

## DRAFT MINUTES

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FTC ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT 2.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

#### Minutes taken by Cllr Hughes

#### Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay  
Councillors, P Hughes, Mrs L Simms, Mrs F Day

**1 Apologies**                None

#### **2 Declaration of Interests**

Pecuniary – None.  
Non-Registerable – None  
Dispensations – None

**3 Public Participation & Questions** - None

#### **4 Minutes of the Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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

**5 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)** - None

**6 To receive the report of the Tree Warden** – Cllr Frances Day

There are TPOs for 4 Firs, 4 Beech trees & 1 Elm in place since 1979 around Carnethic House. Tree Warden Cllr Frances Day referred members to the interactive Cornwall Council map showing all Tree Preservation Orders. Of interest at present were one from 1979 covering 4 beeches, 4 firs and 1 elm alongside Carnethic, and one covering the trees on the Northern side of Lankelly Lane. Work had recently started on the site to the rear of 55/57 North Street, and a TPO for a horse chestnut there had been applied for by local resident Julie Talbot at the beginning of October this year. The outcome was not known, and Cllr Day will follow up with Mrs. Talbot.

**7 Allotments** – The Mayor, Cllr Mrs. Ruth Finlay

The Mayor reported that 3 plots made available recently have been taken. The Association unfortunately has not received funding so far to develop the disabled plot. They aim to apply for a lottery grant to do this. They also aim to apply for a wooden community Gazebo to improve the allotments for all.

There was a H&S walk on 19<sup>th</sup> Sep which concluded that the arrangements are fine. Details of this are kept by the secretary of the association.

## 8 Old Grammar School Garden

The Mayor reported that phase 4 of the redevelopment has been completed under budget. A lady who lives outside of Fowey has made a generous donation of £500 to be used for flowers in the garden. There was discussion re the top bed which is overgrown and difficult to access.

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that we ask for a quote for landscaping to bisect the top garden with a gravel path and create 2 new accessible beds. If this goes ahead, they could be replanted in the spring using the donation.

It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that dogs be allowed access to the Old Grammar School Garden.

## 9 Risk Assessment

Our main discussion focused on the Grammar School Garden. The steps are good, the pathways are clear, and the seats have been checked. There is a concern regarding the cliff edge. Now that some of the excess foliage has been cleared there could be an increased risk of a vulnerable adult or child falling. The members of the EC will look at the garden and report to the Mayor by email within 7 days with what individual members think could be done to reduce the risk at a reasonable cost. Options include railings, a chain and signs.

## 10 Budget 2018/2019

The Mayor reported that the main complaints over the last few months had been regarding Bull Hill (weeds), Cobbs Well (overhanging shrubbery) and the Piggy Lane Triangle.

Bull Hill should be looked after by Cornwall council and this has improved recently

Regarding Cobbs Well, the committee will contact the Treffry Estate to see the best way forward to reduce the overhanging shrubbery.

Piggy Lane Triangle – It was proposed by The Mayor, seconded by Cllr Day and RESOLVED that we ask Sally Pearce if she can undertake 30 hours per annum to keep down weeds and bushes which can block views etc. also 60 hours at OGS's; which is a total of 90 hours per annum.

A small increase in the budget for grass cutting and weeding, and £250 for tubs on Town quay was discussed.

It was proposed by The Mayor, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the 2018/2019 budget of £8,500 is accepted and submitted to the Finance Committee.

## 11 To receive reports from members - None

<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	To be confirmed
Meeting Closed	3.30 pm

