

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2016 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

Carl Stansfield made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a member of
FTC by the Mayor

16/100 Present The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, G Asker, Mrs A Boosey, D Hughes,
P Hughes (part), Mrs L McCartney, C Stansfield, D Willmore

In Attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

16/101 Apologies PCSO Lloyd Paynter

16/102 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – Cllr Stansfield declared an interest in agenda item 16/115 as he was a member of the Community Bus Committee
- 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.

16/103 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report

Public Participation & Questions - None.

Police Report – No report

16/104 Minutes of the Meeting of 19th October 2016

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

16/105 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments – The Mayor reported

- There had been a Readymoney Allotment Society committee meeting on 15th November when most of the discussion was about preparation for the workshop on the 21 November by the University of the West of England about saving water. The Allotment group has invited other allotment members from Tywardreath, Looe, Polruan and Lanhydrock as well as the National Trust to attend.

St Catherines Lights – Cllr Berryman reported

- He was disappointed the lights were still not in operation; He would be contacting the contractor who had previously given him assurances that he could provide a workable

system. He was awaiting a response from English Heritage about the clause in the proposed lease about the flag.

TQ & Caffa Public Conveniences – the Town Clerk reported

- Work had been completed on the TQ toilets but there was still an issue with the coin pay locking system on the disabled door. She would contact Healthmatic and ask them to rectify it.

16/83. FTC had been told that work in Passage Lane would be completed within a week either side of the scheduled road closure but it appeared that the project would overrun. The Mayor agreed to email the company responsible for a status report.

16/106 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - noted.

Town Hall – noted.

Environment –noted

Finance – noted. The Town Clerk confirmed that Mevagissey Bay Fish had accepted FTC's terms for a licence to trade on Squires Field car park; she was currently preparing the documentation. To date she had not heard back from Slice Pizza.

16/107 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

PUG Cllr Berryman reported that the Harbourmaster had confirmed that there was an ongoing gradual change from commercial to leisure activity in the port, which was proving to be financially lucrative. The Commissioners were now contracting out services, such as the tug, the dredger and engineers, which were also helping profits.

Community Network The Mayor and Cllr Boosey reported on an extraordinary meeting held on 14th November. There had been two presentations, one from Edwina Hannaford and David Edmondson about Planning and the future. The second presentation was from Andrew Abbott, the Clinical Commissioning Group for NHS England. It was no surprise to hear that major savings will have to be made throughout Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Helen Luther, Chair of Fowey Hospital League of Friends, stated that why consulting with locals and communities may well take place, these views appear not to be listened to. Cllr Boosey had nothing but praise for the ambulance service from her experience but said an ambulance service, which has to cover Gloucestershire to Penzance was too big a region to cover effectively. There will be further 'stakeholder engagement' sessions through to January 2017. Major service changes to the NHS in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will be announced in June 2017.

16/108 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- **29th October Fowey in Bloom** celebrated the success of many local gardeners and businesses at their annual prize giving on 29 October in the Parish Hall. As we know we contribute £500 to Fowey in Bloom to support the group in looking after many tubs and other displays throughout the town and also support local businesses to get involved with hanging baskets, "blooming boats" and window boxes. The summer judging in July also takes into account beach cleaning, the Grammar School garden, the allotments, commercial premises, pubs and hotels.
- **29th October Fowey Cider and Cheese Festival's** first event in Fowey was a big success. Many people sampled a glass or two of cider from a choice of 15 handpicked by Barrie Gibson of Fowey Valley Ciders. Mr Kittows artisan cheeses were also available to

round off the culinary experience. This is an exciting new festival for the town and many people dropped in and then went on to shop or eat in the town.

- **13th November Remembrance Sunday** An excellent turn out of the Parade and general public. Pleasing to see members of FTC turn up to support this event.
- **14th November** meeting with Rev Philip de Grey Warter about the decline of volunteers in some of the charity events and clubs in the Town.

16/109 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- She had received a letter from Ladybird Inns, again claiming historic rights on the quay. Members considered that the situation could not be allowed to continue and it was proposed by Cllr D Hughes, seconded Cllr Willmnoe and RESOLVED that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk should be given delegated powers to take legal action if necessary.

16/110 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr D Hughes reported

- At its resumed Inspection in May, the inspector accepted the revised figure of 52,500 new homes by 2030 as a realistic figure and, in general, accepted the allocation between Network Areas. The allocation for our Network area remains as in the original submission. He did require some adjustments in St Austell and also some changes to reflect changes in Government regulations since the plan was submitted. To comply with the bureaucratic procedures, these changes had to be “consulted” and the inspection re-convened to consider any responses. The inspection has now been successfully concluded. The Plan will be brought to the Council for adoption on 22nd November. Once adopted, we can apply the policies in the Plan rather than having to fall back on the National Planning Policy Framework, which, as we are all aware, is heavily slanted in favour of the developer.

It will also mean that Neighbourhood Plans, which re related to the Local Plan, will have more “weight” with inspectors at Planning Appeals. It will also mean that those areas without Neighbourhood Plans may be seen by developers as “easier” targets.

- As I have reported before, the Local Government Boundary Commission is reviewing the divisional boundaries of Cornwall Council. Initially, this was to be completed in time for the elections in May next year, in our opinion, far too short a period to come up with realistic and workable boundaries. We negotiated an extended period of time (until next summer) but in exchange, had to commit to a simultaneous governance review, which amongst other matters, will review the number of councillors which we should have on Cornwall Council (currently 123).

A working group of councillors and officers has been set up and has produced an initial report suggesting that the revised council should have between 105 & 115 members, based on evidence of current and expected councillor workloads.

It is recognised that current councillors are covering the “casework” previously handled by several times the present number of District and county councillors. It is also apparent that, with devolution of more responsibilities from County to Town and Parish Councils, the direct workload has been reduced but, particularly for smaller parishes with few or no full-time officers, Cornwall Councillors are having to provide more practical support.

Another problem is the geography of Cornwall. Some urban members may have divisions covering less than a square kilometre whilst other divisions are hundreds of times bigger and may include 7 or 8 parishes. Time taken in travelling both within a division and to Council meetings also varies hugely. There are serious concerns that, particularly in the larger and most far-flung areas, a significant decrease in the number of councillors could result in the public feeling that they are under-represented (democratic deficit).

Parishes and the public are being asked to comment on the proposed arrangements (FTC has received such an invitation). I would strongly urge you to respond. This is a real opportunity for you to help shape Cornwall for the future. At the outset of the council there was, justifiably, considerable outcry about the lack of consultation. You are now being asked again. Please take the opportunity.

16/111 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £8,812.93 be approved.

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

16/112 Correspondence

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

16/113 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

16/114 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported

On 2nd November a NP Housing draft policies workshop had been held. This was led by James Evans, a CC planner who has looked at our outline draft policies for Housing in the Parish. He spoke for three hours and showed a great deal of understanding about the housing in Fowey and the wider parish. He gave a number of recommendations to carry forward, one of which is a Housing Needs Survey. This survey would be undertaken by AECOM, but a further grant would need to be applied for to cover the cost

16/115 Squires Field

Community Bus Garage. It was agreed that Cllr Berryman and Cllr Asker should meet with Arthur Baker to agree the size and style of the proposed garage and ask him to provide architects plans to enable FTC to apply for planning permission.

Junior Football Club Lease. This was now progressing.

16/116 Town Quay

No report.

16/117 Main Car Park & Readymoney Toilets

The Town Clerk confirmed that she had re-registered FTC's formal interest in acquiring the freehold ownership of the Readymoney site, including the platt and seating area. However, it appeared that Cornwall Council had also gone out to tender for it to be used as a 'Pop Up' site, which would not be in the town's best interest as it would not guarantee the long term future of the toilets.

It was agreed that MCP toilets would be an agenda item at the December meeting, when the Mayor would put forward some suggestions as to how FTC could possibly assume responsibility for the facilities.

16/118 Election to Committees

Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following members should be elected to Committees.

Environment Cllr P Hughes
Town Hall Cllr Stansfield
Finance Cllr Asker

16/119 Budget 2017/2018

Cllr Berryman presented the Finance Committee's figures and explained that the increase in precept largely represented provision for the May 2017 elections and the possible acquisition of the Readymoney toilet site. He then proposed, Cllr D Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the FTC precept requirement for 2017/2018 should be £105,462.00. Cllr Alexander voted against the proposal

16/120 Questions under Standing Order 21

None.

Date of Next Meeting 14th December 2016

Meeting Closed 8.50pm