

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th JULY 2019 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

19/38 Present

The Deputy Mayor Cllr J Berryman
Councillors Mrs R Cooke, Mrs F Day, P Fassam, S Griffin,
Mrs L Simms, Mrs C Woodside

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
1 member of the public

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor Cllr Berryman took the Chair for this meeting

19/39 Apologies

The Mayor Cllr Mrs R Finlay, Cllr P Hughes

19/40 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.

19/41 Public Participation & Questions

In response to questions from a member of the public.

- The Town Clerk confirmed that the NDP was currently with the Examiner
- Some signage marking alcohol restricted zones appeared to have disappeared and people were drinking on the streets and also when sitting on a bench that had been installed on the pavement outside Fitzroys. The Town Clerk clarified that an alcohol restricted zone did not prevent people drinking sensibly, it merely gave the police power to intervene if people were behaving inappropriately. Cllr Virr agreed to check out the situation but felt there must be some degree of flexibility in matters such as these.
- There were seldom any traffic wardens in the town to deal with inappropriate parking, particularly in the disabled and the unloading bays, which needed repainting. It was explained that there were a limited number of officers but that they did visit Fowey on a random basis. Hopefully the unloading bay repainting could be done as part of the scheduled highways scheme but Cllr Virr would also report it.
- Due to reorganization and budget restraints the police were no longer issuing police reports to FTC but the Town Clerk confirmed that the information was available to the public online.

19/42 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th June 2019 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25th June

19th June 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Fassam, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

25th June 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Fassam, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

19/43 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Cllr Woodside queried the situation with regard to the ‘Rachel’ bronze. Cllr Virr confirmed that there had been no progress since the meeting of 18th June.

19/44 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – no report

Finance – no report.

19/45 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

No reports

19/46 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor had not submitted a report but the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Berryman, noted that he had represented her at the Lostwithiel Mayor Making and Civic Service and had been most impressed with the way both had been conducted.

19/47 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- There had been vandalism at both Caffa Mill and TQ toilets but repairs had been carried out at both sites.
- She had received several complaints about the unacceptable state of the main car park toilets, which she had passed on to CC via Cllr Virr.
- The valuation office was carrying out a review of the TQ car park and she had completed and returned the questionnaire.
- A meeting was scheduled for 25th July with the library service to discuss future provision
- The FTC contractor had cut the Menabilly footpath following complaints that it was very overgrown
- A representative of Scope had contacted her asking if there were any potential sites in Fowey for a textile recycling container. She had explained that FTC had already authorized a textile bin at Squires Field and signposted him to CC to see if the main car park may be an option. However, Cllr Virr had clarified that CC do not permit recycling at the car park - the Fowey recycling centre was at Squires Field.
- To date she had received three applications from parishioners interested in co-option.
- To date there had been no news regarding the sale of Barclays Bank
- Natural England were consulting on improvements to public access along the Cornish coast between St Mawes to Cremyll, part of which affected Fowey parish. Copies of the reports were available at the community library at Par Track

19/48 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr had supplied the following report

- Main loos Complaints have been received by FTC regarding the state of the toilets at the Main Car Park. Cornwall Council is committed to devolving the asset to Fowey Town Council. They have offered to meet with myself and member of FTC to discuss whether or not the Town Council might be willing to consider taking on the operation of the toilets. I have visited the toilets and confirm they are in a poor state of repair with regard to the paintwork and hygiene standards. I have requested that Cornwall Council urgently attend to these issues whilst the toilets remain under their responsibility.
- Old School Studio I have received reports of unacceptable noise at the Old School Studio. This is now owned by the Richmond Group PLC. I have spoken to their property manager who has agreed to speak to staff who use the property to not use the hot tub late into the evening. Also Cornwall Council's Environmental Protection have written to them to warn of potential legal action. I am hoping this will resolve the issue.
- Place Road Work is nearly complete on Place Road. The work carried out has been more extensive than first realised. I understand the workman are confident of completing this before the start of Fowey Regatta.
- Fowey Hospital I am meeting Phil Confue next week to receive an update on the plans from CPFT to convert the Hospital into an NHS Nursing Home as promised at the FTC Annual Meeting in 2018.
- St Fimbarus Verge Vegetation I have been approached to facilitate work to the triangle of land between St Fimbarus Road and Pike's Hill. This land is owned by Cornwall Council. CC have since attended and trimmed the hedgerow alongside the steps through the land. I have also arranged for the community officer from Cormac to attend next week to meet with local residents to gain permission to improve the vegetation.
- White Lines As highlighted by a member of the public, the faded white lines of the loading bays outside the church and Boots, have been reported to Cornwall Council.

19/50 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Simms seconded Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £15,166.77 be approved.

19/51 Correspondence

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

19/52 Resolutions from Councillors

None

19/53 Webb Street Bin Store Provision

Cllr Berryman reported that two new binstores had been erected earlier in the day and he and the Town Clerk had started to remove some of the unauthorized bins from the site. The owners of a property adjacent to the site had raised concerns that the new double binstore was obstructing the entrance to their house but had agreed that a single binstore in that position would be acceptable. Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Simms seconded and it was RESOLVED that a single binstore should be purchased and the double one moved to the back wall of the car park.

19/54 Lunch in a Bag

The Mayor had obtained further details about this initiative as agreed at the June meeting and Cllr Berryman shared this information with the meeting. Cllr Woodside then proposed, Cllr

Simms seconded that a donation of £50.00 should be made to the organisers. Cllr Berryman proposed an amendment that the donation should be for £100.00 and this was seconded by Cllr Fassam. Voting on the amendment was 7 in favour, 0 against. Voting in the proposal was 0 in favour, 7 against and it was, therefore, RESOLVED that a donation of £100.00 should be made.

19/55 Information Boards.

The positioning of the boards was debated at some length. Cllr Fassam reported that the donor favoured the railings on the outer quay because people would be able to watch the sailing from there and refer to the boards at the same time. Some other members were concerned that they would block views of the river from parts of the quay, particularly from Haverners, and allowing them to be positioned there would create a precedent, although all agreed they would be an asset if sited correctly. Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Griffin seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Fassam should speak to the donor and advise him that the boards could be sited on the railings by the disabled ramp behind the seats but that FTC would reconsider the position following the completion of the lease of the upper quay to the council from S W Water.

19/56 Town Criers Robes

The Town Clerk reported that she was in contact with Michaels Robes and it was hoped that the owner would be coming to Fowey to progress matters between 1st and 12th August. In the meantime the new Crier had expressed a wish get into the role and to lead the Fowey Carnival wearing Cornish tartan. This was considered an excellent idea by all present.

19/57 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Cllr Berryman invited comment on Cllr Virr's request that FTC consider reopening negotiations with CC in respect of the main car park public conveniences. Cllr Fassam stated that it appeared to him that CC was intent on getting rid of loss making items but would not devolve any income generating assets in return. He considered that tourists must have good public toilets and would be happy for FTC to provide them if some form of income was attached to the transfer – it was completely unrealistic and unfair for the people of Fowey to be expected to subsidise yet another expensive service. The sensible devolution of income generating assets to the town would potentially enable this and other services to be delivered much more effectively and economically than was currently the case. Cllr Berryman had calculated approximate costings for the provision of the public toilet facilities at Caffa Mill and TQ and this amounted to some £40,000.00 over the previous 3 years. The Town Clerk added that this did not include the hidden cost of the considerable amount of time she was spending dealing with toilet related matters, nor the significant voluntary contribution being made by the Mayor and Consort in managing the Caffa Mill site in particular. Cllr Virr agreed that FTC should not be expected to take on loss-making facilities but he believed that CC was prepared to upgrade the building and that hopefully a cost neutral way forward could be negotiated. It was, therefore, agreed that Cllr Virr would set up a meeting with CC to discuss the situation.

Date of Next Meeting

Planning – to be confirmed

Council – 18th September 2019

Meeting Closed 8.10pm

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