

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL**

**Patrick Hughes made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a member of  
FTC by the Mayor**

#### **16/80 Present**

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay  
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman  
Councillors G Asker, D Hughes, P Hughes, Mrs L McCartney,  
D Willmore

#### **In Attendance**

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent  
4 representatives of South West Water (part)  
6 members of the public (part)

#### **16/81 Apologies**

Cllr Mrs A Boosey (unwell), Cllr Mrs K Alexander (personal  
commitment)  
PCSO Lloyd Paynter

#### **16/82 Declaration of Interests**

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

#### **16/83 Presentation and Questions – South West Water**

Representatives from South West Water gave explanations for the series of failures with their systems in the town and the reactive work undertaken. It had become apparent that large sections of the apparatus installed under Clean Sweep in 1993 now required renewal and it was intended that this work would be done under a planned operation. This would entail work on the town quay and the closure of the road between Passage Slip and Caffa Mill to enable a new sewer system to be installed under the road. The representatives assured the meeting that they appreciated that the work would cause disruption to residents and businesses in the town and undertook to do the work as quickly as possible and in cooperation with all stakeholders. They would begin consulting with anybody affected the following day to identify the best dates for the work but were currently targeting November as being the least disruptive. In the longer term plans were being worked up with a view to installing a secondary pumping station closer to the treatment works at Penventinue Lane to relieve the pressure at the Town Quay site.

## **16/84 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report**

### **Public Participation & Questions**

The public present had been permitted to ask questions during the South West Water presentation and there were no further questions under this agenda item.

**Police Report** – no report

## **16/85 Minutes of the Meetings of 21<sup>st</sup> September & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

21<sup>st</sup> September. It was proposed by Cllr Asker, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

10<sup>th</sup> October It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

## **16/86 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

### **Allotments** – The Mayor reported

- **7<sup>th</sup> October** Readymoney Allotment Health and Safety walk: All advice and actions are noted in the H&S book kept by the secretary. General concerns were to take care on the paths around the allotment site as they may become wet/slippy over autumn/winter.
- Working parties are needed to do various maintenance jobs around the site. The committee plan to organise three over the autumn/winter period. The first one was on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The main task was to clear shrubs and brambles in and around plot 2 and overhanging branches from the car park.
- There will be a workshop run by the University of the South West, Bristol on November 21<sup>st</sup> in the Town Hall to look at how the Readymoney Allotment Society (RAS) use water. This will have refreshments provided by the University and Tywardreath allotment group will also be invited to the evening.

**St Catherines Lights** – Cllr Berryman advised that he had looked at the new Licence offered by English Heritage and had raised a few concerns with them. The new arrangements would require FTC to commission an annual electrical inspection and supply EH with a copy of the certification, which Cllr Berryman considered to be acceptable. Another clause was that just one weeks' notice could be given for the equipment to be removed, which he had negotiated to 'when the weather permits.' However, the existing wording of the Licence also meant that FTC would be obliged to change/raise/lower the EH flag, which he considered to be unacceptable. He would continue to liaise with EH and report back to the November meeting.

### **TQ & Caffa Public Conveniences**

The new door had been fitted to the gents at town quay and was a huge improvement. The workmen had also undertaken some other minor works and would return in November to fit a new locking mechanism on the vandalized door in the ladies.

## **16/87 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees**

**Planning** - noted.

**Town Hall** – none.

**Environment** –none

**Finance** – none.

## **16/88 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 but he had been unable to attend so could not update members.

### **16/89 To receive the Mayors Report**

The Mayor reported

- **September 26<sup>th</sup>** Regatta ‘Wash up’ meeting. There was a very positive view of how successful the 2016 Regatta had been, despite the lack of the Red Arrows. There are plans to see if the Navy display team with a Phantom jet might be able to take part next summer. Concerns were expressed about the lack of volunteers to help during the week especially with ‘bucket shaking’.
- **October 5<sup>th</sup>** Meeting about Passage Lane parking. There was an excellent meeting held in early October in Fowey Fire Station with Station Manager Dave Rawlings, Tony Penrose Cornwall Fire and Rescue, Jonathon Pritchard Fowey Harbour Authority and the RNLI, Lloyd Pinkston of Imerys Ports and Transport, Lynn Goold, Blue Badge Tourist Guide, David Hughes, Cornwall Councillor and myself concerning the problems in Passage Lane. By having the represented groups around the table it was clear that the 'blue light' services have real concerns that the parking problems could lead to a serious incident due to inconsiderate parking. There appears to be almost permanent parking taking place in Passage Lane throughout the year, in the summer this can be as many as 30 cars with two pinch points which can obstruct large vehicles, including emergency vehicles and lorries. The recommendations are that yellow lines are painted along this road, unfortunately the cost of a TRO is £4,500 and there is no money in the Cornwall Council budget for this to be undertaken. However, it was the feeling of the meeting that Passage Lane is a special case and David Hughes will be collecting concerns and taking these to Geoff Brown, portfolio holder for Communities with specific interest in Fire and Rescue Services. A future meeting with Cornwall Council will be arranged to impress the specific problems we have in Passage Lane.

### **16/90 To receive the Town Clerks Report**

The Clerk reminded the members of the Environment Committee and the Town Hall Committee that they would need to have meetings in the near future to prepare budgets for 2017/2018 for submission to the Finance Committee.

### **16/91 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor**

Cllr Hughes reported

With the Mayor, on 5<sup>th</sup> October I had a very constructive meeting with representatives of the emergency services regarding obstructive parking in Passage Lane. I am coordinating their responses, which I shall be forwarding to the relevant Cabinet Members of CC. I have already raised the matter with Cllr Geoff Brown, whose remit includes “blue light services” who is sympathetic to our problem and has agreed to attend a meeting in Fowey with relevant representatives to try to accelerate action.

The Cornwall Local Plan (our key planning policy document) has now passed its government inspection and should be formally adopted at the November Council Meeting. This will give us more local control on planning, and most importantly, allows us to demonstrate a 5-year housing-land supply: A lack of demonstrable available development land has been used to force through applications which would otherwise have been refused.

As part of the Local Government Boundary review, the Council has indicated a preference for a reduction in the number of Cornwall Councillors from 123 to between 107 and 115, rather higher than some people might want but a number based on comparisons with similar authorities, Councillors current measured work load and recognition of the changed role of Councillors following the end of District Councils and the effects of devolution. If this were to be the final figure, it would add just over 200 electors (the size of Golant) to the average

division. I must stress that the boundary changes being considered will not take effect until the 2021 Council elections.

On the subject of mobile phone masts, and irrespective of any discussions in today's meeting, I want to make it clear that, whatever site is finally selected, it will be obliged to apply for planning permission. At this stage, supporters and opponents will have the opportunity to register their opinions. Because of the controversial nature of such applications, a decision will probably be made by the Central Area Planning Committee. Since the number of public speakers there is very restricted and assuming a high level of letters of support/opposition, I would be inclined to ask for a public meeting, in Fowey, attended by members of the committee, at which any members of the public would have the opportunity to state their case.

**16/92 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr D Hughes, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £8,400.13 be approved.

Copies of the Budget Tracking Report to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 had been circulated before the meeting.

**16/93 Correspondence**

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

**16/94 Resolutions from Councillors**

None.

**16/95 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Mayor reported that a Workshop was now scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> November between 4pm and 8pm at the Squires Field Community Centre to look at draft policies.

**16/96 Squires Field**

Community Bus Garage. Cllr Berryman confirmed that his preferred site for a garage for the community bus would be at the left hand end by the recycling bins. He would arrange for the small bins to be resited further towards the corner to allow the large containers to also move up, which would create an adjacent space for the garage. Cllr Asker agreed that this would be an ideal site as it would cater for further development in the future if required. It was confirmed that if a garage were to be built it would remain in FTC's ownership.

Telecommunications Mast

The Mayor confirmed that Pegasus Group, in partnership with Shared Access, had contacted all residents of Fowey at the request of Fowey Town Council to inform them of the proposal to install a telecoms mast at Squires Field. The replies to this letter were sent to the Town Clerk and had been monitored. The comments from local residents at the public consultation at the Community Centre on the 12<sup>th</sup> September had also been taken into account. Comments had ranged from the dangers posed by mobile masts to those people living close to the proposed structure, to the benefits of having an improved mobile coverage in Fowey for local residents and businesses. What had been overwhelming from all the replies was the accepted view of poor mobile coverage in Fowey. However, there had been many concerns expressed by residents around Squires Field about the possibility of future health dangers. In particular many people at the drop in in the Community Centre and in response to the Pegasus Group letter had stressed the fact that Squires Field had just been returned to Fowey and this was the only children's play area in Fowey and that a mobile mast should not be in such a sensitive area. The Town Clerk confirmed that neither the primary school nor Fowey River Academy had

responded to the consultation despite being given a reminder. Cllr Berryman noted that a significant majority of the responses to the consultation had been in support of the mast. Cllr D Hughes pointed out that the reality, although flawed, was that the public perception would be that FTC, not the residents of Fowey, would be making a financial gain if the council supported the installation of the mast and also that available statistical health information only covers the previous 10 years. After further discussion the Mayor proposed, Cllr McCartney seconded and it was RESOLVED that the installation of a telecommunications mast at this extremely sensitive site, close to the schools and play areas would be inappropriate but that FTC was supportive of such a project in principle and the company was encouraged to investigate alternate sites in the area. Cllr Berryman and Cllr D Hughes abstained from voting.

#### **16/97 Town Quay**

The Town Clerk reported that

- The white lining on the parking bays had been renewed
- South West Water would be working with a crane on the quay between 5am and midday on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **16/98 Main Car Park & Readymoney Toilets**

The Mayor confirmed that her application to the Big Lottery Fund had sadly been unsuccessful but she had been heartened that £9,300.00 (including £2,000.00 from FTC) had been raised within the town to keep the facilities open for summer 2016. Clearly the toilets were extremely important to the town and she suggested it could be possible for FTC to assume ownership of the Readymoney site, including the platt and the seating area and raise the money to finance the toilets by licensing a ‘pop up’ café or similar enterprise. Members were supportive of this suggestion and the Mayor proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should request the freehold transfer of ownership of the Readymoney site, including the platt and seating area. It was accepted that the Main Car Park site was more problematical so Cllr D Hughes suggested that FTC could possibly register the building as a Community Asset, which he understood would give FTC 6 months’ breathing space before Cornwall Council could do anything with it i.e. sell it. Cllr Hughes agreed to investigate this option and report back to the November meeting.

#### **16/99 Questions under Standing Order 21**

Cllr Willmore reported that Colin (the street cleaner) had asked if the toilets on the quay could be opened at 6am, when he started work. The Town Clerk confirmed that it should be possible to isolate the gents and it was agreed that the opening time just at this facility should be brought forward from 8am to 7am.

Cllr D Hughes reported that he had asked for a stay of execution on the closure of the Park Road telephone box until an improved mobile signal was available.

Cllr D Hughes reported that he had received complaints that the farmer was driving across the Parade again and making it very rutted and muddy. He urged anybody concerned about this to raise a complaint with the CC complaint line 0300 1234 222.

**Date of Next Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Meeting Closed** 9pm