

TOWN OF FALMOUTH

Minutes of a Meeting of the Falmouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Falmouth on Monday 31st October 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
Mrs R N Thomas (Finance Officer)
R Gates (Town Manager)
D Buurma (MOR Design)
J Bottomley (Falmouth Forum)
Ms N Kneebone (Falmouth Visitor Information Centre)

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C4037 **PRAYERS**

Conducted by Councillor Mrs S Hrydziuska

C4038 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Chin-Quee (Carrick Housing Meeting) and O'Brien (work).

Apologies were also received from Ms Chadwick (Community Network Manager), Inspector Richards (Falmouth and Truro Police) and Reverend Bennetts (Mayor's Chaplain).

Further it was noted that Councillor Ms Merrett was currently suspended.

C4039 **INTERESTS**

None received.

C4040 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 19th September 2011 be confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

C4041 **TOWN MAYORS REPORT**

The Town Mayor provided an update on the very successful 350 Charter Celebration events, the Oyster Festival and the opening and dedication ceremonies at Trescobeas Play area. He also reported upon the opening by Paul Mitchell of the Falmouth Art Gallery's Frameworks Exhibition.

Further he reported:

Councillor Merrett

Following a hearing on 25th October 2011 the Hearing Sub Committee of Cornwall Council found that Councillor Merrett had breached paragraphs 3(1) and 5 of the Code of Conduct and the sanctions that had been imposed were that Councillor Merrett be censured and suspended for a period of two months from the date of the hearing.

The Mayor felt that this was a very serious matter and unique for the Council.

Church Street Car Park (Minute C4035)

He invited Councillor Cramp and Messrs Bottomley and Buurma to report upon a proposal for Church Street Car Park which had been deferred previously. This was a proposal to create public open space for seating and walking on the waterfront at Church Street Car Park subject to consents.

In response to questions it was established that it would cost approximately £100,000 and various funders would be approached. It could be phased and would result in the loss of approximately 20 car parking spaces.

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

RESOLVED unanimously that the Council supports the principle of the development proposal at Church Street Car park.

C4042 FALMOUTH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Ms Kneebone, Manager of the Falmouth Visitor Information Centre, thanked the Council for its support and provided an update of the first three months of operation. It had been well received by residents and visitors alike and attended by 35,000 since opening. It had supported events and festivals, provided accommodation bookings, and now opened seven days a week all year. Budgetary and Management reports would be reported in due course. The business model worked and would be sustainable and the Council congratulated her on the success to date of the operation.

Ms Kneebone and Messrs Bottomley and Buurma now left the meeting.

C4043 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

The Town Mayor referred to Inspector Richard's written report that was duly noted and is attached as part of these minutes.

C4044 FIRE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

No report available.

C4045 COMMUNITY NETWORK MANAGER'S REPORT

The Community Network Manager's report was duly noted.

C4046 CORNWALL COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Saunby advised that he had nothing to report.

Councillor Evans reported that all Falmouth Ward Members were contributing to the festival fund for Christmas Lighting. He also gave an update on the process to reduce the blast zone boundary for storage at Falmouth Docks. He confirmed that Councillors Community and Highway expenditure to date had been circulated as requested.

C4047 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Art Gallery report dated 26th September 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 26th September 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 19th September 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 19th September 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 10th October 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 10th October 2011 be approved.

The Planning Committee report dated 18th October 2011 was presented by Councillor Mrs Booth, Chairman of the Committee.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Committee dated 18th October 2011 be approved.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee report dated 10th October 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 10th October 2011 be approved.

C4048 **CORNWALL COUNCIL CAR PARKS**

Councillor Cramp's report on the meeting with Cornwall Council regarding car parks was endorsed and duly noted.

C4049 **BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS**

The Town Mayor reported that this item had been presented at the request of Councillor Chin-Quee. It was deferred pending the availability of Councillor Chin-Quee.

C4050 COMMITTEE REVIEW WORKING PARTY

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

RESOLVED unanimously that:

- (i) the Minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 24th October 2011 be approved
- (ii) pursuant to RWP 8 the Regeneration and Strategy Committee be created as recommended.

C4051 TOWN MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

C4052 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

In addition he reported that confirmation had now been received from the Audit Commission that the Council's Accounts were being processed and were in order; also that Fathom 7 would shortly be published. These were duly noted.

Further it was proposed by Councillor Body, seconded by Councillor Mrs Biggins and

RESLOVED that the Council looks to participate in the Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons proposal.

C4053 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business abut to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

C4054 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Staffing Committee report dated 24th October 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 24th October 2011 be approved except that:

- (i) minute S 506 be returned for further consideration by the Committee; and
- (ii) minute S 507 be amended to be subject to the Security Officer/Cleaner understanding the necessary training to undertake the weekly visual site inspections of Council sites.

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

Signed: Date: