

**DRAFT MINUTES**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL**

**19/90 Present** The Mayor Cllr Mrs R Finlay,  
The Deputy Mayor Cllr J Berryman  
Councillors Mrs R Cooke, Mrs F Day, P Fassam, P Hughes, S Griffin,  
Mrs L Simms,

**In Attendance** The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

**19/91 Apologies** Cllr Mrs C Woodside  
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

**19/92 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.

**19/93 Public Participation & Questions**

None

**19/94 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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

**19/95 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

None

**19/96 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees**

**Planning** – noted.  
**Town Hall** – no report  
**Environment** – no report  
**Finance** – no report.

**19/97 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies**

**Community Network**, 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Mayor gave the following report  
**Highways Funding Scheme** There is funding awarded to all CNP's under the Highways Scheme to fund local schemes in our Network area (£50,000). The £50,000 is divided between the five wards of;

Lostwithiel; (Lanlivery, Lostwithiel, Bocconoc, Broadoak, st Winnow & St Veep)

Fowey & Tywardreath; (St Sampson, Fowey, part of Tywardreath & Par)

Par & St Blazey; (part of St Blaise, part of Tywardreath & Par)

Bugle (part of) (Luxulyan Parish)

St Blazey (Part of St Blaise & part of Tywardreath & Par)

Improvements to New Road Hill; (Policy 13 Fowey Parish NDP and part of our last year's application) is 'very much still on the list' for this year's funding. At the moment there is a bit of a 'stalemate' with Highways wanting to do more to encourage pedestrians along the safer pathways that are already in situ and Fowey Town Council wanting to protect pedestrians insisting on using this route! Rachael Tatlow from Highways has discussed with the engineering design group and has provided costs for a feasibility study (£2 to £4k) which should result in drawings which could easily progress to consultation if the scheme were to go forward.

The Town Clerk confirmed that dates for putting forward new projects would be agreed at the CNP AGM.

At Monday's meeting of the CNP Inspector Ed Gard spoke about crime figures which include Fowey; overall crime public order and drug offences were down with a 5.2% reduction, however domestic abuse saw an increase of 14.8% increase and hate crime up by 5.3%. His areas of concern were increasing numbers of aggressive shop lifting, burglary and car offences; however of most concern was the area of County Lines and the involvement of vulnerable people. He said that the promise of increased numbers of police has led to 2 new beat officers in the St Austell area.

Can I encourage Councillors to try to attend some of these meetings, there are 4 per year and they are held now at the Burrows Centre, Par. We could have a different Councillor for each meeting, I go to all four anyway but it is a chance to see what happens in our wider community. Our Cornwall Councillors attend as do representatives from our community network parish and town councils.

### **19/98 To receive the Mayors Report**

The Mayor gave the following report

FTC has been asked if we are interested in investigating obtaining a copy of the oil painting 'The Lifeboatmen of Fowey' so that it can be displayed in Fowey. The original is huge, it measures 91 x 290cm, but we could think about a half-size print, and then think about where it could be displayed. Many of the men are still easily recognisable.

The artist is Jeff Stultiens RP, and this was painted for the 'People's Portraits' commissioned for the Millennium and now hangs in pride of place on a staircase in the middle of the collection in Girton College, Cambridge. After a fiercely fought contest, Girton College won the right to house the collection and it has been on display there to the public since 2002. The lady who contacted me is happy to start the ball rolling by contacting the artist, the Mistress of Girton (Professor Susan Smith), and the President of the Royal Society (Richard Foster).

Apparently, for insurance purposes, every painting is photographed so it may be that, if all agree, we might be able to obtain a copy of the photograph and then see about getting it printed onto canvas here. I have no idea whether this would be agreeable to them, with copyright being involved, but thought I could at least look into it. Surely they would not begrudge Fowey having its own smaller copy of the painting, and we would justly be so proud of it!

### **19/99 To receive the Town Clerks report**

The Town Clerk reported

- Together with the Chairman of Finance, she had attended TUPE training. It had been an interesting session with some aspects directly affecting FTC. Cllr Berryman noted that FTC Committees needed to be aware of TUPE implications if they were considering changing contractors.
- She had been contacted by a reporter from the St Austell Voice asking if Fowey intended to try to keep The Rook after it was due to be sold in 2020. Cllr Day agreed to look into this.
- A CC planning enforcement officer had advised her that the Webb Street binstores did not require planning permission as they were permitted development by Local Authorities.
- Michaels Robes had sent some photographs of the Town Criers robes and, although not finished, the coat looked very impressive. The waistcoat had already arrived.
- A company called Gutermann Ltd would be installing approximately 30 radio repeaters, which would be strapped to lamp posts with two ISO approved industrial plastic cable ties, to trial a new water leak detection system in Fowey. They would remain in place from the end of October until February and send data to the Gutermann server.

### **19/100 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report**

Cllr Virr reported

Cornish Bakery I am pleased to report that, following a joint approach with myself and Fowey Town Council, Cornish Bakery are now no longer storing their bins on Bulls Hill, responding to concerns raised by local residents.

Fowey Main Car Park I am pleased to report that coaches are now happily negotiating the entrance to the Fowey Main Car Park after my interventions earlier this year to move the installed barrier back one metre.

Fowey Hospital I have arranged a site visit for next week to inspect the Old Fowey Library site and surrounding area to see whether this 'brown field' area might provide sufficient space for an NHS Nursing Home in Fowey. I met last week with the Fowey River Surgery Patient Participation Group to discuss and answer questions on the future of Fowey Hospital. I welcomed their support for our shared vision of a Fowey NHS Nursing Home. I also spoke on BBC Radio Cornwall following the government's announcement for £450 million of investments for hospital buildings in the county. I supported the use of this money for an Urgent Care Centre providing extended access to Doctors, diagnostic tests including blood tests and CT scanning in the east of the county to support residents in our area and to reduce the need for patients to have to travel to Truro for urgent care. I also gave support for this money being used to pay for the upkeep of NHS community hospitals and the building of NHS nursing homes.

Electric Cable over Daglands Road Footpath I have spoken with the owners of the Old School Studio and have been assured that they plan to have the cable sited underground and, therefore, the current set up is a temporary one. I have separately spoken with Highways and Planning Enforcement to ensure this work is carried out as stated.

New Vicar Fowey Parish Church I was pleased to attend and lead the music for the licencing service of our Town's new vicar. I will be supporting Ian in his endeavours of the coming months, in particular assisting him with the civic occasions, namely Remembrance Sunday and the Fowey Town Carol Service.

### **19/101 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £7,241.10 be approved.

**19/102 Correspondence**

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

**19/103 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

**19/104 Co-option of Councillor**

Members discussed this item at some length and agreed that all the candidates could potentially offer different skills to FTC. However, given that there was only one vacant seat it was RESOLVED by an absolute majority vote that Claire Corcoran should be co-opted on to the council.

**19/105 Town Quay**

The Town Clerk reported that, together with the Mayor, she had attended a very constructive meeting with SW Water representatives (including the SW Water solicitor), Captain Paul Thomas and the FTC solicitor. A form of draft lease had been agreed, which the SW Water solicitor would draw up and hopefully the matter would soon be settled.

**19/106 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)**

Cllr Cooke reported that two attempts to undertake the work at Squires Field under the CNA SOS scheme had failed because of poor weather; a new arrangement had now been made for 11<sup>th</sup> November.

*Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Fassam seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Press and Public should be excluded in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following business on the grounds that it would be likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information of the following description – personal sensitivity*