

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 25th October 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, I J Body, Mrs J A Booth, G W Chin-Quee, C H Choak, O K Cramp, Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Hrydziuska, A J Jewell, Ms D E Merrett, Mrs M Ryan, D W Saunby and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R Gates (Town Manager)
Mrs V Rogers (Administration and Finance Assistant)
D Stedman (Falmouth Marine School)
Councillor S D Eva (Cornwall Council)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayors Chaplain)

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C3872 PRAYERS

Conducted by Reverend B. Bennetts.

C3873 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor O'Brien (working).

Inspector Trott had also sent his apologies.

C3874 INTERESTS

Councillor Chin-Quee and the Town Clerk reported personal interests in Minute C3879 (Falmouth Marine School) as they were members of the Council of the Falmouth Marine School.

Councillors Mrs Davies, Evans and the Town Clerk reported personal interests in Minute C3890 (Gyllyngdune Gardens) as they served on the Gyllyngdune Project Management Board. Councillors Mrs Davies and Evans did not vote thereon.

C3875 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20th September 2010 be confirmed as a correct record of the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C3876 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon Civic attendances including the successful Oyster Festival and the Falmouth Beer Festival and a ships call by the Captain of HMS Quorn.

He also welcomed Mrs Rogers the Council's newly appointed Administrative and Finance Assistant.

C3877 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

C3878 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

None received in the absence of Inspector Trott.

C3879 FALMOUTH MARINE SCHOOL

Mr Stedman the Head of Falmouth Marine School provided the Council with an overview of the school and future plans. The Killigrew Street site focuses upon Marine Science, Engineering and water sports and enjoyed good links with the Combined Universities in Cornwall. Currently there were 340 fulltime and a similar number of short course students. There was also provision for those with special skills or needs.

Mr Stedman responded to Councillors questions.

The Town Clerk and Councillor Chin-Quee advised the Council that they sat on the Council for Falmouth Marine School.

Mr Stedman now left the meeting.

C3880 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER AND CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Council received the reports of the Community Network Manager and Councillor Eva which were duly noted and form part of these minutes.

C3881 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art Gallery report dated 27th September 2010 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 27th September 2010 be approved subject to the amendment of the Minute numbers to ensure they are sequential.

The Planning Committee report dated 20th September 2010 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Booth, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 20th September 2010 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 4th October 2010 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Booth, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th October 2010 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 11th October 2010 was presented by Councillor Dr Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Dr Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Ayres and

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 4th October 2010 be approved.

C3882 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR STERRATT

It was proposed by Councillor Dr Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ryan and

RESOLVED that a temporary amendment to relax Financial Regulations so as to negate the need to employ the select tender process for the toilet replacement works at Kimberley Park be approved as the tendering process had made the works unviable to date.

The Town Clerk advised that Financial Regulations were currently under review and that the relaxation should apply to this specific matter only. He had previously advised that Financial Regulations should not be relaxed in this manner.

C3883 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SAUNBY

It was proposed by Councillor Saunby, seconded by Councillor Dr Sterratt and

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council object to the proposed relocation of the main Falmouth branch Post Office from The Moor to Market Strand on the grounds of poor accessibility for patrons and safety.

C3884 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CRAMP

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council supports The Keep Cornwall Whole Campaign and objects to the proposed Parliamentary Bill that would allow at least one 'cross-border' seat between Devon and Cornwall.

Councillor Eva advised upon other Counties that would be affected by similar proposals.

C3885 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR STERRATT

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to Cornwall Council to request that they report to the Council regarding future housing provision policies for Falmouth.

The Town Clerk reported upon ongoing work regarding the Town Framework and the identifications within the recently completed Falmouth and Penryn Community Plan.

C3886 **COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY SEATS**

It was duly noted that Councillor Saunby would fill the vacant seat upon the Art Gallery Committee as previously resolved.

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

RESOLVED that the Staffing Committee reverts to seven seats and the status quo prevails regarding sitting Councillors (i.e. Councillors Ayres, Mrs Biggins, Body, Chin-Queen, Mrs Davies, Evans and Mrs Ryan (7)).

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

RESOLVED that the Trescobeas Recreational Area Working Party reverts to six seats and Councillor Saunby joins the current sitting Councillors (i.e. Councillors Ayres, Mrs Biggins, Body, Chin-Queen, Saunby and Sterratt (6)).

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

RESOLVED that the Quality Status Working Party reverts to six seats and Councillors Evans and Body, as Town Mayor and Deputy joins the current sitting Councillors (i.e. Councillors Body, Mrs Booth, Chin-Queen, Mrs Davies, Evans and Ms Merrett (6)).

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

RESOLVED that the following representatives on outside bodies be appointed:

- Age Concern : Councillor Mrs Hrydziuska
- Earles Retreat : maintain vacancy
- Fairtrade Group : Councillors Ayres, Chin-Queen and Mrs Davies
- Falmouth Transport : no appointments
- Infrastructure Group (Dormant)
- Falmouth & Helford : Councillor Jewell
- SAC Management Committee
- Falmouth & Helford : Councillor Jewell
- Authority Committee
- Falmouth Christmas : the two vacancies to be filled by
- Working Group : Councillors Mrs Hrydziuska and Ms Merrett
- Mencap : Councillor Mrs Hrydziuska

In regard to the Maritime Trust the Town Clerk to establish if this Group was still valid.

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

RESOLVED that if permissible for the Council to make an appointment then Councillor Cramp be appointed to represent the Council on the Falmouth Business Improvement District.

Councillor Mrs Biggins requested that her name be recorded as having abstained from voting on the above resolution. A MOTION that Councillor Ayres represents the Council was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett but was not seconded.

Councillor Chin-Quee now left the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Ms Merrett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ryan and

RESOLVED that Councillor Ayres joins Councillor Cramp as the Councillor Champions in regard to University Liaison.

A MOTION by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hrydziuska, that Councillor Evans be appointed was withdrawn. A MOTION by Councillor Mrs Booth, seconded by Councillor Sterratt, that Councillor Ms Merrett be appointed was withdrawn.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Chin-Quee joins Councillor Mrs Biggins as the Councillor Champion in regards to Schools/Youth.

C3887 FALMOUTH BAY STAKEHOLDERS

The notes of the meeting of the Falmouth Bay Stakeholders Group held on 1st October 2010 were duly noted.

C3888 CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The notes of the meeting of the Larger Councils Liaison Group held on 2nd September 2010 were duly noted.

C3889 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Town Manager presented the Town Management report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes. Further:

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It was proposed by Councillor Ayres, seconded by Councillor Mrs Booth and

RESOLVED that the Council has an information section on Councillors and the work of the Council on the www.falmouth.co.uk website.

C3890 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

(i) **Gyllygndune Gardens Project – Planting Works**

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

RESOLVED that the Council does not make a contribution towards planting works integral to the project.

(ii) **Winter Service Policy – Salt Bins**

It was proposed by Councillor Sterratt, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

RESOLVED that the Council does not provide salt bins.

(iii) **Cornwall Council – Car Parks Charging Structure**

Councillor Evans reported further on this matter. The Town Clerk reported that the public consultation was still awaited.

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

RESOLVED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee consider the consultation and respond on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Saunby now left the meeting.

C3891 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Evans 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 excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

C3892 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – PART II**

(Exempt information not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972)

The Town Clerk reported upon negotiations for the requested transfer of the Municipal Buildings to the Town Council.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meet with representatives of Cornwall Council to further discuss the transfer.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.00.m.

Signed: Date: