

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held virtually by Zoom on Monday 15th February 2021 at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillors R J O'Shea (Chairman), B M A Ross (Vice-Chair), R J Bonney 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 (from point mentioned), 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)

F6489 APOLOGIES

None received.

F6490 INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

F6491 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F6492 GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011 Falmouth Generalist Advice Service be granted £1000 as an annual grant towards the delivery of the service.

Further letters of thanks for grant awards and the 2020/21 Grant Schedule were duly noted.

F6493 WELFARE BENEFITS SERVICE

The update regarding the Council supported Welfare Benefits Service virtual delivery was duly noted.

F6494 CORNWALL LOCALISM STRATEGY

The Cornwall Council launch of its Localism Strategy was noted, and the Council supported localism aspiration and sustainability theme.

F6495 MAKING SPACE FOR NATURE

The report of the Cornwall Council Project Officer was received, and the Council noted with pleasure the improvements work at The Beacon and that the Swanvale scheme was being consulted upon.

F6496 2020/21 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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

RESOLVED that the 2020/21 investment strategy be approved (attached as part of these minutes).

F6497 BUDGET FORECAST 2020/21

The budget forecast as of January 2021 was noted. It was agreed that budget forecasting would be reported to every second Committee meeting from 1st April 2021.

F6498 CCLA LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROPERTY FUND

The January 2021 Market Report was duly noted.

Councillor Robinson now entered the meeting.

F6499 RISK ASSESSMENTS

The service risk assessments attached as part of these minutes were duly noted.

F6500 FOUR-YEAR STRATEGY AND BUDGET

The provisional costings for the Council's strategic plan was duly noted. The Director of Cultural services updated regarding Princess Pavilion transfer and options analysis.

F6501 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT GOVERNMENT GREEN PAPER

It was agreed that the Town Clerk and the Finance Officer responds to the Green Paper in consultation with the Committee Chairman.

F6502 ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH

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

RESOLVED that the accounts and petty cash schedules for December 2020 and January 2021 (attached) be approved.

F6503 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Ross, 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.

F6504 CCTV

The changes to CFRS personnel, and that Truro City Council would provide Stakeholder secretariat and chairing n 2021, as well as the Quarter 3 2020-21 management report were duly noted.

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

RESOLVED that the Council seeks a renewal of the Monitoring Contract for one year to allow it to properly

consider procurement options and opportunities.

There being no further business to transact the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Signed: Date: