

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JULY 2018 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

18/32 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
Councillors Mrs F Day, P Fassam, P Hughes, Mrs L Simms,
Mrs C Woodside

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
2 members of the public

18/33 Apologies

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman
Cllr G Asker
Cornwall Councillor A Virr

18/34 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None.
- β. Non Registerable – None
- χ. Dispensations – The Town Clerk had extended a dispensation to Cllr Finlay to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments. The Town Clerk had extended a dispensation to Cllr Fassam to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments.

18/35 Public Participation & Questions

Bryan Boothby thanked both Fowey Town Council and Cllr Virr for their support in trying to persuade Vodaphone to site their new mast away from the schools. Given that both FTC and Cornwall Council had objected to the application but this had been overturned at appeal, Mr Boothby opined that it was undemocratic that the views of local representatives had been ignored. The Mayor noted that, whilst she shared Mr Boothby's disappointment, the government was supportive of mobile phone companies and was committed to improve communications. The Town Clerk confirmed that FTC continued to object to the position of the mast but could do little more at present; she suggested that Mr Boothby should contact Steve Double MP.

Julie Talbot asked if her suggestion for a blue plaque scheme in Fowey could be progressed, given that one had been commissioned to mark the visit of the Duke & Duchess of Cornwall. The Mayor and Cllr Fassam assured Mrs Talbot that FTC was supportive in principle of such a scheme but was not currently in a position to progress it. The Mayor suggested that Mrs Talbot may like to approach the Forum.

Julie Talbot noted that the flower tubs around Haverners were spreading, rather like the palm trees belonging to the previous owner.

Julie Talbot noted that scaffolding used to be banned in the town between Easter and October but now it was everywhere, which was unacceptable. The Town Clerk explained that there had never been a formal policy – rather an agreement – but this was something FTC would be investigating for 2019.

18/36 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

18/37 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)
Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that she was still working on revisions.

18/38 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – noted

Finance – no report

18/39 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

No reports

18/40 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- 28th June, I attended a meeting of the Fowey Community Hospital meeting, with Andy Virr, Helen Luther, Cllr Patrick Hughes, Cllr Peter Fassam and Phil Confue. Mr Confue discussed what steps CPFT will take after the presentation of their feasibility study at FTC's Annual Parish meeting in April. CPFT will write a Business plan for the development of the Hospital which is an important step in development of this site and will take between 2-3 months to write. There was discussion about the importance of providing staff accommodation within the development to be able to recruit and retain specialist staff.
- 30 June WI 70th Anniversary and 100th of women's suffrage; on a gloriously hot day there were many women in Edwardian clothes, long skirts, frilly blouses and hats wearing the coloured sashes of the women's suffrage movement. With tea and cakes, Fowey WI welcomed old and new members.
- 6 July Lerryn School: Our two Mace Bearers and myself were asked in to talk about the role of the Mayor and our two sergeant at arms with their maces.
- Lostwithiel Mayor making, the first for two years took part in St Bartholomew's church, Lostwithiel and was very well attended.
- 7th July 2nd Anniversary of the Squires Field community Centre; despite this being the same afternoon as an England World Cup match it was well attended with St Day Youth Band and The Rock Choir entertaining guests.
- 10th July Fowey Classics, normally held in the first week of August was moved this year in the hope of getting better weather, which of course they did. Fowey Classics is a three day event of classic boats run by Gallants Sailing Club and attracts a number of sailors to Fowey especially from France, the Parade of sail in the main harbour on the Thursday, entertained visitors to the Town Quay to some very beautiful boats.

- 13th July 50th Anniversary of Fowey Pre-school; Fowey Pre-school is another group at the very heart of our community and has now been running for 50 years. A number of past play leaders came along with photos and stories about how many different venues they have been in and all the decorating that was undertaken to create spaces for Fowey's children over the past 50 years. It was also Julie Thurman's 30th anniversary of working and running the pre-school.
- 16th July TRH's visit to Fowey; Well it was months in the planning, with Sally and I attending many meetings in strictest secrecy with Paul Thomas and Claire Hoddinott from the Harbour Commissioners and quite often with Clarence House and the Duchy Office. But it was all so worth it for such a special visit to the Town by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. Our visitors enjoyed the event and some of our traders were able to showcase their shops and specialist food and drink.
- 16th Community Network meeting discussed the process of the Highways Community Network Scheme. All the proposals from our network have been received and there are 15 different proposals. These proposals will now be sent off to the CC Highways Officers who will review all the proposals and cost and evaluate each one. As soon as these evaluations have been received by our CN officer Tasha Davis, they will be sent out to each council in our CN to be able to have some prompt responses. This process is going on all over Cornwall and the feeling from our CN is to 'get ahead of the game'.
- There was also a lot of concern at the meeting over the withdrawal of our monthly police reports to local councils.

18/41 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- She was pleased to report that SW Water had changed the colour of their control room door to fit in with the black/gold colour scheme on the rest of the quay and also repainted the white louvred window openings
- She had received complaints about the state of the main Car Park toilets, which she had passed on to Cornwall Council. She understood that the problems had been addressed.
- So far she had received 2 expressions of interest in the vacant seats on FTC. Given that the council would not meet to discuss appointments until mid September it was agreed that the closing date for applications should be extended until the end of August.

18/42 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr reported

Royal Visit

Well done to Fowey Town Council and Fowey Harbour Commissioners for organising such a successful visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. It was great to showcase some of the gems that Fowey has on offer. Congratulations to all involved in the event.

Fowey Hospital

I chaired a meeting with Fowey Town Councillors, a representative of the Hospital Welfare Committee and the Chief Executive of Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust (CPFT). All were in agreement that we were supportive of the model of building a new NHS Nursing Home in Fowey. We were encouraged by the commitment CPFT are bringing to the project. The next step is for CPFT to draw up the business case.

Parking

Further concerns have been raised about parking in Fowey. In particular, it is now commonplace for cars to be parked along Polvillion Road near the school. This is a difficult

area for cars to overtake. In my view, it strengthens the need for a joint approach between Fowey Town Council and myself as your County Councillor to consider the introduction of a Resident's Parking Scheme. I would recommend that FTC commits to forming a sub-committee to review parking in Fowey and formulate recommendations for wider public consideration.

Car Parking Charges

At the request of Fowey Chamber of Commerce I arranged a meeting with a senior Parking Officer from Cornwall Council and a representative of Fowey Chamber of Commerce. We discussed concerns that Fowey seems to be more expensive to park than other destinations in the immediate vicinity and that there are not seasonal rates to attract visitors in the winter months. Cornwall Council have committed to a pricing review and they were sympathetic to the view that the Main Car Park off Hansen Drive should attract cheaper parking that it currently does to reflect its out of town location. This car park is also likely to be in the first wave of new pay on leaving barrier car parks in Cornwall.

Place Road

To my ongoing frustration Place Road remains closed. I have challenged the officers of Cormac, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Cornwall Council's Chief Executive as to why the progress is so slow, why there were such long delays for the correct signage to be in place and why they accept the daily risk of extended access times for fire engines responding to emergencies in the centre of Town. I have also made the case for the work to be completed in time for Regatta, but to no avail. I would urge Fowey Town Council to write to Cornwall Council CEO to also complain about the low priority being given to this highway scheme. I understand they have a design scheme in mind now, but have to seek agreement from the property owners in the vicinity in order to drill under the houses.

Dragon's Teeth

I have been approached by a local resident frustrated by the noise from vehicles driving over the thickly painted dragon's teeth traffic calming measures between the 40 and 30 mph limits as you enter Fowey. Cornwall Council agree they should be moved to before the 40mph zone and are approaching Wain Homes to fund this work.

Telephone Mast

There has been much public anger regarding the location of the Vodaphone Telephone Mast. I have written to the company to express my disappointed that they did not follow through on my offer to work with them to find an agreeable location. They have agreed to look again at the suggestion that the Windmill Industrial Estate would be a more preferable location, even if a taller mast is required. I await a further response.

Litter Collection

I have been successful in finally persuading Cornwall Council to litter pick Polmear Hill. This was completed after the recent grass cut.

Network Highway Schemes

I am supportive of FTC's submissions to the Network Highways schemes, namely the disabled space outside Barclays and improvements to the pedestrian route up and down New Road Hill. Please can I ask Councillors to consider and feedback their views on the introduction of a 20mph traffic calming measure within the residential areas of Fowey?

Please can I wish Councillors an excellent summer break and the Town a very successful Regarra.

18/43 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £14,136.06 be approved

18/44 Correspondence

Emails had been circulated and correspondence was left 'on the table' for Cllrs attention.

18/45 Resolutions from Councillors

None

18/46 Town Quay

Cllr Fassam reported he had been pleased to receive very positive comments about the improved appearance of the quay, thanks to all involved in the transformation. Now that the Working Party had completed its task he was supportive of the Town Hall Committee taking on responsibility for the quay in the future.

18/47 Squires Field

The Mayor referred members to the two recent incidents with defective equipment in the childrens play park, together with the comments in the RoSPA inspections and the quotes obtained for repairs and the provision of a full safety audit as recommended by the Finance Committee. Members discussed at length how to best address this given the significant costs involved but concluded that there was no option but to undertake the required work as otherwise the park would have to be closed for safety reasons. The Mayor then proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that option A from the quote from Playground Solutions should be accepted, together with the safety audit quote form the same company. In respect of the broken roundabout it was further proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the equipment should be removed and replaced with a flying saucer.

18/48 Election of Committee Members/Representatives/Webmaster

Finance Committee. Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Simms seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Fassam should serve on this Committee for 2018/2019

Town Hall. Cllr Fassam proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Woodside should serve on this Committee for 2018/2019

Cllr Day proposed, Cllr Simms seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following representatives should be appointed

Chamber of Commerce – Cllr Hughes

Forum – Cllr Woodside

Port User Group – Cllr Berryman, Cllr Hughes

Webmaster – it was agreed that this appointment should be deferred.

18/49 Arrangements for the Visit of HMS Montrose

The Mayor confirmed that various activities had been arranged for the crew, including sailing, cricket and a visit to St Austell Brewery. Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Woodside seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should host a small reception for representatives of the ships company and other invited guests at RFYC

18/50 Provision of a Waste Bin at the Safe Harbour Bus Stop

Whilst members recognized that a bin was needed at this location Cllr Fassam expressed concern that providing one on land not belonging to FTC would create a dangerous precedent. Additionally the cost of emptying the bin at approximately £500 per year would be a significant drain on FTC resources. Cllr Hughes agreed and considered that FTC should only provide bins on its own property; Cornwall Council should accept responsibility for other areas. It was

agreed, however, that Cllr Hughes and Cllr Woodside would speak to the Chamber/Forum to ask if they might be in a position to provide a bin at this prominent location at the entrance to the town.

18/51 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Cllr Day reported that Philip de Grey Warter had asked for FTC's support in identifying some land in the town to accommodate a new cemetery as the existing one was nearly full. The Mayor agreed to investigate.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – to be confirmed

Council – 19th September 2018

Meeting Closed

8.35pm