

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2016 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

16/100 Present The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, G Asker, P Hughes, C Stansfield,
D Willmore

In Attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

16/101 Apologies The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman (holiday), Cllr Mrs A Boosey (alternative meeting), Cllr D Hughes (holiday), Cllr Mrs L McCartney (unwell)
PCSO Lloyd Paynter

16/102 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None.
- β. Non Registerable – Cllr Stansfield declared an interest in agenda item 16/115 as he was a member of the Community Bus Committee
- 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 – PCSO Paynter had supplied the following report

I would like to wish all members of the Council a Happy Xmas and Prosperous New Year.

Thank you again for all of your support throughout 2016.

The following report includes crime from mid-November to 14th December inclusive. There are seven for the period.

Common Assault x 2. One filed as undetected the other is on-going.

Possess an Offensive Weapon in a Public Place x 1. Offender charged to court

Assault/ABH x 1. This occurred at the Fowey River Academy. Filed as undetected

Criminal Damage to Property x 1. Window pane was damaged in Vicarage Meadow. Undetected

Theft from a Shop x 1. On going

Theft from a Motor Vehicle x 1. Produce stolen from van in Windmill Ind. Estate. On-Going

The Pub Watch is now up and running for Fowey and will see all the people who have enrolled meet on a quarterly basis. The Pub Watch is a great way to help identify people who may be causing problems in licenced premises and a united action can be taken to introduce sanctions on the offenders.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Alison and Carl Smith from the Top Shop, Fowey, who kindly provided me with mince pies and fresh cream for my Golant Police Surgery. Carl and Alison also continue to provide provisions for my Fowey Surgeries.

And, finally. I was delighted to attend Fowey Brownies with my colleague PCSO Rebecca Harris just before Christmas. We delivered a talk and took fingerprints, which was very well received. If any Community groups would like to arrange a similar event please drop me a line.

16/104 Minutes of the Meeting of 14th November 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Asker 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

- A working party had undertaken work to tidy up any unused plots on the site. The Town Clerk had received a request from an existing allotment holder for the tenancy of a second plot. It was agreed that this should be granted as it was far better for the plots to be cultivated than left empty.

St Catherines Lights

- It was disappointing that the lights were still not in operation. The Town Clerk had finalised the new, amended lease with English Heritage.

TQ & Caffa Public Conveniences – the Town Clerk reported

- The problem with the coin pay locking system on the disabled door at TQ had been rectified.

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

Planning - noted. Cllr Willmore confirmed that the planning committee had objected to the recent Wainhomes planning application, PA16/10442 on the following grounds. *1. This is major development on a prominent site within the AONB, which policy says should only be considered in exceptional circumstances 2. Given that Cornwall can demonstrate over 5 years land supply there can be no fallback on NPPF 3. The design and layout of the site will have a significant impact on the setting and appreciation of the Tristan Stone, a scheduled Ancient Monument. Whilst the stone is not in its original position, it is where it is and is a much visited and photographed heritage item. The “park & ride” site in the original application was only included to overcome objections from English Heritage on these grounds. 4. The proposed pedestrian access to the stone would be a further negative impact on the setting of the stone and is not necessary as there is already a layby at the stone and “visitor parking” within the proposed development would be likely to cause conflict with residents 5. It is incorrect to suggest that Fowey Town Council rejected taking ownership of the land. 6. This land is tied into a S106 agreement and this obligation must be fulfilled*

Town Hall – no report.

Environment –no report

Finance – no report.

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

Forum. Cllr Willmore reported that the Forum had formally objected to Cornwall Council in respect of PA16/10442.

16/108 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- She had attended the Fowey Community Bus AGM and Colin Richards had been elected as the new Chairman. In contrast to many other Community Groups in the country the group was well supported and very positive about its future.

16/109 To receive the Town Clerks Report

No report.

16/110 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

No report.

16/111 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Stansfield and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £14,520.03 be approved.

It was proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr P Hughes and RESOLVED that FTC should sponsor two chairs and SFCC.

Copies of the Budget Tracking Report to 30th November 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

A meeting had been held on 5th December to discuss the 2017 action plan.

16/115 Squires Field

Community Bus Garage. There had been some discussion at the Community Bus AGM in relation to the need for a garage versus an allocated parking space and it appeared that currently the group was just in need of an allocated space. It was agreed that Cllr Asker would look into the possibility of providing an allocated space for the Community bus, the Town buses and some additional permit parking spaces.

Junior Football Club Lease. This was progressing.

Path Improvements to SFCC. Quotes were still awaited.

16/116 Town Quay

The Town Clerk had issued a parking permit to the Galleon allowing their contractor to park one vehicle on the quay during their refurbishment work.

16/117 Main Car Park & Readymoney Toilets

It was noted that the Cornwall Council deadline for the submission of tenders for 'pop up' businesses at both sites had been 21st November. The Town Clerk confirmed that she was still awaiting a response to FTC's formal expression of interest in acquiring the freehold ownership of the Readymoney site, including the platt and seating area.

16/118 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr P Hughes expressed concern about the article in the Cornish Guardian about Fowey Community Hospital and voiced his fear that it was being closed 'by stealth.' The Mayor agreed that a full and frank discussion was needed with stakeholders and confirmed that she had contacted Healthwatch Cornwall about the issue and was awaiting a response.

Note from Town Clerk. The Mayor received the following response from Healthwatch on 15th December

Hello,

You recently contacted us regarding Fowey Hospital.

I have spoken with the communications team at Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust and have been sent the following statement:

Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust took over responsibility for the services provided at Fowey Hospital on 1 April 2016. It's bed capacity was reduced from 10 beds to 6 due to a buildings conditions survey which highlighted limitations on the safe service the hospital was able to offer. Between May and August there was a total of 24 admissions of which four patients were Fowey residents. In mid-July, a Cornwall Council food hygiene and safety inspection required urgent works to be undertaken by the landlord NHS Property Services leading to the temporary closure of the hospital. Since this temporary closure Fowey residents have been admitted to St Austell hospital eight miles away.

The minor injuries unit has not been operating since 2015 following concerns raised by the Matron. Attendance rates had been very low making it difficult to maintain staff skills and competency and with no x-ray facilities on site there was limited diagnostic and treatment interventions available. Local residents have since accessed minor injury provision at St Austell hospital. This decision was reinforced and supported by the Care Quality Commission following their own inspection in the same year.

Following the remedial works undertaken on flooring and removal of asbestos as a result of the Cornwall Council food and hygiene inspection, the Infection Prevention Control team with the Matron reviewed the hospital last month and they have identified a programme of further works that need to be undertaken to prevent the spread of infection between patients, visitors and staff to control and contain potentially pathogenic organisms.

The Trust is working closely with KCCG, NHS England and NHS Property Services and is committed to providing patients with high quality care in premises and facilities that are safe and fit for purpose for both patients and staff.

Since the Trust has taken over delivery of community health services a review of the whole community hospital estate in the county has been on-going as a result of building condition surveys. While highlighting issues to do with premises, this county wide review is helping inform clinicians about how local people currently use and in the future can best access the most appropriate and effective community health care they need - close to home. There has been no decision made to permanently close any community hospitals in the county, including at Fowey.

I hope this is of some help.

We are also promoting the public engagement opportunities regarding the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. You can find out full details via:

<http://www.healthwatchcornwall.co.uk/cornwalls-sustainability-and-transformation-plan/>

Perhaps you could mention this at your meeting so that individuals can feed into this process.

People can always share any feedback they have regarding their health and social care services with us too as it will help inform the work we investigate further.

<http://www.healthwatchcornwall.co.uk/have-your-say/>

Do let me know if we can be of any further assistance.

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Date of Next Meeting

18th January 2017

Meeting Closed 7.55pm

