

FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held virtually by Zoom on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors B M A Ross (Vice-Chair in the 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, 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)
M Nixon, R Brock and T Tuffery (Grant applicants)

F6489 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and approved from Councillor O'Shea (ill).

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 15th February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

F6492 GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Act 1972 The Crypt Pre-School be granted £1000 towards the costs of the refurbishment of the playroom.

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

RESOLVED that pursuant to sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011, Falmouth and Penryn Sea Cadets be granted £1000 towards the costs of purchasing laptops to enable cadets to engage in online learning.

Further the 2020/21 Grant Schedule was duly noted.

Further the 2020/21 Councillor Community Chest balances and awards were duly noted.

F6493 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) Financial Regulations as attached as part of these minutes be approved and operated by the council; and
- (ii) Corporate Credit Cards be issued for Senior Managers to assist with monthly reconciliation and efficiency subject to the safeguarding arrangements with Financial Regulations.

F6494 BUDGET FORECAST

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

RESOLVED that the budget forecast to February 2021 be received.

F6495 STANDING ORDERS

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

RESOLVED that the recommended changes to Standing Orders be approved and operated by the Council.

F6496 CCLA LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROPERTY FUND

The Market Report for February 2021 was received and duly noted.

F6497 FEES 2021/22

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) Fees and charges for 2021/22 be increased by RPI and rounded as appropriate;
- (ii) Cemetery fees for non-regular day burials be increased; and
- (iii) Room hire and conference facilities charges be at officer discretion as covid recovery measures are implemented to encourage use.

F6498 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

The request to Cornwall Council to expedite the PSPO given current problems at Gyllyngvase Beach was supported.

F6499 SCIENTIST PLACEMENT 2021

The engagement with the FO.AM initiative was noted and supported.

F6500 COVID MARSHALLING

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

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council continues to fund the tri-party funded Marshal Service;
- (ii) the Council to provide additional marshal services under the Covid Traffic Experimental Traffic Regulation Order provisions would pick this aspect up from 10th May 2021.

F6501 TOWN VITALITY FUND

The submission of the application to Cornwall Council for £150,000 was noted and approved.

F6502 ACCOUNTS AND PETTY CASH

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

RESOLVED that the Accounts and Petty Cash Schedule for February 2021 be approved (attached)

F6503 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Minson 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

22ND MARCH 2021

F6504 CCTV CONTRACT RENEWAL

The Town Clerk reported upon the contract renewal discussion with Cornwall Council for the Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service who did not support the Council's request for a one-year extension to enable due process consideration of full renewal.

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

RESOLVED that the contract be extended for a further four years, and that the 6-month cessation clause be retained.

F6505 PROJECT UPDATE

The Director of Cultural Services provided an update regarding the transfer of Princess Pavilion, Gyllyngdune Gardens and The Stable Block, as well as notifying that the Kimberley Park Working Party would shortly be considering the recommended design option for Kimberley Park Lodge.

Further the Council would support the phasing of the Devo4 Asset Devolution package if it helped to expedite the transfers, with Church Street Car Park and Fox Rosehill Gardens and Nursery as priorities for phasing.

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

Signed: Date: