

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors R J O'Shea (Chairman), B M A Ross (Vice-Chairman), R J Bonney, G G Chappel, L D Coley, S D Eva, G F Evans CC MBE, A Gillett, A J Jewell CC, P A Minson, A Parker, J C Robinson, D W Saunby CC and J M Spargo

In Attendance: A M Williams (Town Clerk)
R N Thomas (Finance Officer)
Councillor J Kirkham (Cornwall Council)
A Hall, J Fiori and others (Grant applicants)
Captain Sansom & C Gilmore (Falmouth Harbour Commissioners)

F6294 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors McCarthy (work) and Morgan (ill).

F6295 INTERESTS

Councillor Gillett declared a non disclosable interest in the grant application by the Falmouth Community Art Group as she was involved in the Group and left the meeting during the consideration thereof.

F6296 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Part I minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F6297 GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Falmouth Community Art Group be granted £200 to purchase materials for its weekly art group. Further the Council to provide free of charge use of the Council Chamber for the weekly art group.

It was proposed by Councillor Minson, seconded by Councillor O'Shea and

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Scruffy Mutt Theatre Ltd be granted £250 towards the cost of representing Cornwall at dance masterclasses in Los Angeles, USA.

A Motion by Councillor Gillett, seconded by Councillor Robinson that a grant of £500 be made was withdrawn.

Further the Town Mayor (£250) from his civic allowance and Councillor O'Shea (£125) from his Community Chest advised they would support the Scruffy Mutt Theatre request.

The grant schedule for 2019/20 was duly noted.

F6298 **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Council's Insurer's Customer Account Manager would attend on 11th November 2019 to meet with Officers and the Committee Chair regarding insuring risk and quote renewals.

F6299 **FALMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The statutory consultation period following acceptance of the Plan submission would be between 5th September and 17th October 2019 was duly noted.

F6300 **COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2023**

The publication of the Plan was duly noted.

F6301 **DRAFT BUDGET 2020/2021**

Councillors would inform individual aspirations to the Finance Officer and the draft budget would be prepared otherwise in accordance with the Strategic Plan.

F6302 **COMMUNITY NETWORK PANEL**

The expression of interest for the improvements relating to prohibiting waiting/car parking at any time and yellow lines removal (Acacia Road) was endorsed.

F6303 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Minson and

RESOLVED that the Council confirms its endorsement of its submission to Cornwall Council and that Councillor Eva prevents that at the scheduled review meeting on 17th September 2019.

F6304 **FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Ross and

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Finance Sub-Committee dated 21st August 2019 be agreed as attached as part of these minutes.

The Finance Officer confirmed that a Premises Licence was not required for the Atherton Suite as the proposed uses were permitted.

F6305 **MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The new model regulations were noted.

F6306 **CORNWALL'S CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

The Action Plan was noted and endorsed and the Carbon Neutral update was noted.

F6307 **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD**

The loan repayments schedule as due 28th August 2019 was duly noted.

F6308 **ALBANY ROAD SCHOOL CROSSING**

At the request of Councillor Kirkham consideration of this request was deferred to allow the attendance of a representative of the School PTA to attend.

F6309 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – COUNCILLOR GUIDE**

The Guide and the safeguarding advice therein were duly noted.

F6310 **COMMUNITY SAFETY ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

The extension of the Council's accreditation for an additional two years was duly noted.

F6311 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BREXIT BULLETIN**

The bulletin was duly noted.

F6312 **BUDGET MONITORING**

To be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

F6313 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

It was proposed by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash
Schedules for July 2019 (attached) be approved.

F6314 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Chappel and

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from
the meeting in the public interest for the following business
as it involves the consideration of property, funding and
contractual matters.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

PART II

2ND SEPTEMBER 2019

F6315 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the Part II minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F6316 **FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**

The Harbour Master and the Chair of the Commissioners updated the Council regarding the grounding of the Kuzma Minin at Gyllyngvase Beach in December 2018 and the marine accident investigation. The Port's response had been recognised as being timely and effective. The lack of dedicated towage and salvage provision now in the South West Approaches which had been discontinued in 2010 was detrimental and could have meant a much more significant disaster could have occurred.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Shea, seconded by Councillor Eva and

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Council supports the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners lobbying of the Government to reinstate dedicated towing and salvage provision for the South West Approaches.

The 2018 Annual Report of the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners was also duly noted.

F6317 **CCTV**

The CCTV Quarterly Management Report 1 April – 30 June 2019 was received.

F6318 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported further in respect of Minute F6293 regarding the actions taken to ensure better future compliance.

There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed: Date: