

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

**At a future meeting the council will consider the accuracy of these minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes to that meeting to confirm whether or not they have been amended**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL**

**17/146 Present**                      The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay  
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman  
Councillors G Asker, P Fassam, P Hughes, Mrs L Simms, C Stansfield,  
Mrs C Woodside

**In Attendance**                      The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Cllr A Virr  
2 members of the public

**17/147 Apologies**                      Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr D Willmore  
PCSO Jamie Ward

#### **17/148 Declaration of Interests**

- α. Pecuniary – None.
- β. Non Registerable – None
- χ. Dispensations – The Town Clerk had extended a dispensation to Cllr Finlay to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments. The Town Clerk had extended a dispensation to Cllr Fassam to participate in any discussion pertaining to allotments.

#### **17/149 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report**

##### **Public Participation & Questions**

None

##### **Police Report**

PCSO Ward had supplied the following report.

There had been 7 crimes in the parish during October- 3 x violence without injury, 1 x shoplifting, 1 x other theft, 2 x criminal damage and 20 incidents recorded.

#### **17/150 Minutes of the Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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

#### **17/151 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

##### **Allotments**

- No report.

##### **St Catherines Lights**

- Cllr Berryman reported that the lights were now working

##### **Neighbourhood Plan**

- Cllr Finlay reported that the Steering Group had seen a draft summary of the Housing Needs survey which is written by CC's Housing Needs team. 1,486 households were sent

a survey to complete; Cornwall HomeChoice register showed there were 73 households with a local connection looking for affordable rented housing. Of the 73 on the register 27 want a 1 bed, 30 wanted 2 bed and 16 wanted 3 bed roomed accommodation The survey picked up a further 25 'hidden' households who would like an affordable home but are not currently registered with the Council.

**17/152 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees**

**Planning** – noted.

**Town Hall** – noted

**Environment** – noted

**Finance** – noted.

**17/153 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies**

Port User Group. Cllr Hughes reported

- FHC would be increasing harbor charges.
- The Red Arrows display during Regatta Week had proved to be very successful; the possibility of improving the visitor experience by providing additional facilities i.e. food outlets, at Alldays Fields had been discussed.

**17/ 154 To receive the Mayors Report**

No report.

**17/155 To receive the Town Clerks report**

The Town Clerk reported

- Keir were currently working at Squires Field on behalf of Western Power as a problem with the electricity supply to Tavern Barn had been identified. The company had undertaken to restore the ground to its original state on completion

**17/156 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report**

Cllr Virr reported

Fowey Hospital

Our next meeting is later this month. I recommend we issue a statement to local residents with the update from CPFT's unwillingness to invest money in Fowey Hospital following discussions with NHS Prop Co. Our local MP, Steve Double, is joining us for this meeting.

Parking

I am grateful for the willingness of FTC to consider my request for FTC to work with me to draw up a wider review of parking across Fowey.

Harbour Fowey User Group

I attended the port user group. I expressed my thanks on behalf of the town for the very successful return of the Red Arrows. A suggestion was made that more could be made of the event by the creation of a Festival in the Field type event for the afternoon. The Harbour Commission were supportive but recognised the need for volunteers to come forward. There is a wider issue of often a lack of volunteers for such activities. Please can I encourage the Town Council to do all it can to promote volunteering.

Railing on Town Quay

It has been brought to my attention that there is a broken chain on the higher town quay. I am requesting urgent clarification from FTC as to the ownership of that section of Town Quay. *In response the Town Clerk clarified that the surface area had historically been maintained by*

*Restormel Borough Council and this obligation would have passed to Cornwall Council following the introduction of the Unitary Authority. However, FTC was actively trying to acquire a licence for the area; the matter was currently in the hands of solicitors and Cornwall Council had indicated that the authority had no objection to this course of action.*

#### Remembrance Concert

I organised a concert for Remembrance on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was a mixture of Music and Poetry readings. The concert was well attended and those who were there were stirred and moved. I hope we will be able to repeat the event next year.

#### **17/157 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £8157.25 be approved.

#### **17/158 Correspondence**

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

#### **17/159 Resolutions from Councillors**

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that given the escalating parking problem in Fowey and responses to the initial Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and the Business Survey, FTC supports the suggestion made by Cllr Virr at the October meeting that FTC works with him to investigate a strategy going forward to address parking issues throughout Fowey, rather than simply reacting to issues in isolation

#### **17/160 Budget 2018/2019**

Cllr Berryman explained various aspects of the budget proposals and confirmed the increase in the Squires Field allocation was designed to cover additional work in the car park and to the childrens' play equipment. He then proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the budget recommendation from the Finance Committee should be accepted, which would result in a precept of £114,112.00 for 2018/2019.

#### **17/161 Town Quay**

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that membership of the Working Group should be Cllrs Fassam, Hughes, Simms, Stansfield, Woodside and the Group would operate under the following Terms of Reference

- To elect a Chairman at the first meeting
- To investigate options for improvements to the visual aspect of the Town Quay for recommendation to full council
- To ascertain costs of all recommended improvements
- To keep notes of meetings, including actions, for ratification at the following meeting
- To keep the Mayor and Town Clerk fully informed
- To report back to full Council as appropriate

#### **17/162 Electoral Review of Cornwall: Division Arrangements**

The Mayor clarified that last year the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) announced it was carrying out a review of electoral divisions in Cornwall. The second part of the LGBCE is to look at the boundaries of our local divisions, which will have to be redrawn. The mould for the new boundaries will be focused on current parishes and CNP's and it is hoped that new boundaries can be formed within these already existing boundaries.

At the moment our elected Councillor Andy Virr represents Fowey, Tywardreath and Golant but it is projected that the average electors per Councillor by 2023 will be 5,163. It was proposed by Cllr Fassam, seconded Cllr Woodside and RESOLVED that FTC should support the creation of a Fowey, Golant, Tywardreath and Par seat by reason of geography, ethos, historic ties. .It was further proposed by Cllr Fassam, seconded Cllr Woodside and RESOLVED that FTC should actively oppose the creation of split Wards.

**17/163 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)**

None

**Date of Next Meeting** 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Meeting Closed 7.55pm