

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held in the Atherton Suite, The Old Post Office, The Moor, Falmouth on Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors R J O'Shea (Chairman), B M A Ross (Vice-Chairman), R J Bonney, G G Chappel BEM, S D Eva, G F Evans CC MBE, A J Gillett, A J Jewell CC, P A Minson, A Parker, 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)
R Markland and E Murphy (Grant applicants)

F6385 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Councillors Coley (work) and Robinson (ill).

F6386 **INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

F6387 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the Part I minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F6388 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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

RESOLVED that the pursuant to SS 1-8 of the Local Government Act 2011 Community Heart CIC be granted £253 towards the Falmouth Community Fridge project and as part of the Community Hub.

In addition to the grant individual Councillors made commitments from their Community Chest funds and the Town Mayor from his allowance so that the Community Fridge project received a £1,000 in total funding support.

The grant schedule for 2019/20 was duly noted.

F6389 **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The report was noted.

F6390 **PEER REVIEW**

The preliminary findings of the Peer Review Team were noted and are attached as part of these minutes. The full report was expected and Paul Clarke of the Local Government Association would attend on 27th April 2020 to present that. The Committee debated the preliminary findings.

F6391 **KIMBERLEY PARK LODGE**

The Quantity Surveyor and Structural Engineer's findings were noted and that necessary work be undertake to facilitate the site development.

F6392 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Councillors Jewell and Saunby reported upon the Cornwall Council consultation event on 18th February 2020. Councillor Saunby advocated an amendment to the submission that may be acceptable to Budock Parish Council. The Committee debated the suggestion.

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

RESOLVED that the Council delegated the Town Clerk in consultation with the Town Mayor and Councillor Saunby to meet with Budock Parish Council and Penryn Town Council to seek a mutually acceptable submission where possible and submit to the Cornwall Community Governance Review Panel.

F6393 **DEVOLUTION : TRANCHE 4**

The package of asset devolution with Cornwall Council now stood at nearly 100 sites.

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

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk meet with Cornwall Council to explore if the transfers could be phased providing that did not affect the 'cost neutrality' or have a bearing on TUPE or other statutory requirements.

F6394 **CORNWALL MIND**

It was noted that Cornwall MIND had been able to retain a local presence in Falmouth with the Council hosting them on Wednesdays.

F6395 **INSURANCE**

It was noted that expressions of interest for the Council's insurance renewal had been requested.

F6396 **WEBSITE**

The tender preparation for the Council's websites was duly noted.

F6397 **MARKETS ON THE MOOR**

The new operating arrangements and promotion of the markets from 5th March 2020 were noted and endorsed.

F6398 **CCLA**

The detail of the January 2020 market report and property fund prices and dividend yields were duly noted.

F6399 **BUDGET MONITORING**

The Town Clerk reported that the budget monitoring report had not changed significantly from the previous report.

F6400 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY 2020**

The details of the latest local government pay offer was noted.

F6401 **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD**

The February 2020 repayment schedule was duly noted.

F6402 **BENEFITS WELFARE ADVICE**

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

RESOLVED that £400 be allocated to ensure a continuity of service delivery to the end of the financial year.

F6403 **COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)**

The Public Health England guidance note and Town Clerk's instructions to staff regarding minimising infection risk and business continuity were duly noted.

F6404 **OLD POST OFFICE**

The new tenant occupation of office number 3 was duly noted.

F6405 **MARITIME LINE UPDATE**

The Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership update was duly noted.

F6406 **ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH**

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedules for January 2020 (attached) be approved.

F6407 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

24TH FEBRUARY 2020

F6408 **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED that the Part II minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

F6409 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

(1) **CCTV MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The October to December 2019 Management Report was duly noted.

(2) **ARWENACK AVENUE GATEPOSTS**

The Town Clerk reported that Cornwall Council's remediation works were too costly to proceed and they had requested Town Council funding assistance towards the repairs, given the historical impact to the town. Without remediation they would be removed.

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

RESOLVED that the Council does not contribute to the works at the current time as it noted Councillor Evans would look to contribute from his community chest pot.

There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed: Date: