

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2017 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

16/119 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
PCSO Lloyd Paynter (part)
1 member of the public

16/120 Apologies Cllr Mrs K Alexander (unwell), Cllr G Asker, Cllr C Stansfield (holiday)

16/121 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.

16/122 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report

Public Participation & Questions – Bryan Boothby had attended to hear the Neighbourhood Plan update. He also expressed concern that the Plan appeared to be very supportive of wind turbines at the February 2016 meeting. Bryan urged caution as wind power companies, including the one which had previously submitted applications in Fowey, were now filing for bankruptcy following reductions in renewable energy subsidies. The Mayor explained that the Neighbourhood Plan was not favouring wind power but that it must comply with national and local planning policy and include a wide spectrum of options.

Police Report – PCSO Paynter gave the following report

The period over the Xmas holidays has been fairly busy and, since my last report in early December, we have seen twelve reported crimes.

Four Communication Offences. One resulted in No further action being supported by the victim, One No Further Action, Two still ongoing.

Two Theft (Other). One was the much reported theft of a car park machine. The perpetrators are currently on Police Bail, The seconded remained undetected.

One Theft from a Shop. We are currently working on lines of enquiry following another theft from a local store.

Two Dog out of Control. I have resolved one using a Community Resolution and a Dog Control Order was Issued. The second offence is currently being investigated.

Two Criminal Damage to Property. One was damage to a car, the second damage to a building at Four Turnings

One Common Assault. Despite this being called in it was later decided that action would not be supported by the victim.

So plenty to be going on with!!

Before we know it Spring - and then Summer - will be upon us. As ever I am sure that parking issues will once again raise their head. I will be speaking with the Council to find out how things are progressing with the parking issues along the back road. Although I was initially involved in setting up a meeting, this situation was taken forward by the Fire Brigade. At this time I am unaware of any developments. It is clear to me that parking issues will continue to be a real problem throughout the coming year and that better signage, line marking and appropriate policing by the Council's Enforcement Officers are measures that need to be put in place before improvements can be made. I would like to re-advise that issues relating to parking and subsequent enforcement are the remit of Cornwall Council and have been as such since April 2008. In the case of obstruction Police can still act. Please bear in mind that Police resources are always very stretched and that, if vehicles can be moved without calling in an obstruction, it is always appreciated rather than tie up an officer(s) who could be dealing with a life or death matter.

I think it is fair to say that any form of Crime Prevention is better than none at all. Many people ask about CCTV which can often involve quite a costly installation fee. There are other ideas that offer greater security and prove to be a great deterrent. If you would like to discuss any ideas that may help protect your home or property, and may even reduce your Home Insurance, please contact me at any time. Alternatively pop along to the Fowey Monthly Police Surgeries that I hold at 1430hrs on the second Wednesday of each month at the Fowey Police Office in the Town Hall.

16/123 Minutes of the Meeting of 14th December 2016

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

16/124 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments – The Mayor reported

- There had been a meeting the previous day of the RAS Committee; discussion focused on updating our Allotment Rules, which we email out to every plot holder in April, to include Sustainability on the site which will cover use of water, disposal of rubbish and also creating a disabled -friendly plot. The group will investigate possible funding for an improved entrance and creating raised beds on the smaller part of Plot 2.
- The committee will hold an AGM in March covering the past year followed by a social with refreshments.

St Catherines Lights

- Cllr Berryman reported that the lights were still not operational; he would speak to Chris Biggs again.

TQ & Caffa Public Conveniences – the Town Clerk reported

- The coin pay system on the gents on Town Quay needed a new validator. There had also been some minor vandalism to a door bolt and toilet seats. It was agreed that the cost of metal units for the gents should be investigated.

16/125 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment –no report

Finance – no report.

16/126 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies Forum. Cllr Willmore reported that the Forum had met recently but there was nothing of note to report.

16/127 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- Councillor Patrick Hughes and I attended a meeting on Monday 16th January in St Austell, which was a presentation on the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health and Social Care Plan. It was very well attended, about 150 people, a lot more than they were expecting. There were also a group of local residents from Fowey who had seen the Facebook information about the meeting. We were the only group who referred specifically to our Community Hospital, partly because the rest are open! We hope to hear back from the Local Community team about when or if work is going to begin on Fowey Community Hospital.
- Fowey Library; Richard Biddle of Fowey River Gig Club emailed me today to say he has just advised Cornwall Council that at their last board meeting the River Fowey Gig Club decided not to proceed with negotiations to acquire the Lease of the Fowey Library.

16/128 To receive the Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk confirmed that the Energy Ombudsman was now considering her complaint about British Gas.

16/129 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr D Hughes gave the following report.

Most of the matters on which I would like to comment are covered in the agenda. However, the following points may be of interest.

- **Cornwall Local Plan.** The Local Plan was formally adopted by the Council in December and now forms the basis for planning and strategy in Cornwall, superseding the saved policies from earlier policies. The minimum of 52,500 new homes to be constructed over the period 2010-2030 is considered too high by some but was the lowest figure which the Inspector was prepared to consider as substantiated. Failure to accept this figure would have meant that the Plan would not have been accepted by the Government. In this circumstance, all developments in Cornwall would have been assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework. Since this, broadly, would have given developers carte-blanche for any development which met national policy, with no cap, such an outcome would have been catastrophic. It should be added that the total figure includes those permissions already granted in the first 6 years of the period and that the overall figure has been allocated between the Network Areas, based on need and constraining factors. Consequently, the outstanding quota for Fowey, Tywardreath, Lostwithiel, St Blazey and the other parishes in our Area to 2030 to meet our commitment is of the order of 350 homes. Thus, the pressure to accept unsuitable developments in our area is significantly reduced, although there are no grounds for complacency.
- **Governance Review and Local Government Review.** The review of the way in which Cornwall Council manages its governance, the number of Cornwall Councillors required for effective operation and the consequent revision of boundaries is progressing fast. Members, Town & Parish Councils and the public have been consulted and their views taken into account.

At present it seems likely that, from 2021, Cornwall Council is likely to be reduced to between 90 and 105 members. A key element in this assessment is consideration that Town & Parish Councils will be taking on an increasing amount of the work historically done at County level. This will have considerable implications for the work-load and financial burden carried by them.

- **Par Running Track.** I am pleased to tell you that negotiations are at an advanced stage for the transfer of the Par Running Track to a Local Community Interest Company. This will safeguard the long-term availability to the public of this very valuable facility, which is used by many residents not only of Par but of the surrounding parishes. The leaders of the project are very grateful to FTC for its support of this venture.
- **Community Chest.** I have to announce that my Community Chest money has now all been allocated. Once the new Cornwall Council has been installed, applications will be considered for the 2017-8 Community Chest

16/130 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £6,658.55 be approved.

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

16/131 Correspondence

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

16/132 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

16/133 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that the Steering Group was currently waiting for the Cornwall Council landscape architect to complete a landscape survey for Fowey. In the meantime she would be meeting the NP officer the following day to look at the work done on the Plan to date and prepare for the first public consultation in the summer of 2017. Cllr D Hughes noted that, now both the National Plan and the Local Plan were in place, it was important that the NP should complement these and not try to ‘reinvent the wheel.’ Any deviations in the Fowey Plan from the two documents must be evidence based.

16/134 Squires Field

Cllr Berryman reported that

- He would be meeting with the new Chairman of the Community Bus to discuss the possible allocation of a designated parking place. He noted that FTC would need to think about resurfacing if spaces were going to be allocated
- The Junior Football Club Lease had been signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk and completion was awaited.
- The three quotes for the pathway to SFCC had finally been received; work had started on 4th January and tarmac laid on 10th January, ready for the first meeting of the Memory Café on the Thursday
- Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that new signage should be purchased for the play area as the current board gave the details of Cornwall Council, not FTC. Appropriate signage would also be required in the car park in due course.

16/135 Town Quay

The Town Clerk reported that she was meeting with a representative of Cornwall Council Street Lighting the following day to try to sort out a mains electricity supply to the parking ticket machine. She had also made enquiries with asparking about introducing a 'pay by phone' system and reported that this would be possible but would cost FTC 5% of the ticket price. Cllr P Hughes queried if the customer would also be charged to use the system and the Town Clerk confirmed this would be the case. Cllr D Hughes proposed, Cllr McCartney seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should set up the facility.

The Mayor reported that, together with the Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk, she had attended a meeting called by SWW on 10th January to discuss the major works which will take place just off the TQ. Essential work to underwater pipework on the foreshore there will be undertaken to install valves and to line iron pipework with a silicon liner. This will necessitate building a Cofferdam to enable this work to be carried out. The dam will take three weeks to construct and will need to be watertight while the work is being carried out; pumps will also be working to keep the dam as dry as possible. These pumps will be operated by a generator which will be on the Quay. The work will take one/two weeks to complete and then the dam will need to be dismantled, which should take a further two weeks. In total, this work will take seven/eight weeks plus one week of investigative work by divers at the very start. This should be two months of work if all goes to plan and there are no unforeseen problems. The starting date we have been given by SWW is 13th February, which is the start of half term, and work should be finished by 14th April, which is Good Friday. It will mean the TQ steps will be closed but SW Water have agreed to negotiate with Polruan Ferry Company about alternate landing arrangements

16/136 Main Car Park & Readymoney Toilets

The Mayor reported that the Town Clerk had requested an interview with Jon James and Michelle Carter-Foster to discuss our request for CC to devolve the freehold ownership of Readymoney toilets, the platt and the surrounding area to FTC. Together with the Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor John Berryman, Cornwall Councillor David Hughes she had attended Cornwall Council's new offices in Truro on 13th January put the point that FTC is in a better position to look after the long-term provision of the toilets at Readymoney than Cornwall Council. It was agreed in principle that CC would devolve the site to FTC on the basis that the sum of £3000 be paid annually by FTC to CC, who would use this money (together with a coin pay system) to keep main car park toilets open in the summer. FTC could raise this revenue by leasing the toilet building as a retail unit, with a clause that public toilet provision must be provided. Clearly CC was still keen to devolve the MCP toilets to FTC but this arrangement would allow FTC to concentrate on the Readymoney site before considering the options for MCP. Cllr Boosey considered that this would be an excellent arrangement and she proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should formally confirm the arrangement with Cornwall Council.

16/137 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr D Hughes noted that the appeal to pollard sycamore trees in Rawlings Lane had been rejected by the Planning Inspector.

Date of Next Meeting 15th February 2017

Meeting Closed 8.41pm

