

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE 2017 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

17/32 Present The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman
Councillors G Asker, P Fassam, P Hughes, Mrs L Simms, D Willmore

In Attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
2 members of the public (1 part)

17/33 Apologies Cllr Day, Cllr Stansfield
PCSO Lloyd Paynter

17/34 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. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had granted a dispensation to Cllr Fassam to participate in any discussion pertaining to allotments.

17/35 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report

Public Participation & Questions

Bryan Boothby addressed the meeting with his objections to PA/04599. They were, *inter alia*, the erection of a telecommunications mast at Windmill would spoil the ambience of this area at the entrance to Fowey, would set a precedent and would adversely affect house prices in the immediate area. He confirmed that he had written to Cornwall Council planning to register his objection to this application, stating his reasons in full.

Susie Trenary alerted the meeting to the presence of a pernicious weed in Fowey, which without prompt action would destroy other established plants and shrubs. The weed was called ‘quaking grass.’ Susie confirmed that she had been doing her best to pull up the offending plant throughout the town but the task was too big for this approach to be successful. Susie agreed to write an article for publication in the Fowey News in spring 2018 to raise public awareness and the Mayor agreed to mention it in her Mayor’s column.

Police Report

PCSO Lloyd Paynter had submitted the following report.

I have researched the Police computer and found the following crimes for the period 14/05/2017 to 20/06/2017.

There are a total of six crimes, they are as follows;

2 x Common Assault. One within the Parish (not in Fowey) was filed as undetected, the other which was road related I am currently working towards a community Resolution.

2 x Thefts of Pedal Cycle. These are a real pain and really annoy me. In both cases, the bikes were taken on the same evening. One turned up within hours and was safely returned to its owner. The other bike turned up at a later stage and was also returned to its owner. Both were located near the hospital. Please try and keep your bikes out of sight and mind.

1 x Assault/ABH. This occurred at Polkerris and was another road rage incident. It is still under investigation.

1 x Harassment/Breach of injunction. This relates to a local male. We are currently working with partner agencies regarding the person.

The blazing hot weather in recent days has seen a good deal of people visiting Fowey. Naturally the well discussed parking issues are a hot potato. Trust me, parking is a problem everywhere in the County, and nearly always it relates to the inconsiderate nature of some, not all people. The lack of Council Enforcement Officers is very apparent although I understand that the matter is being addressed and they are recruiting...watch this space!

I recently attended a very encouraging meeting along with the Mayor Ruth Finlay, Sally Vincent and Cllr Andy Virr in relation to the parking issues at Passage Lane and Squire's Field. Polkerris and Menabilly issues were also raised to the Highways officials in attendance and I think we all left feeling that the meeting was positive. I feel that relaying the news is best left to the Mayor in her report.

Another parking issue raising its head for the umpteenth time is outside and in the vicinity of the Primary School. Once again, this comes down to extremely inconsiderate parking by parents. I often feel that people often forget that legs are for walking and, if only people gave themselves a couple of minutes to walk a few hundred yards to drop off and collect their children, the problem would virtually disappear. I will be trying to raise awareness of the dangers that inconsiderate parking causes around schools and colleges. PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE YELLOW HATCHED AREAS, they are there for a reason and no one, least of all me wants to have to deal with an injured child.

I am always looking to help organisations within the community apply for funding and help with running costs. Currently, Fowey Brownies and Fowey Croquet Club are in need of some additional funding. If you run a business and are willing to help out in any way, please give me a shout.

And finally...SCAMS. There are many scams still circulating and people are, sadly, still getting fleeced of their savings. I believe there is a simple rule of thumb. Please don't pass on your personal details to unknown callers and avoid sending money to unknown sources. Many of the scammers operate from overseas and I frequently get told that people struggle to understand the content of the message as the person calling could hardly speak any English? Surely, that should be the trigger? Recent scams include PPI, BT and even bogus callers from the Police advising that you will be arrested if you don't send any money! Incredible that it seems, please keep the vulnerable and intimidated amongst us aware of these ghastly people.

17/36 Minutes of the Meeting of 17th May 2017 and Mayor Making, 25th May 2017

17th May. It was proposed by Cllr Asker, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mayor Making, 25th May. It was proposed by Cllr Berryman seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

17/37 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments

- The Mayor reported that a successful social event had been organized by the allotment committee the previous Friday evening involving a tour of the allotments and refreshments.

St Catherines Lights

- Cllr Berryman reported that the contractor had contacted English Heritage to explain that the repairs had yet to be completed due to windy weather conditions. However, he had now been able to access the turbine and flagpole and they were in his workshop being repaired.

17/38 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted. Cllr Asker reported that at the Planning Committee meeting earlier in the evening it had been resolved to refer a decision on PA17/04599 to full Council, due to its nature and sensitivity. Members recognised that the lack of a mobile signal in significant parts of the town was unacceptable and acknowledged that they must balance the pros and cons of this application constructively. Following a lengthy discussion Cllr Asker proposed, Cllr Finlay seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reasons: 1. The application site, which lies within the AONB and is at the entrance to Fowey was inappropriate. Whilst it was accepted that a mast was needed to provide coverage for significant areas of Fowey, this was the wrong location for such an installation. 2. A 10 metre exclusion zone could not be achieved on this site. 3. The application states that siting a mast at MM Wholesale Meats had been discounted ‘accordingly’ as it was adjacent to a school; the proposed site in this application was adjacent to two schools 4. Cornwall Councils own policy states that the erection of telecommunication masts will not be permitted within 200 metres of schools. 5. The NPPF Policy 5 supporting high quality communications infrastructure states at paragraph 45 that applications for telecommunications development (including for prior approval under Part 24 of the General Permitted Development Order) should be supported by the necessary evidence to justify the proposed development. This should include the outcome of consultations with organisations with an interest in the proposed development, in particular with the relevant body where a mast is to be installed near a school or college or within a statutory safeguarding zone surrounding an aerodrome or technical site; This has not been evidenced. The application states that a letter was sent to the ‘parish council’ and a response was received stating that the proposal was ‘outside their area boundary.’ This is incorrect – no letter was received by FTC and no such response was made. The application states that a letter was sent to Fowey Town Council on 27th May and no response was received. This is incorrect – no such letter was received by FTC. 6. The application states that the application site is within the tree area. This is incorrect – there are no trees in the proximity of the site and the appearance of the mast would not be obscured. 7. This proposal would cause distress and disruption to local residents* Cllr Willmore abstained from voting on this application

Town Hall – no report

Environment –no report

Finance – no report.

17/39 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodiws

Cllr Berryman reported that he had attended the Red Arrows Management Plan meeting earlier in the day at the Harbour Office. Plans were well advanced and the Event Plan was almost complete – a copy would be sent to the Town Clerk in the near future. Funding for the display was also coming in well.

17/ 40 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayo reported

- Together with her Consort, she had very much enjoyed a visit to HMS Montrose earlier in the day.
- She had attended a Local Community Network meeting in St Blazey on 19th June, where one of the speakers was Alison Hernandez the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. She was very keen to promote rural policing and stressed the lack of understanding from government to policing issues in counties such as Cornwall. She listened to concerns about the continuing issues with the 101 phone line and asked if we could encourage use of the email 101@dc.police.co.uk if this is more convenient for people. Miss Hernandez said the email will be routed to our local PCSO, who will then deal with the matter. However, I am still concerned about the future of PCSO's and particularly our own Lloyd Paynter who knows Fowey so well.

17/41 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- She wished to record apologies for the disruption of her services to members and the town whilst her computer and broadband systems had been out of action following the storm.
- She had been contacted by the organisers of the Fowey Festival who had asked if FTC could alter the date of the 2018 Mayor Making to enable the Festival to use the Town Hall on third Wednesday in May. Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Simms seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting should be deferred until 23rd May 2018.
- She would be absent for the September council and planning meeting and, whilst she could set everything up beforehand, members may wish to identify an alternate date. Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Simms seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting should be cancelled and an Extraordinary Meeting of both full Council and Planning should be held on 23rd or 30th August.
- She had received a quote for replacement wallgates for the ladies and the disabled toilets on the Town Quay and explained that the cost was substantial. Cllr Willmore stated that the provision of toilets in the town was costing the council a great deal of money, together with a significant amount of work and grief for the Town Clerk and he suggested that FTC should close them, just leaving the disabled facility open at both Caffa Mill and Town Quay. Cllr Fassam recorded that he considered it disgraceful that Cornwall Council was profiting from business rates on public toilets when the authority had forced their devolution to local communities. The Mayor suggested that a cheaper option to new wallgates may be to install simple handbasins, soap dispensers and hand driers. It was agreed that this issue should be decided by the Finance Committee; Cllr Asker undertook to obtain some quotes and when these had been received a Finance Meeting would be called.

17/41 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr reported

- He was investigating a request for the yellow lines leading into the lower part of Green Lane towards the former police houses to be extended to allow access for refuse vehicles; currently parked cars were obstructing the road.

- He had been asked about the status of the disabled space on Town Quay. The Town Clerk confirmed that it was available during the winter months when the quay was used for Pay & Display parking.
- He had been contacted by local residents concerned about the application to erect the telecommunications mast adjacent to the bus stop on Polvillion Road. He considered it unacceptable for people to have poor or no mobile coverage in this day and age and confirmed that evidence did not support the perception that a mast would cause a risk to health. However, he confirmed that he was happy to support FTC's decision to object to the application as he considered that the application site was inappropriate. He urged FTC to be proactive, though, and meet with the company in an effort to identify an acceptable site for a mast. Members agreed with this course of action and Cllr Virr agreed to set up a meeting.
- He was pleased that there was enthusiasm to set up a working group to investigate the short and medium term options for Fowey Hospital.
- He would be holding his first CC Surgery at SFCC during the afternoon of 23rd June.
- He was pleased to report that he was now a member of the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee at Cornwall Council.

17/42 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £25,730.20 be approved.

17/43 Correspondence

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

17/44 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

17/45 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that she had applied for a My Locality grant of £9,000 which had been successful and would pay for the LLCA (£6,000) and £3,000 for consultant work on technical reports. Draft policies were being written on Housing, the Environment, Sustainable Transport and Quality of Life. By the end of the summer, hopefully, the remaining sections would have been completed and would be available for all to see and, of course, comment on.

17/46. Squires Field

The grass in the childrens' playground had not been cut. Town Clerk to report.

Cllr Berryman reported that quotes had been received for resurfacing a strip for the proposed Town Bus and permit parking section and also for asphaltting the entire surface. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

17/47 Town Quay

The Town Clerk reported that she had authorised the emergency replacement/repair of some damaged vertical fendering on the steps and slipway. She had been advised that it all needed attention in the fairly near future so would probably need to be done at the end of the season..

17/48 Passage Lane/Park Road/Polkerris TRO

The Mayor reported that Andy Stephenson from Cornwall Council and Rachael Tatlow met with County Councillor Andy Virr, PCSO Lloyd Paynter, Sally Vincent and herself on Monday 19th June. The very real problem with blue light services not being able to access Passage Lane was explained by PCSO Paynter and it was confirmed that Fowey Town Council had been asking for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) from Cornwall Council for almost a year. FTC had asked for a TRO and yellow lines on Passage Lane and in Park Road in front of the parking area (to enable parked cars and the Community and Town bus to be able to get out of the car park) and also For the redesignation of the two disabled bays in front of Barclays bank so they are of the proper size for disabled users and can be properly enforced. Finally, the lane to Menabilly was attracting an increasing number of cars parking up on the narrow lane, which leads towards Tregaminion Chapel, and FTC had asked for seasonal no parking signs to stop inconsiderate parking which stops agricultural machinery or emergency vehicles during the summer months. Andy Stephenson said an experimental TRO could be set up more quickly than the more usual TRO. It would speed up the work required and would allow feedback from the community on the impact of the work undertaken. He must discuss this with CC legal team and will get back to FTC by the end of the week. The Town Clerk added that her understanding was that there was considerably less consultation involved in an experimental TRO, with just the main stakeholders involved; it would last for 18 months and could then be modified if appropriate before a more permanent Order was put in place. If it was not possible to obtain an experimental TRO then a Temporary TRO could be put in place in time for Regatta Week and possibly sooner.

17/49 Alcohol Licenec, Haverners Fish & Chip Shop

Some concern was raised that selling alcohol at this location could well result in the Town Quay being used inappropriately to consume it, together with the fish and chips, and significant amounts of litter, including glass bottles being generated Whilst it was accepted that alcohol could be purchased from other retail outlets in the town it was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED that FTC should lodge an objection to the application. Cllr Hughes voted against the proposal.

17/50 Electoral Review of Cornwall

Some Cllrs had not yet had the opportunity to study this consultation sufficiently and at the suggestion of the Town Clerk a decision was deferred until the July meeting.

17/51 Co-option of a Councillor

Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Asker seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cora Woodside should be co-opted to fill the vacant seat on FTC.

17/82 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

None

Date of Next Meeting 19th July 2017

Meeting Closed 9.06pm