant to Minute F6163 the additional report detailing a significant 60% reduction of incidents was duly noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor O'Shea and

RESOLVED that the Council formally affirms with Cornwall Council the request to create a Public Space Protection Order to prevent open fires at Gyllyngvase Beach.

F6189 **FALMOUTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

It was noted with pleasure that the Falmouth Business Improvement District had been renewed to deliver a third, five-year term, with a minimum of £800,000 to invest in Falmouth. Turnout was at 63% (14% higher than the national average) and 87% were in favour of renewal. The BID would continue to work closely with the Council to continue the Town Team partnership delivery and the Committee requested that the BID present to the Council regarding its latest business plan.

F6190 **COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

The Councillor training opportunities available from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils was duly noted.

F6191 **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The continual and regular monitoring and fraud checking regime of the Council's accounts was duly noted as was the Council's upheld complaint with its Bankers regarding recognition of signatories and a compensation award thereof.

F6192 **CCLA MARKET UPDATE**

The Market Report and Public Sector Deposit Fund Fact Sheet for November and December 2018 was duly noted.

F6193 **CLIMATE CHANGE LEVY**

The CCL rate from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 (Electricity £0.00847/kwh and Gas £0.00339/kwh) was duly noted.

F6194 **HMRC – BREXIT ADVICE NOTE**

It was proposed by Councillor McCarthy, seconded by Councillor O'Shea and

RESOLVED that the Council expresses its concern over the continuing uncertainty of a potential "No Deal Brexit" and the recent document from HMRC on the preparations Exporters and Importers need to make provides only the minimum of information and action needed without any background documentation to support it. Falmouth has long been proud of its status as a centre of global trade throughout its history and has remained an outward-looking town with connections across the world within a changing economy. The lack of clear information and meaningful communication we have received from the UK Government throughout the Brexit negotiation process has led to uncertainty for Falmouth's businesses and residents alike, and risks damaging consequences for our town and country. Both Leave and Remain voters can agree on one thing -Falmouth and our Country deserves better than this.

F6195 **CORNWALL COMMUNITY FLOOD FORUM**

The Town Clerk updated on the recent meeting of the CCFM Management Board and that Falmouth Flood Emergency Plans remained outstanding.

F6196 **COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY CHESTS**

Councillors were reminded to allocate unspent Community Chest amounts for the 2018/19 year.

F6197 **BUDGET MONITORING**

It was noted that the Council had already received its quarterly monitoring report.

F6198 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor McCarthy and

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules for November and December 2018 (attached) be approved.

F6199 **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER DRAFT BUDGET (EXTRA ITEM)**

The Town Clerk reported the online poll from the PCC regarding her draft budget and precept proposal. The Chairman agreed to take the matter as an urgent item given the impending closing date of the poll.

It was proposed by Councillor Eva, seconded by Councillor Morgan and

RESOLVED that

- (i) each Councillor be circulated the poll details to respond
- (ii) the Council supports the proposals subject to additional support for the Falmouth Community Police Team and an increase in policing specifically for the Falmouth night time economy.

F6200 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Gillett and

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting in the public interest for the following business as it involves the consideration of property, funding and contractual matters.

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**PART II**

**14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

F6201 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Gillett and

RESOLVED that the Part II minutes of the meeting  
held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be confirmed as a correct  
record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F6202 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**(1) KIMBERLEY PARK**

The Community Stage development procurement process was noted and that tenders were awaited.

**(2) OLD POST OFFICE DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that the restaurant space would be let from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, the prospective tenant will begin works from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 under licence.

**(3) PREZZO LIMITED -VOLUNTARY ARRANGEMENT**

It was noted that the Council as a compromised landlord with an allowed CVA claim had received £8,630.14 under a compromised lease payment.

**(4) FOOTPATH AT SWANVALE**

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

RESOLVED that in principle the Council supports  
the proposal for a permissive footpath around the  
South West Water Pumping Station in the woodland  
below East Rise.

**(5) FALMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

At the request of the Chairman the Town Clerk updated the Committee regarding the current position and anticipated timescale of the emerging Falmouth NDP that was duly noted.

There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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