

## **TOWN OF FALMOUTH**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 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, D O'Brien, Mrs M Ryan, D W Saunby and Dr D A Sterratt

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)  
R Gates (Town Manager)  
Councillor S D Eva (Cornwall Council)  
Inspector J Trott and Sergeant G Watts (Falmouth Police)  
P Wickes (Falmouth PACT)  
S Sharples (Community Network Manager, Cornwall Council)  
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayors Chaplain)

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### **C3898 ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRAYERS**

The Town Mayor referred to the tragic and unexpected death of Brian Stewart, Director of Falmouth Art Gallery and paid tribute to Brian's work for the Council. Other members added their tributes and the Council stood in two minutes silence.

Prayers were then conducted by Reverend B Bennetts.

### **C3899 APOLOGIES**

None received.

Blue Watch from Falmouth Fire Station were unable to attend.

### **C3900 INTERESTS**

None received.

### **C3901 MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record of the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 be confirmed as a correct record of the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C3902 **TOWN MAYORS REPORT**

The Town Mayor reported upon civic attendances including Mayoral lunches.

He also made a presentation of an engraved tankard to Inspector Trott who was changing roles and would not be Sector Inspector for Falmouth. Inspector Trott thanked the Council and advised that he had enjoyed his service in Falmouth.

C3903 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3904 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Trott thanked the Council for supporting him and Community policing during his time in post and hoped that the good relationships and partnership initiatives would be continued. He reported upon consistent improvements in crime reduction which was ahead of targets. He further reported upon some of the anticipated changes to the Police Force.

C3905 **PACT**

Sergeant Watts and Mr Wickes reported upon potential changes to the PACT process that would be rebranded as 'Have Your Say', this would be based upon the Streets Reps process and other mechanisms and ensure the process was more representative.

The PACT process had worked well. Now questionnaires and surgeries would make it a process more reflective of community views. They responded to Members questions and the changes were endorsed by the Council subject to review.

C3906 **COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT**

None received.

C3907 **COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER AND CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Community Network Manager presented his report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes.

Councillor Evans reported upon highway improvements at Melvill Road and progress on the Gyllyngdune Project.

Councillor Saunby reported upon highway improvements at Trevaylor Road and Trescobeas Road and confirmed that the former kitchens site in Trescobeas Road would proceed to development.

C3908 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Planning Committee report dated 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 be approved subject to the amendment of Minute F3912(iii) to include referral to those grant applications for more than 50% of the total grant.

The Staffing Committee report dated 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 was presented by Councillor Mrs Biggins, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be approved.

**C3909 COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT CALL 2011/12**

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee presented the draft budget recommendations to the Council in respect of the Council estimates 2011/12 and therefore the precept call.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council agrees estimates for 2011/12 as per the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee requiring a precept of £970,450 (a 0% increase in precept call from 2010/11).

The Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee commended the Finance Officer for her efforts in regard to the 2011/12 budget preparation.

**C3910 FALMOUTH AND PENRYN REGENERATION GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November were approved.

**C3911 MARITIME LINE FORUM**

The minutes of the Forum held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and the Maritime Line Update for November 2010 were duly noted.

**C3912 RELOCATION OF FALMOUTH POST OFFICE**

The correspondence from Mr Pound, Field Change Advisor for the Post Office advising that the relocation would proceed was noted with disappointment.

Councillor Saunby reported that Sarah Newton MP was supporting an inquiry into the decision. Inspector Trott reiterated his concerns regarding highway safety issues with the site.

**C3913 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

**C3914 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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

(1) Investment Strategy

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

RESOLVED that the Finance Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be delegated to determine the investment strategy for 2011/12.

(2) Information Security Policy

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

RESOLVED that the Information Security Policy attached by adopted by the Council.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

Signed: ..... Date: .....