

DRAFT MINUTES

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

16/34 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman
Councillors G Asker, Mrs K Alexander, Mrs A Boosey,
D Hughes (part), Mrs L McCartney, D Willmore

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
3 members of the public (2 part)

16/35 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Carol Eardley (personal commitment)
PCSO Lloyd Paynter

16/36 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None
- β. Non Registerable – None
- χ. Dispensations – The Clerk had extended a dispensation to both Cllr Finlay and Cllr Eardley to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments.

16/37 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report

Public Participation & Questions

Julie Talbot reported problems with SW Water, which were resulting in residents living in the vicinity of Caffa Mill and Passage Slip having to endure the constant movement of lorries – 24 hours a day - carrying away sewage effluent, together with noxious fumes and a terrible stench. Julie stated that problems had been ongoing for many months. The Mayor reported that, together with Cllr Berryman and the Town Clerk, she had met with representatives of SW Water to discuss the ongoing issues on Town Quay, with repair work seemingly being carried out constantly. Currently it appeared that there was a major breakdown in the sewage pipe, which the company was now dealing with as an emergency fix as the whole system was in danger of failure.

Ken Rennie had attended the meeting to stress how important the toilets at Readymoney and Main Car Park were to the town. He was pleased to see that FTC was looking into options of trying to save the facilities and queried if FTC received the income from the car parks at Caffa Mill and Hanson Drive. The Mayor confirmed that this was not the case and, although FTC had put forward a business case for the Caffa Mill car park to be returned to the town, this had been refused by Cornwall Council.

Police Report – PCSO Lloyd Paynter had supplied the following report.

The following crime has been reported since the AGM in May. In the period from 8/4/2016 to the date of the AGM there were six reported crimes that were not included in last years' annual figures. I mentioned them at the last meeting but, overall, as I type this report we now stand at a

total of 25 crimes since 01/04/2016. There have been nineteen crimes reported since the AGM and they are as follows.

4	Criminal Damage to Property	Three are on-going, One undetected
1	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	Filed as undetected
1	Burglary Dwelling	A small quad bike was stolen. On-going
5	Criminal Damage to a Vehicle	One resolved using Restorative Justice, Four currently Undetected
1	Make off without payment	Filed as undetected
1	Assault/ABH	On-going
2	Drive whilst unfit through drink	Both drivers have been charged
1	Theft Other	Some items were stolen at Penhale Campsite. Undetected
1	Take a vehicle without consent	On going
1	Common assault	On going
1	Possess an Offensive Weapon	On going

As you will see, a lot of work is still going on to try and resolve several of these crimes. Four of the above crimes are essentially related to the same incident. (Drive through unfit through drink, Possess and Offensive Weapon, Common Assault and Take a Vehicle without consent) . This particular incident is being processed.

One trend causing concern is the amount of reported Criminal Damage to vehicles being reported. It seems that we have someone who likes to damage vehicles using a sharp object. Tavern Barn, Polvillion Road and Langurtho Road have all had incidents reported. I would ask that residents are vigilant and report anyone who is acting suspiciously.

After quite a battle, I have been able to go far more public with the details of the serial Boots Shoplifter. Images of her at work have now been published on "Caught on Camera." I really hope we can get a positive identification really soon.

The result of the rash of crime which occurred earlier in the year was disappointing to say the least. The youth who was charged received the following;

Youth Offending Team Supervision 6 months

Compensation £50

Compensation £25

Not the result we wanted but we really hope that the person concerned addresses his behaviour.

As most of you will have seen, I submitted the following piece for the Fowey News.

Traffic/Parking clarification

I frequently get asked about parking on double lines and what Police can do about it?

Unfortunately we have absolutely no power to enforce this and that has been the case since April 2008. I do not deny that inconsiderate parking really is a problem but enforcement is the responsibility of Cornwall Council and their team of Civil Enforcement Officers. The contact number to contact the Council is; 0300 1234222.

Police Officers can still deal with obstruction but I think I speak for all of my colleagues when I ask people to really consider how bad of inconvenience the obstruction really is. Please bear in mind that, if a vehicle is not totally blocking you in and you can move safely, a call to the Police can mean that officers are tied up when they might need to be dealing with a life or death matter. This may not be the answer everyone wants to hear, but unfortunately these days with less resources, it is a fact.

I think further clarification is needed regarding general parking on the Highway. I often get calls asking what can be about people parking, for example, down Passage Lane. Again, people

parking along the road are extremely inconsiderate and it shows a real lack of respect for other road users. Recently this caused Imerys Ports a real problem when a large HGV was unable to make it through to the port. People comment that the introduction of yellow lines in that area would be a prudent measure. I confess to agreeing with that sentiment, however, the process is not as simple as you would think. Highways have to deal with all changes to road markings, and it is a very protracted process. That said, I would totally support that change being applied in Passage Lane and would encourage concerned residents to register their concerns with Highways, maybe via the Town Council in the first instance.

I do get a lot of anonymous complaints about parking issues. The latest makes reference to people leaving obstacles outside of their properties, particularly during carnival week. No-one has the right to reserve part of the public highway for their own use irrespective whether it is directly outside their property. I do have some sympathy with residents, however, should someone decide to move the obstruction and put their vehicle in the space then they are entitled to do so.

I really hope these pointers are useful and clarify a few concerns. Please don't shoot the messenger!!

The Police Surgeries are continuing at the Police Office (Town Hall) starting at 1430hrs on the second Wednesday of each month. A poster confirming the dates is in the noticeboard outside of the Museum.

16/38 Minutes of the Meeting of 15th June 2016

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

16/39 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments – Some members and the Town Clerk had enjoyed an excellent visit to the allotments on 1st July 2016

St Catherines Lights – Cllr Berryman reported that he was chasing Chris Biggs to complete the installation..

16/40 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - noted.

Town Hall – none.

Environment –none

Finance – none.

16/41 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Forum Cllr Willmore reported that the Forum had met the previous Monday.

Police Liaison Cllr Boosey noted that the proposed inaugural meeting had been cancelled

Cllr Hughes arrived.

16/42 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- July 1st The Town Clerk and I attended the Commemoration of the Centenary of the first day of the battle of the Somme at St Petroc's Church Bodmin. This was a very moving service and commemoration of Cornish men who had taken part and some of whom was part of the 19,240 who were killed on the first day. That evening the Town Council was invited to an 'inspection'

of the Allotments. It was a lovely evening and it was pleasing to see how far the One Acre field had become home to over thirty new allotments.

- July 2nd NP workshop
- July 3rd I met with David Ewin who is keen to support the Town Council maintain the historical aspect of Whitehouse and its connection to the D Day landings. We discussed the creation of a historical board, like the National Trust information boards, with maps, photographs, personal accounts etc. I have asked Helen Luther if she is willing to find out the information, maps etc. which will explain to visitors the role Fowey played in the landings.
- July 9th The Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor and myself, together with other members of the Town Council, attended the opening of the Squires Field Community Centre.
- July 16th I attended the launch of a new boat at Gallants sailing club. The boat was bought through a combination of a grant from Sport England and private sponsorship and is aimed at encouraging young adults to learn to sail.
- July 18th The Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor and members of the Town Council attended the opening of the new Havener's Restaurant.

16/43 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- She had been experiencing great difficulties with her Broadband connection and had been advised that a new hub was required.
- Grant Thornton had requested sight of the FTC income data for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 as part of the annual audit process.
- The Pornichet model yacht was now housed at the Harbour Office by kind permission of Captain Paul Thomas.

16/44 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Hughes reported

- The Cornwall Local Plan was nearly complete, having been adjusted to reflect constitutional changes. It was currently out to consultation but it was hoped it would be approved in November. The Plan was already carrying weight in planning terms.
- In respect of rumors that Wainhomes was intending to begin Phase 3 of the Hillhay development, he could find no evidence that the company had submitted any applications. He would continue to monitor the situation.

16/45 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £5921.01 be approved.

Copies of the Budget Tracking Report to 30th June 2016 had been circulated before the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the white lining at the Webb Street parking bays be renewed at a cost of £582.00 and 5 collapsible bollards should be purchased for the site to prevent illegal parking.

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the Caffa Mill toilet facilities should remain open all year.

16/46 Correspondence

The correspondence list had been circulated and was left 'on the table' for Cllrs attention

16/47 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

16/48 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that

- Fowey Parish NP held a workshop on the Environment on the 2nd July, which was well attended. There will be one final workshop in September and will involve the business community of the town. The four workshops in total that we will have completed are based on the evidence from the questionnaire held October/November and they will be a start to creating draft policies.
- I have written the end of grant report for The Lottery grant of £10,000 we received a year ago.
- I have also attended the final workshop run by Cornwall Council – they have been useful.
- The steering group has been advised that we should begin a Local Landscape Character Assessment which involves training of volunteers by a landscape architect, then a survey of the landscape around the settlement of Fowey. This information is put together into a report and will be a significant part of any future NP. It will also cost in the region of £700 for training and guidance which will be provided by CC. This has already been covered by the Lottery grant.

16/49 Squires Field

Cllr Berryman reported that he had met with Arthur Baker and had identified a possible site for the Age Concern garage at the front at the left hand end of the car park. The requested dimensions were 11m x 4.7m x 3m, with a pitched roof. The Committee had funding available for the build but the question of eventual ownership needed to be investigated. Cllr Asker considered that FTC should develop a concept for the entire site and not approach any projects piecemeal. After discussion Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that the project should be delegated to the Finance Committee, with Cllr Asker co-opted in an advisory capacity.

The Mayor reported that FTC had been approached about the possibility of the installation of a telecommunications mast at Squires Field to improve mobile reception in the area. However, she recognised that whilst some people might welcome the initiative she was fully aware that others may find it unacceptable, particularly at a location close to the Fowey schools. It was stressed that if the company wanted to progress the proposal no decisions would be made without full consultation and support from residents.

16/50 Town Quay

A meeting had taken place with SW Water to try to reach agreement on how to regulate the company's presence on the quay, particularly during the summer months. The company representative had appreciated the sensitivity of the site and had undertaken to instruct all of its contractors to work closely with FTC and also to carry out repairs/maintenance overnight when possible.

Leases had now been finalized with Haverners to cover the use of outside seating areas around the restaurant. The lease running from 1st May – 30th September would now cover a smaller area than that previously granted to Food for Thought.

Cllr Asker noted that Haverners was already in breach of the terms of its licence; Cllr Alexander proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Berryman and the Town Clerk should be given delegated power to meet with the owners to discuss the situation.

It was proposed by Cllr Asker, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the final lease to the PFC should be approved and signed off by the Mayor and Town Clerk

A request had been received from the organisers of the Christmas Market that they be allowed to remove the benches from the quay for the duration of the Market and that the ferry land at Whitehouse, also for the duration. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that in respect of the benches FTC would have no objection to their removal but on the following basis 1. the cost of removal is met by the Christmas Market 2. the seats are stored securely at the expense of the Christmas Market 3. the seats are returned promptly at the conclusion of the Market 4. in conjunction with a member of FTC, condition photographs are taken prior to removal and on reinstatement and the cost of any damage or loss is met by the Christmas Market.

In respect of the ferry, whilst FTC would have no objection to it running to Whitehouse, the organisers would need to negotiate with PFC.

16/51 Vacant Seat of the Town Council

The Town Clerk reported that three expressions of interest had been received by the closing date of midnight on 18th July. Members noted their pleasure to have received applications from three very credible candidates and undertook to notify the Town Clerk of their availability to conduct interviews between 5th – 14th August..

16/52 Main Car Park & Readymoney Toilets

The Mayor reported

- On July 7th Cllr Hughes and I met with members from the Forum and others to discuss the progress of the proposed developments of Readymoney and Main car park toilets. There has been an excellent response to donations to keep these toilets open for twenty weeks this summer.
- I have now submitted an application form to the Big Lottery for proposed development of these two toilet blocks. As a part of this application, it was necessary to submit a planning application to Cornwall Council and despite the very tight timescales this has been done, with the Town Clerk and I instructing Situ8 and receiving wholehearted support from Sue Walters. I also had to seek clarification from Stephen & Scown about whether as a Town Council we might be in breach of 'State Aid'. They worked very quickly and were able to complete this aspect of the application form.

16/53 Questions under Standing Order 21

None.

Date of Next Meeting

21st September 2016

Meeting Closed

8.55pm