

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held virtually by Zoom on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors R J O'Shea (Chairman), B M A Ross (Vice-Chair), R J Bonney (from point mentioned), G G Chappel BEM, L D Coley, S D Eva, G F Evans CC MBE, A J Gillett, A J Jewell CC, P A Minson, M C Morgan, 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)
H M Boex (Cultural Services Director)
Councillor J Kirkham (Cornwall Council – Smithick Electoral Division)
G Pipkin, N Hunter and N Banfield (Grant applicants)

F6478 APOLOGIES

None received.

F6479 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

F6480 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F6481 GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 Falmouth Generalist Advice Service be granted £500 towards the costs of the local advice service.

The Chairman requested that the Committee consider the reinstatement of the Falmouth Citizens Advice annual grant at its next meeting.

Councillor Bonney now entered the meeting.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011, True Butterflies Foundation be granted £1000 towards the costs of providing and developing support services for survivors of domestic abuse and their children.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the Wellbeing Swimmers be granted £500 towards the costs of training for volunteer coaches and hire of venues for wellbeing lectures and speakers.

Councillors Evans and Jewell indicated that they would also support the initiative from their Cornwall Council community grant chests.

Further the 2020/21 Grant Schedule was duly noted.

F6482 2021/22 PRECEPT NOTIFICATION

The Chairman reported that the precept notification of £2,723,023.93 had been made to Cornwall Council and confirmed by them. It would be paid in two instalments on 1st April 2021 and 1st September 2021. The supporting documentation for publication would now be submitted. The report was duly noted.

F6483 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Further to the deferral of the matter by the Committee then the Council had resolved to agree to Budock Parish Council request that it would not seek to revisit the western town boundary for a period 25 years. Albeit the Council could not bind future administrations. The Clerk and Town Mayor would write to Budock Parish and Cornwall Council to conform that.

F6484 COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

The Town Clerk advised that the national Tier 5 restrictions were being applied, and public access to all Council Buildings were now restricted and face to face services closed. Except Library Click and Collect facility which was welcomed locally. All staff, except key workers, were working from home. Parks, play areas and public toilets remained open. Although some inappropriate user behaviour was causing reconsideration of that.

Meetings would continue virtually and a decision regarding whether local government elections on 6th May 2021 would proceed was awaited. The report was duly noted.

F6485 2020/21 BUDGET FORECAST

The budget forecast was not available and would be considered at the next meeting.

F6486 CCLA LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROPERTY FUND

The prices and dividend yield and Market Report for November 2020 was noted.

F6487 ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH

The Finance Officer reported that internal systems Councillor scrutiny arrangements would be developed virtually.

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedule for November 2020 be approved (attached)

F6488 PROJECT UPDATES

The Director of Cultural Services presented an update and overview of current projects.

- Grant funded renovation works at Ponswarden Cemeteries', an important Scheduled Monument, was commencing.
- A bid for £150,000 was being made to Cornwall Council Town Vitality Fund.
- Princess Pavilion and Gyllyngdune Gardens were awaiting Cornwall Council consent for transfer.
- A meeting with the Architect was imminent regarding Kimberley Park Lodge.
- Website upgrade was progressing.

Further she provided an update on supporting local volunteering.

There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Signed: Date: