

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

17/179 Present The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman
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

17/180 Apologies Cllr G Asker, Cllr C Stansfield, Cllr D Willmore
PCSO Jamie Ward

17/181 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.

17/182 Public Participation & Questions/Police Report

Public Participation & Questions

None

Police Report

PCSO Ward had supplied the following report.

There had been 4 crimes in the parish during January- 1 violence without injury, 1 x vehicle offence, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x public order and 11 incidents recorded.

17/183 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th December 2017

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

17/184 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments

- No report.

Neighbourhood Plan

- No report.

17/185 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees
Planning – noted.

Town Hall – the new chairs were now in the hall

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

17/186 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

No reports

17/ 187 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- On 15th December I attended a meeting with Cllr Virr, Cllr John Berryman and the Town Clerk to discuss parking in Fowey. We discussed the following issues;
Parking on Yellow lines on Green lane, also the turning circle by the Hospital; School parking on yellow lines by Squires Field car park at the start and end of school.
Parking concerns include access for visitor, residents, disabled parking and inappropriate parking on residential roads. Fowey is a popular tourist destination so there is increased traffic in the summer period leading to increased parking problems. There are also problems from workers in local businesses throughout the year who do not live in Fowey and do not use the Cornwall Council car parks due to the high cost of parking, who park around the town's residential streets.
- 1. One possibility could be; In public car parks, where the car park is demonstrably underused throughout the year or out of season, to encourage CC to allow a 'residents/local workers' permit scheme' to operate. However this would not help during the busy summer months.
- 2. FTC are managing Squires Field car park sustainably; we are moving on cars which have been dumped; we have created 13 parking permits at Squires Field for residents/businesses, which have all been taken. We are looking at future re alignment of the spaces to maximise the area for local parking.
- 3. However, it would be much more useful to locals if FTC could take back one of the CC controlled car parks and to charge a much more realistic and sustainable parking fee whilst also providing a local enforcement officer to manage parking in the Parish.
 - The next Community Network Meeting would be held on 29th January at Squires Field Community Centre, Fowey.

17/188 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- The wallgate in the ladies toilets on the Town Quay was not working again. Given that the cost of a replacement would be substantive, it was agreed that the Town Clerk should ask Tony Bartlett to have a look at it in the hope that he could isolate and remedy the fault.
- Solicitors were still dealing with the Licence for the outer quay.

17/189 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr reported

Accountable Care System Inquiry. I am chairing an inquiry into whether or not Cornwall should adopt an Accountable Care System. This would integrate the commissioning of health and social care budgets. The inquiry committee will report at the end of the month.

Review of Parking in Fowey. I am grateful to the Mayor, Deputy and Town Clerk for meeting with me to discuss parking in Fowey. It was helpful to understand all the challenges in finding

solutions. Could FTC now commit to forming an ongoing parking sub-committee to formally review and bring back recommendations?

Rawlings Lane is due to be closed shortly on behalf of Cornwall Highways. I have been approached to request whether the road surface can be repaired at the same time. Cornwall Highways have agreed to assess the road surface and consider repairs during that time.

White lines missing from roads. Fowey Forum have approached me to highlight missing white lines, particularly in proximity to The Safe Harbour. I will approach Cornwall Council Highways.

Free Car Park Days – I have been approached to see whether Fowey could consider a similar scheme to Falmouth Town Council that are offering 3 months’ worth of free parking for visitors in order to attract more business into Falmouth Town. I have approached Cornwall Council Parking department and can confirm that this would cost £4K per month for all the car parks in Fowey to be ‘free’. If FTC felt that car parking charges were precluding visitors, then is this something that FTC might like to consider funding in conjunction with local traders?

Fowey Town Empty Shops – There are currently a large number of empty shops along Fowey high street. There are a number of factors contributing towards this, including concerns about high rental charges. What more can FTC offer to support local shop traders? How can I support that venture as your representative on Cornwall Council?

Wild animals

There has been recent media interest in an escaped Leopard locally. I have been contacted by Fowey residents as to whether this was a concern for Fowey residents. I can confirm that this was not in the Fowey area.

17/190 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Woodside and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £9,556.47 be approved.

17/191 Correspondence

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

17/192 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

17/193 Town Quay

Cllr Fassam reported that the meeting of the Working Group had been put back to 23rd January as Cllr Stansfield had been unable to attend the proposed date. Consequently there was little to report, although Cllr Woodside was researching floral displays and Cllr Simms was investigating the possibility of crowd funding.

The Town Clerk reported that the Environment Agency had commissioned a Planning Pre-application, which appeared to involve building flood-defence walls on the quay. FTC had not been consulted and although this would not be a legal requirement it was, nonetheless, unfortunate. The Environment Agency had also incorrectly claimed ownership of both Town Quay and Albert Quay on the application form.

17/194 Squires Field

- Cllr Berryman reported that all the Permit Parking spaces had now been taken. There was, however, a potential issue as people were parking inconsiderately and blocking access to spaces 10, 11, 12 and 13. This problem needed to be addressed urgently and he had contacted DA Giles Ltd to obtain a quote for installing a further 14/15 bays opposite

the existing ones, with a roadway between to allow easy access/egress from all the spaces. The whole area could then be fenced and gated with access restricted to permit holders. He would prepare a report for the Finance Committee when he had all the relevant information.

- The Town Clerk confirmed that she had reminded CC Highways about the blocked drain at the top of the steps leading to New Road Hill.
- Cllr Berryman confirmed that he would check the condition of the building adjacent to the electric sub-station with the view of bringing it back into use, either as a lettable property or as a store for FTC.
- Cllr Berryman reported that he understood that SFCC might be putting in a funding bid to the Lottery, which could include the creation of additional parking provision. This would clearly be subject to permission from FTC. Cllr Woodside declared a non-registerable interest but did not need to leave the room as the matter was not discussed further.

17/195 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Cllr Hughes reported that he had received a further email from Andrew George asking if FTC wished to progress any discussions with the Community Land Trust. The Mayor noted that this was a sensitive issue, given that a lot of Fowey parish was within the AONB and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had been advised not to identify areas suitable for development.

Cllr Fassam noted that the main road through the town was in an appalling state and, coupled with empty shops and some poorly maintained properties, it gave a bad impression of the town. Cllr Virr agreed to raise the matter with Cornwall Council.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – 21st February 2018

Council – 21st February 2018

Civic Service – 20th May 2018

Mayor Making – 24th May 2018

Meeting Closed

7.47pm