

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 22nd November 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Mrs R Thomas (Finance Officer)
Ms Black, Ms Easterby and R Wyard (Tremough Services)
Councillor E Wilkes (Penryn Town Council)
Councillor M Varney (Cornwall Council)

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C3893 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cramp (ill).

C3894 INTERESTS

None received

C3895 ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY FOR TREMOUGH AND WOODLANE STUDENTS

Ms Black presented the strategy summary to the Council. She advised that the Browne Review and the Comprehensive Spending Review would have implications and impact on projections, however it was too early to assess that at this time. There were active plans to deliver 500 rooms on campus and via agreed developments. A further 300 requirement would not fall upon the private rented sector but be achieved by developers providing larger scale (50 rooms plus) managed accommodation within the community.

The Tremough representatives then responded to members questions, a full debate ensued, and the strategy was duly noted.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee expressed her disappointment that Cornwall Council had deferred consideration of the Article 4 Directive to manage the number of Houses in Multiple Occupation.

C3896 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

C3897 **COUNCILLOR CONDUCT: COUNCILLOR MS D E MERRETT**

The Council considered the behaviour of Councillor Ms Merrett at pre-application planning presentations on 9th November 2010. This regarded a failure to show respect to fellow Councillors, Officers and invited guests and inappropriate and abusive conduct.

A full debate ensued and Councillor Merrett acknowledged and apologised for her conduct.

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

RESOLVED that the Council accepts concerns regarding the behaviour of Councillor Ms Diana Merrett at a recent meeting of the Planning Committee and has therefore requested that she stands down and does not attend any Committee meetings of the Council for a period of three months with immediate effect.

Councillor Saunby proposed an amendment of three months censure which was incorporated into the resolution by the mover and seconder. The original proposal recommended six months censure.

Councillor Ms Merrett thanked the Council for its consideration and advised that she would adhere to the request.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7.10p.m.

Signed: Date: