

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 11th June 2007 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Councillors: M A Varney (Town Mayor), A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, G W Chin-Quee, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, B Elliott, S D Eva, Mrs V E Eva, G F Evans, Ms D E Merrett, D Noakes, Mrs M Ryan and Dr D A Sterratt.

In attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
S J Polglase (Deputy Clerk & Finance Officer)
D. Lang (Town Centre Manager)
R Andrew (Cornwall County Council)
Ms S Jones (Carrick District Council)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)

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C3358 **APOLOGIES**

None received.

C3359 **INTERESTS**

None declared.

C3360 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Council Meetings (part I) held on 14th May 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3361 **TOWN MAYORS REPORT**

The Town Mayor apprised Members of civic engagements he had attended. He stated that he did not wish Town Council decisions and recommendations to remain unactioned by the District and County Council and updated the Council in regard to the Moor Piazza resurfacing and surfacing improvements to Market, Church and Arwenack Streets.

Further he reported correspondence from: Carrick District Council Open Spaces Manager seeking notification of potential projects for grant assistance; Cornwall County Council seeking observations on rural bus services for Single Issue Panel; Carrick Housing Association seeking observations on development options at Pengarth Rise; and a Council representative to attend an Affordable Housing presentation at County Hall.

It was agreed that individual Councillors notify their representations to the Town Clerk for collation and transmission and that Councillor Chin-Quee attend the County Hall presentation.

He also referred to the rededication ceremony for the Seafarers Monument in Falmouth Cemetery.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 1 of the Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1970 the Mission to Seafarers be granted up to £500 from the 2007 grants budget for replacement plaques on the Seafarers Monument.

C3362 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3363 **ONE CORNWALL**

Mr Andrew apprised the Council of the ONE Cornwall proposal for reorganisation of Cornish Local Government, and requested that the Council identifies which services it wished to provide locally and where joint working arrangements could be facilitated.

Members identified a number of services that should be devolved to a local level; control of public realm assets, street scene / civic pride, parks and gardens, car parks, determination of minor planning and licensing applications, whilst retaining and enhancing those services it currently provided. Additional services should be properly resourced.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk advises the Department of Communities and Local Government of the observation of the Council.

The Town Mayor now called a brief adjournment for refreshments and Mr Andrew left the meeting.

C3363 **COMMUNITY PLAN**

Ms Jones apprised the Council of the process and advantages of providing a community plan. She indicated she would assist the Council with the process.

The Town Clerk reported that it was a long standing aspiration of the Council to produce a community plan and that in the current climate it was an ideal time to expedite its production.

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

RESOLVED that the Council confirms its intention to produce a community plan and that Carrick District Council be requested to assist the facilitation thereof.

Councillor Noakes requested that his name be recorded as having voted against this decision.

Ms Jones now left the meeting.

C3364 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee report dated 30th April 2007 was presented by Councillor S D Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Booth and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 30th April 2007 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 21st May 2007 was presented by Councillor S D Eva, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor S D Eva, seconded by Councillor Mrs Booth and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 21st May 2007 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report (part I) dated 4th June 2007 was presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th June 2007 (part I) be approved subject to it being noted that Councillor Elliott had requested that his name be recorded as having voted against the decision under minute F3475.

C3365 CARRICK URBAN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 26th April 2007 be noted.

C3366 CIVIC PROCESSIONAL ORDER

The Town Mayor reported that he amended the civic procession order to give Members of the Town Council better recognition at local events. Further to the reported order he advised that the Deputy Mayor would process behind the Town Mayor.

RESOLVED that the amended order be noted.

C3367 COUNCILLOR INDUCTION SESSIONS

RESOLVED that it be noted induction sessions to include planning, Town Centre Management, meeting procedures and protocols, finance and budget setting.

C3368 FALMOUTH TOURISM ACTION GROUP

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Ayres represents the Council on the Falmouth Tourism Action Group.

C3369 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (S1 2007/1159) (THE REVISED CODE)

It was proposed by Councillor Noakes, seconded by Councillor S D Eva and

RESOLVED that the Council adopts the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Council Members including paragraph 12(2) effective from 5th June 2007 and containing a preamble outlining the general principles governing the conduct of Members.

C3370 COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

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

C3371 TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

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

C3372 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

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

C3373 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, 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.