

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 25th September 2006 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Councillors: R.J. Bonney (Town Mayor), Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, G W Chin-Quee, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, L J Lloyd, Mrs M Ryan, Dr D A Sterratt, Mrs L A Trenchard, M A Varney and Mrs M Wengradt.

In attendance: A M Williams
D. Lang (Town Centre Manager)
Inspector D Scott (Falmouth Police)
Reverend S. Tudgey (Mayor's Chaplain)

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C3215 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Brain, Mrs Coles (holiday) and Evans (ill).

C3216 INTERESTS

None received.

C3217 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24th July 2006 (Part I) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3218 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor reported on civic engagements. He advised that copies of DVD of the Colonel Carey Commemoration were available for £10.00. He thanked all Councillors and staff who had supported the Dedication Service to RFA Mounts Bay and the Mayoral Civic Service. He reported correspondence from the First Sea Lord in this regard.

He referred to the reformat and numbering of Council agendas which he had requested to make the document easier to use. He also reported a request for an informal link between Disney and the Town to mark the launch of the film Pirates of the Caribbean II on DVD.

Further he also reported upon his imminent hospital visit for heart surgery and that the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs Davies would fulfil Civic engagements.

C3219 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Planning Committee report dated 24th July 2006 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 24th July 2006 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 7th August 2006 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 7th August 2006 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 4th September 2006 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th September 2006 be approved.

Councillor Varney reported further to a letter of objection received in respect of TL01/1548/06/G the respondents Mr & Mrs Wilcocks had retracted their criticism of Town Councillors.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report Part I dated 11th September 2006 was presented by Councillor Body, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the Part I Report of the Committee dated 11th September 2006 be approved.

Councillor Eva advised that because of an error by the Postal Service he did not receive notice of the above meeting and tendered belated apologies.

C3220 ANNUAL AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2006

RESOLVED that it be noted that the Notice of Appointment Date for the Exercise of Electors Rights (30th October 2006) had been published. It was also noted that this would be an Intermediate Audit.

C3221 ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2005

RESOLVED to defer the approval of the 2004/05 Accounts to await the preliminary response of the Audit Commission.

C3222 COUNCILLOR BRAIN

The Mayor reported correspondence from Councillor Brain resigning from the Planning and Finance and General Purposes Committees.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Trenchard, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that Councillor Lloyd be appointed to the Planning Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Body and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Davies assumes the Chair of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Body be appointed Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

Councillor Eva and Varney requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the latter two resolutions as they felt these appointments should be delegated to the Committee.

C3223 PARKS AND GARDEN (FALMOUTH) CONSULTATIVE GROUP

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 21st June 2006 be noted.

C3224 CARRICK URBAN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 20th July 2006 be noted.

C3225 THREATENED HOSPITAL CLOSURES AND REDUCTION IN SERVICES IN CORNWALL

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

RESOLVED that the Council strongly opposes the proposals and lends its support to the campaign instigated by Hayle Town Council and a letter of concern be written to the Secretary of State for Health and other appropriate decision makers.

C3226 DEMOCRACY DECLARATION FOR CORNWALL

The Town Clerk reported a request for support from Restormel Borough Council for the campaign.

It was planned by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Varney and

RESOLVED that Restormel Borough Council be advised that the Council feels the debate was premature at this time and the Council felt an increase in powers and responsibilities to Cornwall County Council would be more appropriate than creating a further tier of Local government.

C3227 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

Inspector Scott presented his report upon changes to the Community Policing function for Falmouth that sought to address and tackle anti-social behaviour, and responded to Members questions.

Members were concerned at a proposed lack of resourcing of traffic enforcement but Inspector Scott advised that this was regrettable and was due to national and force-wide policy problems.

C3228 TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

The Town Centre Manager presented his report which was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C3229 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

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

Further he reported upon a Directors seminar by the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust and the Carrick Police Liaison meeting. Following vandalism problems in Kimberley Park he had arranged for the removal of the damaged flagpole.

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

RESOLVED that the actions of the Town Clerk be endorsed and that a removable flagpole be acquired from general fund reserves for use in Kimberley Park.

C3230 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.