

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 30th October 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 L S Coles, Mrs M Davies, S D Eva, G F Evans, L J Lloyd, Dr D A Sterratt, Mrs L A Trenchard and M A Varney.

In attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
D. Lang (Town Centre Manager)
M Trevarthen (Head of Services for the Environment, Carrick District Council) (to point mentioned)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)

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C3236 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Brain, Hobbins (work), Mrs Ryan (holiday) and Mrs Wengradt (family illness).

C3237 INTERESTS

None received.

C3238 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meetings held on 25th September and 16th October 2006 (Part I) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3239 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor reported that he was gradually returning to civic duties following his heart surgery and he thanked the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mrs Davies for performing civic duties in his absence. He also thanked all those who had expressed concern for his wellbeing.

C3240 FALMOUTH PRIDE INITIATIVE

The Town Mayor brought this item forward on the agenda and introduced Mr Trevarthen, Head of Environmental Services at Carrick District Council.

Further to his recent report Mr Trevarthen explained that the Falmouth Pride Initiative was reviewing its work programme and he outlined areas where joint working could benefit a range of quality of life issues for a relatively low financial input. He then reported upon those issues and addressed members questions.

(Mr Trevarthen now left the meeting).

C3241 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art Gallery report dated 2nd October 2006 was presented by Councillor Chin-Quee, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Chin-Quee, seconded by Councillor Mrs Davies and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee
2nd October 2006 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 25th September 2006 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee
dated 26th September 2006 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 9th October 2006 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee
dated 9th October 2006 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report (Part I) dated 23rd October 2006 was presented by Councillor G F Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

Further to the report the Chairman reported in respect of grants (F3377) and Falmouth Pride Initiative (F3378) and subject to those amendments recommended the draft budget 2007/08 to the Council.

In respect of F3383 he referred to the Annual Return and members considered the submission and the 2005/06 financial statements. In respect of F3386 he reported the SAS 610 submission from the Audit Commission and the amendments to the 2004/05 accounts.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee
dated 23rd October 2006 be approved subject to:

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

RESOLVED that the Council's 2007/08 budget be agreed as recommended (copy attached as part of these minutes) with an overall increase on 2006/07 of 4.8% and requiring a precept call of £776,342. This was inclusive of a grant of £1000 for Rubicon Marine Ltd but not Falmouth Oyster Festival whose organisers would need to apply in the usual manner. It was also inclusive of a £20,000 contribution to the Falmouth Pride Initiative and an increase to eight weeks of revenue expenditure as general fund reserve.

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

RESOLVED that the Annual Return 2005/06 and affirmed statements of internal controls (attached as part of these minutes) be approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

It was further proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Body and

RESOLVED that the amended accounts for 2004/05 be approved and the Annual Audit letter and SAS 610 be agreed and responded to as attached.

C3242 THREATS TO CORE SERVICES AT THE ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITAL TRUST

RESOLVED that the correspondence from the Customer Service Centre at the Department of Health and from Andrew George MP be noted with concern.

C3243 FALMOUTH INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 25th September 2006 be noted.

C3244 TRESCOBEAS RECREATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk reported that some recommendations of the sub-committee had been approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 23rd October 2006 so as to expedite the consultants report.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the sub-committee be noted and the recommendations therein agreed.

C3245 QUALITY COUNCIL WORKING PARTY

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Working Party be noted and the recommendations therein agreed.

C3246 LOCAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED that the update correspondence from Cornwall County Council be noted.

C3247 CORNWALL AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY – PARTNERSHIP REVIEW 2006

RESOLVED that the review be noted.

C3248 **ASSOCIATION OF FALMOUTH TRADERS**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Association held on 5th September 2006 be noted.

C3249 **COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT**

The Community Police Report was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

C3250 **TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT**

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

C3251 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor Bonney, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins 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.