

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2016 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

15/226 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
3 members of the public (part)
1 member of the press

15/227 Apologies

PCSO Lloyd Paynter

15/228 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None
- β. Non Registerable – None
- 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.

15/229 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report

Public Participation & Questions

Sue Hindley drew members' attention to the loss of the signage on Hanson Drive including one sign showing 'Scenic route for pedestrians to the Town, avoiding steps.' She had first reported this in 2012 but they had not been replaced. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to highways at the time but they had probably not been replaced because of budgetary constraints. The Mayor agreed to contact Highways again.

Tony Goodman, representing the Regatta Committee, reported that there would be a lot of 'pirate activity' during the 2016 Regatta. As part of this initiative it was hoped to moor a 92 foot schooner alongside the town quay from Wednesday until Friday if FTC would grant permission. The Town Clerk explained that the outer part of the quay was leased by SW Water from FHC and although FTC was hoping to assume ownership of the surface area, this was still in the hands of solicitors. Clearly until FTC had control it would not be possible to grant permission so the Clerk suggested that SW Water should be contacted.

Police Report – No report.

15/230 Minutes of the Meeting of 16th March 2016 & APM 13th April 2016 (for accuracy)

16th March. It was proposed by Cllr Delves, seconded Cllr Boosey and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APM - 13th April. It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Eardley and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed for accuracy

15/231 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments – Cllr Finlay reported that a damson tree would be planted on the allotment site on Sunday 24th April in memory of George Cussans, a past Chairman of the Readymoney Allotment Association.

St Catherines Lights – Cllr Berryman reported that a letter had been received from English Heritage expressing regret that in moving the flagpole they had caused additional work and delay to the project to restore the lighting. EH had now asked Chris Biggs for a considerable amount of documentation, which he had supplied but he must now wait until EH gives him the go-ahead to complete the work.

15/232 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - noted.

Town Hall – none.

Environment –noted

Finance – none.

15/233 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Forum. Cllr Hughes reported that at the Forum meeting the previous Monday he had told the members that FTC was simply not in a position to assume control of more public toilets and that if the traders in the town wished to retain the facilities at the Main Car Park they would have to find a solution themselves.

PUG. The minutes had been circulated

Imerys Liaison Group. Cllr Hughes reported that Imerys were now locking the tunnel as people had been using it as a rat-run to and from Fowey.

15/234 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- I have written to Mr David Ewins concerning Whitehouse. He asked if there was anything else that needed doing and I said the original plaque donated to the town from the Americans was looking badly weathered and it would be nice to have a new one with the dedication for all to read, as it is such a special part of Fowey's history and that of the nation.
- I completed the Open Spaces Survey which looks at land use in the Parish and our recommendations for improvements.
- I have replied to Mr Hudson about the donation to the Grammar school garden his family would like to make and the siting of a plaque to remember his grandfather and father.
- I have written to Mr Ken Wittamore about his concerns over yellow line parking restrictions on Hanson Drive
- I was asked to discuss a charity donation to the Mayor's charity from the owners of Sunny Spice, and we have arranged a meal in the restaurant for Friday June 10th.

15/235 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- There had been more problems with the TQ toilets earlier in the day. A member of the public had contacted her complaining about paying 20p to use the facilities and had also said that the ladies toilet was in a disgusting state. She had explained that the toilets

were cleaned twice a day under a contract with Cormac but the gentleman was still unhappy. The Clerk had subsequently contacted Cormac and asked them to make sure that everything was in order. There had also been more minor vandalism in the ladies, which had now been repaired by Russell.

- She was meeting with a representative of Zurich Municipal on Friday to review FTC's insurances

15/236 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Hughes reported that he was pleased that a sign he had been asked to provide at the end of Langurtho Road twelve months previously was now in place.

Cllr Delves drew attention to the inappropriate parking on Passage Lane and asked what could be done to stop it. Cllr Hughes responded there was no easy solution. A Parking Order would be needed to introduce yellow lining and this was an expensive exercise. Also, even if it was done enforcement would be problematical as the Cornwall Council CEO's were the only people empowered to issue Penalty Notices.

15/237 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £31,581.44 be approved.

Copies of the Budget Tracking Report to 31st March 2016 had been circulated before the meeting.

15/238 Correspondence

The correspondence list had been circulated and was left 'on the table' for Cllrs attention. Cllr Willmore noted that Fowey Library had been mentioned in the CC Devolution newsletter as being in line for transfer of ownership. The Mayor responded that this was possibly because the Gig Club was interested in taking it over and was in negotiation with Cornwall Council.

15/239 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

15/240 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that there would be a NP workshop on 'Quality of Life' at the Bowling Club at 10.30am on Saturday 23rd April.

15/241 Squires Field

Cllr Berryman reported that the Community Centre Committee had produced a written report on the condition of the Bowling Club. Cllr Delves advised that FTC must exercise caution if the group was hoping to use this as part of the lease agreement; he would liaise with the Town Clerk about it. Whilst completely supportive of the Community Centre Committee, members expressed disquiet that they were accessing the building before the lease was in place.

The Clerk confirmed that she still had no keys to any of the buildings but was hoping to collect them from Tasha Davis the following week.

The Mayor advised that an application had been made to the Local Devolution Fund for funding for disabled access to the Bowling Club.

The Mayor reported that she had received a letter from Arthur Baker in relation to a garage for the Fowey Community bus. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Finance Committee in the first instance.

15/242 Town Quay

She had been contacted by the Chamber of Commerce who needed to know what the charge would be for the use of the town quay for the 2016 Christmas Market; it had been £1000.00 in 2015. Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that this should be discussed with the press and public excluded.

15/243 Election of Committees 2016/2017 (for ratification at the Annual Meeting of the Council)

It was agreed that the following members should serve on Committees for 2016/2017

Planning: Cllrs Asker, Boosey, Alexander, McCartney, Willmore

Environment: Cllrs Finlay, Alexander, Berryman, Eardley,

Town Hall: Cllrs Asker, Eardley, McCartney, Willmore

Finance: Cllrs Berryman, Boosey, Eardley, Willmore

15/244 Election of Representatives 2016/2017

Cllr Asker proposed, Cllr McCartney seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following members should serve as Representatives for 2016/2017

Webmaster: Cllr Eardley

Community Network: Cllr Boosey

PUG: Cllr Berryman

Forum: Cllr Willmore

Chamber of Commerce: Cllr Alexander, Cllr Berryman

Imery's Liaison Group: Cllr Boosey

Fowey Estuary Partnership: Cllr Hughes

15/245 Adoption of the Statement of Assurance to 31st March 2016

Members responded to the Statements contained in the Statement in the affirmative and following this Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Statement of Assurance should be adopted.

15/246 Adoption of the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2016

Cllr Willmore confirmed that he had studied the year end accounts prepared by the Town Clerk and found them to be an accurate record of FTC's financial position. He then proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Annual Accounts should be adopted.

15/247 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Willmore asked that the minutes record FTC's best wishes to HM The Queen on the occasion of her 90th Birthday on 21st April 2016.

The Mayor sadly confirmed that this would be the last meeting attended by Cllr Delves as he was moving out of the county and had therefore resigned his seat on FTC. She thanked him for his excellent service to the Fowey community; his expertise would be solely missed by the members of FTC and also the Town Clerk. The Mayor then presented Cllr Delves with a card and gardening voucher as a small gesture of thanks.

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Hughes 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