

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 9th March 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: M V Varney (Town Mayor), A K Ayers, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J 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 J Noakes, Mrs M Ryan and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
D J Pollard (Town Manager)
Ms L Dwelly (Affordable Housing and Strategy Manager, Carrick District Council)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain)

C3611 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Inspector Trott (Devon and Cornwall Police)

C3612 **INTERESTS**

None received.

C3613 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Ms D Merrett, seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 15th December 2008 (Part I) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C3614 **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported upon his civic activity.

C3615 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

Councillor S D Eva had submitted a question: "Save the Rec Campaign submitted a letter to be passed to all 16 Councillor, who decided not to pass this on and why?"

The Town mayor reported that as the matter had already been discussed there was no merit in dealing with the matter on the agenda. When asked by the Town Clerk he had brokered a meeting between the Falmouth Rugby Club and the respondent and informed the Ward Councillors. All Councillors would have been apprised at the Monthly Mayoral Liaison Meeting.

Councillor S D Eva responded by requesting that a 'pigeon-hole' system be developed for Councillors to collect post delivered to the Town Council Offices.

C3616 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Ms Dwelly, Carrick District Council's Affordable Housing and Strategy Manager, then presented upon affordable housing provision in Falmouth.

She addressed definition, types of provision and applicable policies. She then responded to questions and left the meeting.

C3617 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 5th January 2009 was presented by Councillor Mrs Davies, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 5th January 2009 be approved

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 19th January 2009 was presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 19th January 2009 be approved

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 2nd March 2009 was presented by Councillor Evans, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 2nd March 2009 be approved

Further Councillor Evans reported the Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting dated 20th February 2009 which were duly noted.

Further, it was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Mrs V E Eva and

RESOLVED that

- (i) consideration of 2008/09 Earmarked Reserves be deferred for consideration by the Finance Sub-Committee; and
- (ii) the Finance Sub-Committee reviews the Council's Investment Policy

The Planning Committee report dated 15th December 2008 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 15th December 2008 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 17th December 2008 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 17th December 2008 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 18th December 2008 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 18th December 2008 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 12th January 2009 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 12th January 2009 be approved

The Planning Committee report dated 19th January 2009 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 19th January 2009 be approved

The Planning Committee report dated 9th February 2009 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 9th February 2009 be approved

The Planning Committee report dated 23rd February 2009 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 23rd February 2009 be approved

C3618 **MARITIME LINE UPDATE**

The Branch Line update report was duly noted

C3619 **YOUTH FORUM**

The notes of the meeting of the Youth Forum held on the 20th November 2008 were duly
noted.

C3620 **FALMOUTH FAIRTRADE**

The notes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2009 were duly noted.

Councillor Chin-Quee reported the detrimental effect of supermarket purchasing policies on
local producers.

It was proposed by Councillor Chin-Quee, seconded by Councillor Varney and

RESOLVED that the Council writes to the Minister for Trade and Development and Consumer Affairs requesting the Government establish an Independent Supermarket Regulator

C3621 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meetings for 2009/10 attached as an appendix to these minutes be recommended for approval to the Annual Council Meeting. (Appendix I)

It was duly noted that the commencement times of Planning Committee Meetings had been amended as per Minute P3765 and C3617

C3622 TOWN MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR ELECT

The Council in accordance with previous practice gave consideration to nominations of a Mayor and Deputy for the 2009/10 Municipal Year. The Town Clerk reminded the Council that nominations had no standing in law and could not bind the Annual Meeting.

Councillor Varney was duly proposed by Councillor Noakes and seconded by Councillor Elliott for the nomination of Mayor elect. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED that Councillor Michael Allan Varney be designated as Town Mayor Elect for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

Councillor Body was duly proposed by Councillor Varney and seconded by Councillor S D Eva, for the nomination of Deputy Mayor elect. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED that Councillor Ivor Jon Body be designated as Mayor Elect for the 2009/10 Municipal Year.

C3623 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009/10

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

RESOLVED to recommend that

- (i) the status quo be retained in respect of the Committee structure and membership for the 2009/10 municipal year (Appendix II);
- (ii) respective Committees nominate Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2009/10 municipal year.

C3624 OUTSIDE REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLVED that as the normal practice of the Council it is recommended that the status quo be retained in respect of appointment to outside bodies except that:
Councillor Elliott be removed from the NHS consultation Group and the appointment remain vacant;
The Shoreside Committee appointments be removed as the Committee had been suspended;

Councillor Varney be appointed to the Swanvale Nature Reserve Group (Appendix III).

C3625 **SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTIES**

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

RESOLVED that it be recommended that the status quo be retained in respect of the Composition of the Sub-Committees and Working Parties for the 2009/10 municipal year except; The addition of Councillor S D Eva to the Trescobeas Recreational Area Sub-Committee (Appendix IV)

C3626 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

None received.

C3627 **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

C3628 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

No report.

C3629 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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