

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

18/72 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
Councillors G Asker, Mrs R Cooke, Mrs F Day, S Griffin, P Hughes,
Mrs L Simms

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Councillor A Virr
5 members of the public (part)

Mrs Rhianna Cooke and Scott Griffin Esq made their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were welcomed as members of FTC by the Mayor

18/73 Apologies

The Deputy Mayor Cllr J Berryman, Cllr P Fassam, Cllr Mrs C Woodside

18/74 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.

18/75 Public Participation & Questions

In response to a query, the Mayor confirmed that the planned SW Water works to repair the pipe from the quay to the sewage works had been deferred until the new year.

A member of the public reported that she had spoken to Cllr Virr and Sustrans in relation to opening up The Parade to cyclists; she would now like to see some form of public consultation on the possibility. The mayor confirmed that The Parade was currently a footpath owned by Cornwall Council so the initiative would need to come from that authority.

Members of the public recorded concerns about traffic using narrow roads past their home to avoid the Place Road road closure. The Mayor clarified that, unfortunately, the road would not be reopened in the foreseeable future, although an investigation into how best to reinstate the wall had been completed. The plan was to drive soil nails into the gardens of the 3 houses above and Cornwall Council was now negotiating with the property owners. However, there would be surveys to undertake and three sets of solicitors involved in gaining consent before work could even begin.

The Town Clerk confirmed that all the permit parking spaces at Squires Field had been allocated in line with the FTC criteria.

18/76 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September 2018

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

18/77 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that the NP had been returned from CC from its second screening at the beginning of October and the steering group are now able to go forward to our consultation. This is a statutory 6 weeks and we have to inform major stakeholders as well as residents of Fowey parish. The period will run from 3rd November to 15th December – all main groups in the Parish will be offered the opportunity of hearing about what the NP is and how it will impact on Fowey. Displays will be up in the Library, the Community Centre, the WI room in Polkerris as well as at the Farmers market and other meetings during the 6 weeks.

18/78 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – no report

Finance – noted

18/79 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

Chamber of Commerce. Cllr Hughes reported that the Chamber members were concerned about the possible loss of the ATM and hoped that a suitable new site could be located. The Chamber was still keen to take over the telephone boxes in Market Street. Work was ongoing in relation to Christmas lights in the town.

18/80 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

On 22nd September I was invited to the boat naming of the new inshore D Class lifeboat, Olive 3. There were volunteers, fund raisers and representatives from the Olive Herbert trust who provided the new boat for Fowey Lifeboat Station.

The Chamber of Commerce, the Forum, Town Tours and the Community Bus were asked their views about the proposed Road Sign Review undertaken by Cormac. These views were studied at an informal meeting of councillors last Thursday, after which. I compiled our thoughts and have sent them off to Rachael Tatlow at Highways.

Readymoney Allotment Health and Safety Walk took place on Monday 15th October; a number of plot holders will have emails regarding the condition of their plots, which the secretary of the association organises. The use of water pipe hoses was brought up again and the secretary will issue links to industrial storage containers to store water and maintain the ban on hosepipes.

At the Community Network meeting on Monday 15th October there was a presentation from the Police and Crime Commissioner; the Anti-social behaviour unit; Safer St Austell and Inspector Gard of Devon and Cornwall police. There was a lot of discussion over how policing has changed and how 30% of police time is on crimes and 70% is spent on non-police matters. The neighbourhood team is 2/3rds what it was 5 years ago. I had my usual nag about our lack of a PCSO and found out that recruiting for a Tri service Officer for Fowey and Polruan has finished and they hope to have someone in post, late January 2019. The person will have the

responsibility for Fire call- outs, First responder and PCSO; they will have a car equipped by the ambulance service.

18/81 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

It was proving difficult to find a suitable location for the ATM following the closure of Barclays Bank. However, she had been assured that every effort was still being made and the current facility would remain available for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately the telephone box area in Market Street identified by the surveyor as being suitable for a pod had now been ruled out for security reasons. Members suggested several alternate locations but all had already been rejected, partly due to the amount of space needed – a minimum of 3m x 3.5m. The Town Clerk urged everybody to contact her with any suggestions as there would be a further site meeting to discuss options in the near future. The store room under the Museum could be looked at again but there were several problems associated with it, including that structural alterations would be required to the listed building.

The Pay & Display ticket machine on the quay was still not working. It had required a new motherboard, which had been installed but it appeared that the software required was in the possession of a former employee of Metric so back-up data was being sourced. It was still possible to pay and park using the telephone system.

The next Code of Conduct training would be held on 14th July in Liskeard; Cllrs Cooke and Griffin should attend if at all possible.

Together with the Mayor and Cllr Hughes she had attended the GDPR training the previous day; changes to some working practices would be needed in order to comply.

18/82 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr reported

Fowey Library. As has previously been reported to FTC, Fowey library will be shutting in March 2019. I have been working with Cornwall Council both to ensure ongoing library provision in Fowey and also to look to a new owner of the premises that can contribute to the wider community.

Fowey Hospital Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group (KCCG) have announced they are to commence a public consultation over the future of Fowey Hospital, Edward Hain Hospital and St Barnabus Hospital. The plan is to complete the consultation in 2020. I have stated to them that I believe that Fowey is in a more advanced position than other Community Hospitals are and can proceed at a faster speed. The public consultation is necessary to change the use of the building to an NHS Nursing Home.

Place Road continues to be closed awaiting the repair of the wall. I have been in communication with the chief engineer last week and am assured they are in the final phase of reaching agreement with the owners of the adjacent properties to enable soil nailing under the properties to support the wall and maintain the width of the current road.

Christmas Lights I am delighted to hear that the Fowey Chamber of Commerce are applying for a licence to once again have lights along the high street. I am fully supportive of this and have offered any help required to make this happen once again.

St Catherines' Parade I continue to receive a large postal and electronic set of correspondence detailing the pros and cons of such a scheme. I am still trying to persuade Cornwall Council to carry out a feasibility study into the suitability of such a shared pathway. Once that is completed I will arrange for a public consultation.

Westcountry Land Development South of Polscoe I have written to Cornwall Council to support Fowey Town Council's objection to this development give the proximity of the development to the Saints Way and being part of the AONB.

Hill Hay Junction I am pleased to report that after much campaigning from myself and the local residents of Hill Hay, that Cornwall Council have relented and are now going to paint white lines on the side-road junction that has caused much confusion and concern.

Park Road Drainage Following an inspection by Cornwall Council it now appears that the drainage problems on Park Road have been further complicated by a mixing of rain and sewage waste. I understand Cornwall Council have requested South West Water to investigate.

Car Park Charges Cornwall Council are currently undergoing a consultation regarding car park charges. I am arguing for pricing at our main car park to reflect the charges in similar locations locally and to have seasonal charges to encourage visitors in the winter months.

Barclays Bank Thank you to Fowey Town Council for your continued negotiations with Barclays Bank to find a resolution to the proposed location for a new ATM. I understand Plan A was to use the store room at the back of the museum and was supported by Barclays Bank, so can I encourage the Council to consider the pros and cons of losing a parking space and the storage facility in return for an ATM for the town to use.

18/83 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Asker seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £18,066.90 be approved

18/84 Correspondence

Emails had been circulated and correspondence was left 'on the table' for Cllrs attention. A letter has been received from a gentleman wanting to commission a bronze sculpture and site it in the OGS Garden. Whilst interested in the suggestion in principle, members thought the proposal for a life x ¼ figure of a sitting lady was probably too big for the garden. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should respond to the gentleman and see if he would consider either a smaller sculpture or an alternate site.

18/85 Resolutions from Councillors

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that the FTC Financial Regulations be amended in line with the resolution of the Finance Committee at the meeting on 9th October 2018

18/86 Squires Field

The Town Clerk reported that the combination lock to the permit parking area had been broken (possibly vandalised): Chris Biggs would obtain and install a replacement.

18/87 Election of Representative/Webmaster

Plastic Free Fowey – it was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Asker and RESOLVED that Cllr Hughes should represent FTC on this committee.

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

18/88 Budget 2019/2020

The Mayor explained the basis of the budget recommended by the Finance Committee. Cllr Griffin proposed, Cllr Cooke seconded and it was RESOLVED that it be adopted and that FTC should request a precept of £119,670 for the financial year 2019/2020. Cllr Asker abstained from voting.

18/89 Centenary of the end of WW1

Clr Simms proposed, Clr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that a bespoke memorial bench should be purchased and sited on the Town Quay. The Mayor reported that her Mayors Colum in the Fowey News would centre of the Centenary and associated events in the town.

18/90 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Clr Asker confirmed that a Town Hall Committee meeting would be needed to review the TH/TQ risk assessment and to authorize expenditure for the TQ planting.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – 21st November 2018

Council – 21st November 2018

Meeting Closed

8.26pm