

## DRAFT MINUTES

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

**17/164 Present** The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay  
Councillors Mrs F Day, P Fassam, P Hughes, Mrs L Simms,  
Mrs C Woodside

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

**17/165 Apologies** The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman  
Cllr G Asker, Cllr C Stansfield, Cllr D Willmore  
PCSO Jamie Ward

#### **17/166 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.

#### **17/167 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report**

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

None

##### **Police Report**

PCSO Ward had supplied the following report.

There had been 9 crimes in the parish during November- 2 x assault, 4 x theft, 1 x fraud, 2 x attempted burglary and 23 incidents recorded.

#### **17/168 Minutes of the Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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

#### **17/169 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

##### **Allotments**

- No report.

##### **Squires Field**

- The Town Clerk reported that she had now allocated most of the permit parking spaces but there were still a few available.

- There had been a problem with vehicles accessing the field causing muddy ruts and possibly compromising the safety of children playing there. Cllr Berryman to be asked to investigate both matters.
- The disabled swing was now in place

**Neighbourhood Plan**

- Cllr Finlay reported that work was ongoing.

**Town Quay Working Party**

- Cllr Fassam reported that the group had had its first meeting; he had been elected Chairman and Cllr Hughes note-taker. There was a lot of enthusiasm within the group and some great initial ideas had been put forward. The next meeting was scheduled for 2pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018. The Town Clerk reported that SW Water had agreed to deal with the very dilapidated door to their control room.

**17/170 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees**

**Planning** – noted.

**Town Hall** – noted

**Environment** – no report

**Finance** – no report

**17/171 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies**

No reports

**17/ 172 To receive the Mayors Report**

The Mayor reported

- I was very pleased to see the new disabled swing in the playground at Squires Field. The mum, who had approached Fowey Town Council, said her son loved to play on swings but needs to have a specialist seat. She got back to me last week to say thank you. Thanks also to Cllr Virr who also provided a grant through his ‘community chest’ towards the costs of the new swing.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> December I attended a briefing event for St Austell Bay Economic Forum. Members of St Austell Bay Economic Forum, who include major businesses, the local college as well as local councils and community groups, are working together to bring about positive economic change in the St Austell bay area. There was a professional presentation from the marketing company Thinking Places – which has worked with 20 Northern towns to help their rejuvenation, hence their involvement in St Austell. There will be a launch in the press soon to publicise the priorities of this group.

**17/173 To receive the Town Clerks report**

The Town Clerk reported

- There were currently no significant issues in relation to the public conveniences and other FTC properties.

**17/174 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report**

Cllr Virr reported

**Fowey Hospital**

I have chaired a further meeting of the Fowey Hospital working group. I am grateful for the contributions of Fowey Town Council members. Phil Confue, the CEO of CPFT, has agreed to

attend our meetings to work in partnership with us to find a positive way forward for the hospital. I have also requested a joint statement to ensure local residents are kept in the loop.

#### Christmas Market

The Christmas Market was a great success and it was terrific to see Fowey full of locals and visitors. Large crowds attended the arrival of Santa Claus on the Friday evening and the marquees were bustling with shoppers.

#### Town Carol Service

In my personal capacity, I was the music director for the Fowey Town Carol Service. I was able to bring together local schools to sing with my choir the Fowey River Singers and a quintet from St Austell Brass Band. The service was well attended and appreciated by those who went.

#### Retail closures

I am concerned about the number of vacant shops on the high street. I am very keen to work with Fowey Town Council, The Chamber of Commerce and the Fowey Forum to look for solutions.

#### Parking

I am meeting with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk to discuss recent parking concerns and encouraging them to work up a Parking Strategy for Fowey.

#### Planning

I have received a number of concerns regarding the proposed development on Island Field, south of Lankelly Lane. I am meeting with residents next week to listen to their concerns.

#### Thanks

Thanks to Fowey Town Councillors for all their hard work this year. As local councillors you are a vital part of the local fabric in Fowey. Your roles as community representatives and activists are essential in maintaining and flourishing life in Fowey. I look forward to working with you all in 2018.

In response to a query from Cllr Virr, the Town Clerk confirmed that SW Water had agreed to mend the chain barrier to the water access steps on the outer quay on 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### **17/175 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Fassam, seconded Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £17,015.24 be approved.

#### **17/176 Correspondence**

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

#### **17/177 Resolutions from Councillors**

None.

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

The Mayor reported

FTC had received a letter from Cllr Alan Percy from Cubert parish council who are also part of the North Coast Cluster Group of parishes. The letter is about the 'lack of increase in annual Public Footpath (LMP) and street cleaning agreements and the statutory duty of CC highways to maintain streets, public footpaths and bridleways'.

1 CC expect councils to set their precept without knowing what the rate of payment will be for the forthcoming year

2. This cluster group have been asking for an increase in the LMP agreement rates to at least national minimum wage, for many years; what is happening is parishes are subsidising the costs to carry out what is the statutory duty of CC.

3. Reviews were supposed to have taken place in 2015, 2016, 2017 and didn't. The last rate agreement occurred in 2007/8

The Mayor requested members approval for her to write back to Cllr Percy to support his efforts. This was given

The Mayor then drew members attention to the Spirit of Fowey - Citizen of the Year and Group of the Year for 2018 and stated that she would like to start a young employee/apprentice of the year. Small businesses were not having a particularly easy time in Fowey with the number of empty shops and the number of businesses being sold; she would like to highlight that they employ local people and particularly Fowey's young people and she would like to recognise this with a new Spirit of Fowey Young Employee of the year. Members supported this initiative and it was agreed that the age range should be up to 25 years.

**Date of Next Meeting** 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Meeting Closed 7.30pm