

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 6th June 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: G F Evans (Chairman), A K Ayres, Mrs A J Biggins, Mrs J A Booth,
G W Chin-Quee (to point mentioned), 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)
Inspector Richards (Devon and Cornwall Police)
N Carpenter and R Wilcox (Falmouth BID)
P Wickes (Falmouth Marine Network)
Reverend B Bennetts (Mayors Chaplain)

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C3967 PRAYERS

Conducted by Reverend B. Bennetts.

C3968 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Body (ill), Choak (family matter), Cramp (family matter) and O'Brien (work).

C3969 INTERESTS

None received.

C3970 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 21st March 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 9th May 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C3971 TOWN MAYORS REPORT

The Town Mayor reported upon the Minister's visit to Falmouth Coastguards that he hoped would persuade the Maritime and Coastguard Agency not to reduce the service. The Town Mayor had also attended HMS Cornwall, met with the Nepalese Ambassador and a returning Australian exile.

He had also attended Downing Street to help submit the petition supporting dredging of the Harbour. As well as the posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award for Brian Stewart.

Further the Rotary Charter 350 launch luncheon and Kimberley Park Fun Day as well as numerous other civic engagements.

C3972 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

C3973 **COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT**

Inspector Richards introduced himself as the new Sector Inspector and outlined the effects of the recent cuts in the Police Service. That would impact upon frontline service provision. In Falmouth there would be no overall loss in establishment. It would mean that Officers would be less able to attend some meetings.

He responded to members questions and then left the meeting.

C3974 **FALMOUTH BID**

Mr Carpenter (Chairman) and Mr Wilcox (Manager) outlined the Visitor Information and Hospitality Strategy proposal for Falmouth. Mr Wickes reported upon Cornwall Marine Networks secured funding and proposals in respect of training.

They responded to members questions thereon.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council supports the Visitor Information and Hospitality Strategy for Falmouth and the proposed application for funding to deliver it from the Cornwall Seaside Town fund.

Messrs Carpenter, Wickes and Wilcox now left the meeting.

C3975 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 11th April 2011 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 11th April 2011 be approved.

The Town Mayor reminded the Council of the Earmarked Reserves movements at Minute F3983.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 28th April 2011 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 28th April 2011 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 23rd May 2011 was presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 23rd May 2011 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 6th June 2011 was verbally presented by Councillor Sterratt, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 6th June 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 7th March 2011 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 7th March 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 28th March 2011 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 28th March 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 18th April 2011 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 18th April 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 16th May 2011 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 16th May 2011 be approved.

The Art Gallery Committee report dated 4th April 2011 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 4th April 2011 be approved.

The Staffing Committee report dated 23rd May 2011 was presented by Councillor Biggins, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 23rd May 2011 be approved.

C3976 KIMBERLEY PARK WORKING PARTY

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Working Party meeting held on 20th May 2011 be approved and the recommendations therein actioned.

C3977 COUNCILLOR MRS HRYDZIUSZKA

The resignation of Councillor Mrs Hrydziuszka from the Planning Committee was accepted.

C3978 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SAUNBY

Councillor Saunby requested that the Council looks to run evening residents surgeries to enable Councillors that worked during the day to participate. The Town Clerk advised that the Council's partner agencies may not be able to attend at different times.

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

RESOLVED that as a one-off trial Councillors Saunby and Ms Merrett conduct a residents Surgery between 5.00pm to 7.00pm on 4th July 2011.

C3979 FALMOUTH AND PENRYN MAYOR'S REGENERATION GROUP

The minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 17th May 2011 were duly noted.

C3980 CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – LARGE LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10th February 2011 were duly noted.

C3981 FALMOUTH TOWN FORUM

The minutes of the meeting of the Forum held in May 2011 were duly noted.

C3982 CHARTER 350

The Town Mayor requested the Council consider providing financial assistance towards the civic events associated with the Charter 350 celebrations.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be delegated, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, to authorise appropriate expenditure in regard to civic events associated with the Charter 350 celebrations.

C3983 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – FUTURE STANDARDS

It was proposed by Councillor Chin-Quee, seconded by Councillor Ms Merrett and

RESOLVED that the Council makes the following representations in regard to the future provision of standards of conduct expected of Councillors:

- there should be an independent reviewing body for compliance (e.g. Cornwall Council or Cornwall Association of Local Councils) that must have robust enforcement measures to be able to appropriately censure Councillors who breach the code
- the current code should be wholly or substantially retained
- in regard to more minor indiscretions or breaches then individual Councils should be able to address these in-house. A review/appeal system for Councillors could be a review by another similar local Council, appointed and co-ordinated by CALC.

C3984 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

Falmouth 350 Charter

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Ryan assist the Town Forum in co-ordinating the preparation of the 'new' Town Charter.

Councillor Chin-Quee now left the meeting.

C3985 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk presented the Town Clerk's report that was duly noted and forms part of these minutes, further:

(1) Trafalgar Way Commencement Plaque

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

RESOLVED that the Council submits the listed building application so as to progress the matter.

(2) Sea Sunday

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

RESOLVED that the annual grant to the Royal Naval Association to stage Sea Sunday be increased to £1,250 to enable the Association to cover the costs of public liability insurances.

C3986 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Davies, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ryan 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.

PART II

C3987 **STAFFING COMMITTEE**

The Staffing Committee report dated 16th May 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Biggins, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 16th May 2011 be approved.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed: Date: