

## DRAFT MINUTES

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

#### **15/165 Present**

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay  
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman  
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, G Asker, Cllr Mrs A Boosey, T Delves  
Mrs C Eardley, Mrs L McCartney, D Willmore

#### **In Attendance**

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent  
PCSO Lloyd Paynter (part)  
1 member of the public (part)

#### **15/166 Apologies**

Cllr D Hughes (meeting clash)

#### **15/167 Declaration of Interests**

- α. Pecuniary – None
- β. Non Registerable – Cllr Willmore declared a non-registerable interest in any matters concerning the new Wainhomes development at Hillhay
- χ. Dispensations – The Clerk had extended a dispensation to Cllr Delves to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey Wainhomes development. The Clerk had extended a dispensation to both Cllr Finlay and Cllr Eardley to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments.

#### **15/168 Public Questions/Police Report**

##### **Public Questions**

Jonathan Treffry informed the meeting about a national campaign to encourage people to clean up their neighbourhoods between 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in recognition of HM The Queen's birthday. The initiative was called 'Clean for the Queen' and communities could register to take part at [www.cleanforthequeen.com](http://www.cleanforthequeen.com). Jonathan encouraged FTC to support the scheme.

Jonathan raised concerns that people visiting Fowey and new residents were unaware of the blanket ban on parking in most of the old town. The Mayor agrees to highlight the issue in her next Mayors Report in the Fowey News. The Town Clerk suggested that Jonathan may like to visit PCSO Paynter on one of his Police Surgery days in the Town Hall to discuss the issue as, whilst the police were not responsible for general parking control, he could intervene if vehicles were causing an obstruction.

On the advice of the Town Clerk, Cllr Asker left the meeting.

Jonathan stated that he was unhappy with a householder using the highway between Bakers Steps and Lostwithiel Street for storing rubbish and referred the Mayor to his emails to her on the subject. The Mayor repeated the advice she had given in her emailed replies to him and reaffirmed that FTC had no control over the kerbside removal of rubbish. Jonathan was unwilling to accept this response and considered that FTC must take some action against the

householder. The Town Clerk supported the Mayors advice and advised Jonathan to contact Cornwall Council if he wished to make a formal complaint.

Cllr Asker returned to the meeting.

**Police Report** – PCSO Paynter supplied the following report

There had been 2 recorded crimes in the parish since 14<sup>th</sup> – 1 x possession of a controlled drug (cannabis) and 1 x theft of a conveyance other than a motor vehicle (boat), which was subsequently found drifting and no-crimed.

I was particularly pleased with result of the above “boat” crime. Upon seeing that the crime had been reported, I circulated it to the Boatwatches and Fowey Harbour Office. Literally within minutes had a call back from John Burgess at FHC to confirm that the boat had been recovered drifting. The boat was subsequently returned to its owner. A happy result for all concerned which shows that our network of communication works effectively.

I have received an invite from Marcus Lewis to attend the Annual Lifeboat Clinic at the Gallants on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Last year was a really enjoyable event with plenty of people to talk to. Thanks Marcus for the invite.

Many thanks to all of the Council for all of your help with the office, Carol kindly passed the keys to me this week. I hope to be moving some of my equipment in next week. I will be starting a Police drop in Surgery as from March. Initially I intend to open the surgery on the afternoon of the second Wednesday of each month starting at 1430hrs and running until 1630hrs. At the moment I run the Golant surgery on the mornings of the same day so it will enable me to avoid tying up two separate days. I hope to be able to expand the opening times to a second day per month for the full summer period. I am in the process of producing a poster which I will get published in the Fowey News and distribute around the town, hopefully I will pass on a few copies at the meeting on Wednesday.

And finally, a meeting has been set up with the proprietor of MW Meats on 24<sup>th</sup> February in the hope that we can address the situation regarding HGV's in Windmill.

#### **15/169 Minutes of the Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

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

#### **15/170 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

**Allotments** – Cllr Eardley reported that the Readymoney Allotment Association had recently held a committee meeting followed by their AGM. The provision of water to the site was causing concern, although it was appreciated that FTC was still waiting for Cornwall Council to resolve the issue of the mains supply and take formal meter readings prior to handing over the responsibility to FTC. Most of the allotment holders, however, were keen to utilise water butts and be as self sufficient as possible. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Chairman of the Association had requested a meeting with her to discuss various issues, which was scheduled for the following Friday morning. .

**St Catherines Lights** – Cllr Berryman reported that Chris Biggs had advised that the work would be undertaken as soon as the weather permitted. Cllr Berryman would contact Chris again the following day and press for the work to be undertaken immediately, given that the weather forecast was favourable.

#### **15/171 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees**

**Planning** - noted.

**Town Hall** – no report.

**Environment** – no report

**Finance** – noted.

**15/172 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies Forum.** Cllr Willmore reported that the Forum meeting had been cancelled.

**15/173 To receive the Mayors Report**

The Mayor reported

I have attended the following meetings;

- Regatta AGM 1<sup>st</sup> February. Congratulations to Malcolm Palin who is the new Chairman of the Regatta Committee and to the new committee which was elected
- Mayor's meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Camborne with Tony Hogg, the Police and crime Commissioner and Superintendent Jim Pearce, Devon and Cornwall Police, also the Lord Lieutenant, Colonel Bolitho. There was a very interesting discussion about the funding formula and the need for a fairer division for rural areas especially those in tourist areas. We were told that just 20% of police time is spent on actual "crime" and 80% on non crime of missing persons, mental health and welfare issues. The Police precept is capped at 2% and Devon and Cornwall will lose 200 jobs over the next 3-4 years. The future of policing seems to be a Regional Police force including Devon, Cornwall and Dorset, Avon and Somerset and Gloucestershire; this is working in other parts of the UK and will obviously bring about savings.
- At the Mayor's meeting we also discussed sending a letter from the Mayor's about Non Domestic Rates on public conveniences, cemeteries and churchyards, and libraries.
- Fowey Festival meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February.
- Allotments Committee meeting followed by AGM 11<sup>th</sup> February.
- I will be attending a meeting with PCSO Lloyd Paynter and Mr Myatt of MW Meats on 24<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the access through Windmill and the Industrial estate by HGV's.

**15/174 To receive the Town Clerks Report**

- The new memorial bench for the Town Quay had arrived.
- Cornwall Council was putting together a devolution package to offer to FTC which would include *inter alia* the library and Caffa Mill car park.
- She was in correspondence with SW Water about its contractors using the town quay without permission and without providing any risk assessment information. The FTC parking enforcement company had recently issued several parking tickets in respect of illegally parked vehicles.

**15/175 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor**

Cllr Hughes had submitted the following report

- In December, on a visit by the Boundary Commission to Cornwall, the Council was told that our current electoral divisions did not meet the Commission's requirements in terms of numerical balance and questions were raised as to the optimum number of Councillors. The Council was instructed to carry out a comprehensive review, to be completed and agreed by March 2017 in order that the May 2017 Cornwall Council elections could be carried out on the new boundaries. After consideration, the Council made a considered and closely argued response explaining why it was neither desirable, nor possible in practical terms to make such a substantial change within the timescale set out, in particular since it gave insufficient time for meaningful consultation with the

electorate. I am pleased to report that last week we received a response from the Commission agreeing that we could have until March 2017 to prepare and consult on our submission with the implementation to come into effect at the 2021 elections.

- At Council on 26<sup>th</sup> January, a motion was presented instructing the Leader to present the strongest opposition to the Government's proposal to bring the Fire Service under the control of the Police and Crime Commissioner. It was argued that over the past four years Cornwall Fire and Rescue service had established nationwide recognition for the excellence and efficiency of its services and was leading the way in coordination of "blue-light" services. It was considered that the Government proposal would be a retrograde step. After serious debate it was agreed by a large, cross-party consensus, to support the motion, with an amendment urging that everything possible should be done to bring the Police service in Cornwall back under our control.
- Two other motions, with which I was involved, were referred back for consideration by the appropriate committees. The first sought to introduce a "Public Spaces Protection Order – Means to Pick-up". This would require dog owners to demonstrate that they were carrying suitable means to clear up after their animals. Where this has been tried it has had a significant impact on dog-fouling. This will be considered by the Communities PAC in May.
- The second asks Cornwall Council to take a leading role in a multi-service study of ways to reduce the safety and nuisance problems caused by vehicles dropping-off and picking up outside our schools. This will be considered by the Transport PAC at their April meeting
- At yesterday's Council Meeting, members reluctantly agreed a 3.97% increase in Council Tax for 2016-2017 (1.97% on the general rate plus the 2% "allowed" by the Chancellor to go towards the additional costs of Adult Care). Most of this will be required to cover the government decision to increase minimum wages in the care sector, the remainder being used to offset some of the additional pressures of inflation and an aging population. Whilst nobody wants to see increased taxes, I am confident that Cornwall Council finances are being carefully and prudently managed and, as a result, we have suffered far less cuts to front-line services than most authorities: indeed the Leader has announced that Cornwall Council has been shortlisted for the "Council of the Year award" to be decided in March.
- Today I attended a Transport PAC meeting which supported a proposal for the Council to go ahead with a major "Business Case Development", financed by the Dept. of Transport, to enable an application for funding of a new link road from Stenalees to the A 30 at Victoria under the government major road building programme. If the bid is successful, work could start within 3 years.
- We were also briefed on progress towards delivery of a "One Public Transport System for Cornwall". This would enable the council to take over bus franchising for the county, enabling bus systems to be based on customer needs rather than commercial advantage, integrated bus and rail timetabling and single-ticketing. This would be coordinated with the new half-hourly rail service from Plymouth to Penzance. If the timescales presented are adhered to, this should be in operation by the end of 2018.

### **15/176 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Delves and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £6,539.42 be approved.

Copies of the Budget Tracking Report had been circulated to members before the meeting.

**15/177 Correspondence**

Email correspondence had been circulated for Cllrs attention

**15/178 Resolutions from Councillors**

Cllr Finlay proposed, Cllr Asker seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should support an initiative of the Cornwall Mayors to urge Cornwall Council to abolish Non Domestic Rates on devolved assets such as toilets and libraries by supporting a joint letter from the Mayors of Cornwall to the authority.

**15/179 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Mayor reported that the Steering Group had received the draft report of the questionnaire written by CRCC (Cornwall Rural Community Charity), meaning it was an independent summary of the findings. At just over 80 pages it was a detailed summary and the final report would be put on the Town Council website for all to read. Four workshops would now be held in the coming months to consider the major issues and draft policy statements would follow.

**15/180 Squires Field**

The Clerk confirmed that she was still waiting for Cornwall Council to sign off the transfer.

**15/181 Town Quay**

The Town Clerk reported that she was dealing with a problem with the wall gates in the ladies and disabled toilets

**15/182 Proposed Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework**

It was proposed By Cllr Eardley, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that FTC should endorse the CALC response to this consultation with no amendments.

**15/183 Cornwall Council Consultation of Significant Changes in the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies proposed Submission Document**

It was agreed that this document should be noted.

**15/184 Questions under Standing Order 21**

Cllr Willmore reported that he had attended a meeting at Fowey Hall organized by the Chamber of Commerce in relation to ATM provision in the town. Representatives of Barclays Bank had confirmed that the Fowey machine was the 4<sup>th</sup> busiest in Cornwall for issuing cash and was in the programme for refurbishment, with no plans to remove it. The Chamber itself was looking into the possibility of installing a free, stand-alone machine in the town as a backup.

*It was proposed by Cllr Delves, seconded Cllr Boosey and RESOLVED that the Press & Public should be excluded under Section 1(2) of the Press & Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be conducted under the agenda items Town Quay/Caffa Leases & Licenses*