

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE 2018 AT 6.30pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

18/13 Present The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman
Councillors G Asker, Mrs F Day, P Fassam, P Hughes, Mrs L Simms,
Mrs C Woodside

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

18/14 Apologies None

18/15 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None.
- β. Non Registerable – Cllr Woodside declared a non registerable interest in PA18/03857
- 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 the Fowey allotments.

18/16 Public Participation & Questions

Representatives of Westcountry Land addressed the meeting about PA18/03837 and explained, *inter alia*, that

1. Two public consultations had taken place on the proposed development and they had been overwhelmed by the level of support shown
2. They had already addressed concerns raised by Highways about footpaths and a bus stop
3. The affordable housing team had requested a 3 square metre increase in the footprint of the houses, which they had complied with
4. The cost of the proposed affordable dwellings would be £104,000 for a 2 bedroom property and £120,000 for a 3-bedroom property
5. The only felling of trees would be at the entrance

Councillors and members of the public made, *inter alia*, the following observations

1. Had highways taken into account the proposed entrance was on to a road with a 40mph speed limit?
2. If a new bus stop was planned would the road have to widened?
3. This was not a ‘rounding off’ site. The Hillhay development could not be used as a basis for justifying this as the main road into Fowey was between the two sites.

4. It would be criminal to sacrifice any of the AONB for housing. The only possible justification would be for the provision of affordable housing for local people and this must be evidenced and supported by the local community.
5. The preliminary findings of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan should be taken into account.
6. This development was outside the Fowey Settlement Boundary

18/17 Minutes of the Meeting of 7th May and the Annual Meeting/Mayor Making held on 24th May 2018

7th May. It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Asker and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Meeting & Mayor Making. It was proposed by Cllr Fassam, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

18/18 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)
Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that the Plan had been submitted for screening and had been returned as needing a high number of changes.

18/19 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – noted

Finance – no report

18/20 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

No reports

18/21 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- This is the first opportunity I have had to report back from the Community Network meeting on 30 April. Inspector Ed Gard of Devon and Cornwall Police spoke about policing in our CN area and said the Neighbourhood Policing sector is being looked at in a slightly different way, where there is a need for policing, resources will be ‘parachuted’ in to areas to deal with issues. –PCSO Jamie Ward has been covering the Fowey area for over a year now and I asked when we might see our own dedicated PCSO in Fowey? Unfortunately, Fowey will not have a dedicated PCSO, but if there are specific issues Police visibility will be increased and support from other areas drafted in. The Force is currently looking at resources, numbers and where people are employed so there may be an increase of 1-3 neighbourhood staff within the area. Safeguarding Vulnerable People - There are organised crime groups that will target vulnerable people and these groups are ruthless and will use extreme violence. This is known as Cuckooing and is spreading down the country to the South West. The Police are very aware of these groups and the Police are targeting them.
- Community Network Highways Scheme – Cornwall Council are committed to strengthening CN’s and want CN panels to have a greater influence in local and major transport schemes. They are already briefed by Highways managers about highway

maintenance and in the future will be consulted in the development and delivery of major capital transport schemes.

- From April 2018, the CN Highways Scheme budget of £50,000 is being provided to progress the top priorities in our area, (not pot holes or parking though). Across Cornwall this will amount to a £1 million pound investment. Fowey Town Council will have to submit their recommendation to our local CN Panel by July 2nd. Initially FTC wanted to progress the provision of a much needed updated signage in the town, based on an extensive study completed in 2013, however we have been promised that Cornwall Parking will be implementing this proposed signage scheme. So our recommendation to our local panel, will be to legalise the disabled bays outside of Barclays Bank, by having them surveyed and repainted to the correct size, which will allow these bays to be enforced.

18/22 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- She had asked SW Water to change the colour of their control room door to fit in with the black/gold colour scheme on the rest of the quay
- Given the time constraints she would contribute to other agenda items as required rather than give any further specific reports

18/23 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr reported

Planning application field south of Polscoe

I have been contacted by a number of residents raising concerns about the proposed development on the field south of Polscoe. I would like FTC to carefully consider this application in view of the importance of the site as part of the Fowey AONB. The AONB plays a vital part of our Town's heritage and this area is popular for visitors and locals alike in accessing the Saint's Way and the Coastal Path. We should tread very carefully as any changes of use are considered. The site has poor highway access and no pavement for pedestrians and is a long way to local amenities. The plans show a high density of housing with limited outdoor space. Whilst I accept the national need for more housing and that there is local support for more affordable housing in Fowey, I remain unconvinced that this is the right location. I welcome the work of the Mayor and FTC to write the Fowey Neighbourhood Plan which will guide planning for the future and indicate where we as a town would support further affordable housing development.

Rubbish Bin Squires Field

I am very frustrated by the state of rubbish on Squires Field due to fly tipping. I have raised the profile of this problem on Social Media. Cornwall Council are fulfilling their obligation to empty the bins and clear up the rubbish left behind. Please can FTC consider solutions such as removal of the bin, more bins, a skip, signage??

Place Road

Place Road remains closed. I am exasperated at the painfully slow progress with the repair of the wall. I am in regular contact with Cormac and requesting that the scheme be expedited. I have communicated with the Cabinet member for highways to put pressure on the work. This has not proved fruitful thus far. I will approach the Chief Executive of the council to explain the importance of this scheme.

Bull Hill

I have responded to resident's concerns at the state of Bull Hill and requested that Biffa clean and weed that area. They have kindly fulfilled this request.

Cemetery

I was approached to arrange for Cormac to cut the grass. This work has been completed.

Fowey Hospital

I am chairing the next planning meeting next week and we will be looking to CPFT to update us on the business plan for the Fowey NHS Nursing Home.

Main Car Park Loos

I was approached by Cornwall Council to instruct FTC to consider taking on the responsibility of the loos. I have rejected this request and instead Cornwall Council have repaired the loos and they were operational from the start of June.

Telephone Mast

I was disappointed to see that Vodaphone have gone ahead with the siting of the telephone mast in the area that was rejected by FTC and despite the offer to work with the company by the County Councillor.

20 mph zone within Fowey

I would like FTC to consider the installation of a 20 mph zone within the town. There are overwhelming safety reasons to reduce the speed of traffic for the protection of local residents. I would suggest this is an excellent project to sponsor from the Network Highway Schemes.

18/24 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £42,606.58 be approved

Cllr Woodside noted that she was concerned that the maintenance of Squires Field was not being carried out to a sufficiently high standard.

18/25 Correspondence

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

18/26 Resolutions from Councillors

Before The Mayor tabled her resolution Cllr Hughes asked if she would consider adding a request for measures to be put in place to improve pedestrian safety on New Road Hill to her proposal. The Mayor was agreeable and, therefore, proposed that. FTC request that Community Network Highways funding is used to 1. Legalise the disabled bays outside Barclays Bank in Trafalgar Square and 2. To investigate measures to improve pedestrian safety on New Road Hill. This was seconded by Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED

Cllr Berryman proposed, the Mayor seconded and it was RESOLVED that *due* to the imminent closure of Barclays Bank in Fowey, FTC registers for internet banking with the Town Clerk authorised to operate the accounts, including the authorisation of direct debit payments and the Chairman of Finance be authorised to access it for internal audit/monitoring purposes

Cllr Woodside left the meeting

18/27 Planning

PA18/03857. Outline application for the proposed residential development comprising 46 dwellings (23 affordable) with appearance and landscaping reserved. Land south of Polscoe. It was noted that FTC had historically objected to all development in the AONB and that if FTC were to support any future development in the AONB it must result in a better solution for local

people than this proposal. It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reason: 1. This proposed development is outside of the established development boundary and is on the outskirts of Fowey and within the AONB. 2. In the introduction to the Design and Access statement of this proposed development it states that this is a 'rounding off' Residential development on this infill site'. Paragraph 1.67 of the Cornwall Local Plan explains 'infill' as 'Large gaps often exist between the urban edge of a settlement and other isolated dwellings beyond the edge of the settlement; they are not appropriate locations for infill development and would not be considered as infill under the policies of the Local Plan.'* This parcel of land opposite Hill Hay Close is not infill. 'Rounding off' is covered in paragraph 1.68 'Rounding off is; substantially enclosed...and should not visually extend building into the open countryside - it is not intended to facilitate continued incremental growth. This is not 'rounding off' given the main road into Fowey runs between the development site and the Hillhay development. This must be an exceptions site and if development were to be permitted it must be (or very close to) 100% affordable. 3 Any development should be of a scale and nature to be considered appropriate to the character, role and needs of the community. 4. There is no 'demonstrable need for open market houses in Fowey'. Under the CLP Policy 3 Fowey is not a named town with any housing allocation to fulfil; in the past 10 years there have been 112 houses built, of which 66 were affordable. 5. Development in the past 10 years, has not kept pace with the infrastructure of the town. The impact on our infrastructure such as on SWW sewage provision, Doctor's surgeries, dentists, junior school is already critical. 6. This development is not in a sustainable location, there is one small shop and PO at the top of the town so an increase in traffic movements would be inevitable 7. Fowey is in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan and there must be an irrefutable case for development in the AONB, including for affordable housing, which is supported by the community before any applications are granted. 8. The proposal is for a high density development, which is completely out of keeping with the housing in the adjacent Lankelly Lane, which is low density. 9. The proposed new junction from the estate on to the main highway into Fowey would sit against an existing driveway, which generates a significant volume of traffic. This must be a pertinent road safety concern.

Cllr Woodside returned to the meeting

18/28 Town Quay

Cllr Fassam reported that work to improve the appearance of Town Quay was nearly complete. The planters were in place, the benches had been repaired and painted and the quay was now a credit to the town.

18/29 Squires Field

Cllr Berryman reported

He had looked inside the shed at the top of the field and found that, although it was currently full of rubbish, it was dry and with a new door would make a very useful storage space, either for FTC or another organization.

The new gate on the permit parking spaces was in place; unfortunately it had to swing outwards as otherwise it would potentially hit cars parked in the left hand spaces. The numbering should be done shortly and, also, hopefully the provision of the wooden posts. The vegetation at the bottom of the site was obstructing spaces 13 and 14 and it was agreed that Russell should be asked to cut it back and remove the cuttings from the site.

Cllr Berryman then proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC had no objection to the Community Centre erecting a porch on the building. Cllr Berryman further proposed, Cllr Fassam seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC accept the quote from Playground Solutions to repair the multi swing unit in the playground. The other necessary maintenance issues would be referred to the Finance Committee.

18/30 St Catherines Lights

Cllr Berryman explained the history of this project to the meeting and concluded that the scheme had met with obstacles from the beginning, not least by the unhelpful input from English Heritage. EH had now decreed that all the equipment must be removed from the site and the flagpole reinstated in its original position. EH would undertake this work themselves and invoice FTC for it but their quote was unacceptably high. However, Chris Biggs had offered to do the work and to sell or retain the equipment and put this income against his expenses and Cllr Berryman proposed, the Mayor seconded and it was RESOLVED that Chris Bigg's offer should be accepted.

18/31 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Cllr Day reported that she had received a complaint about the state of Alldays Fields. The Town Clerk confirmed that the complainant should be referred to Cornwall Council, the owners of the land.

It was agreed that the election of Representatives should be an agenda item at the July meeting. It was agreed that the closing date for Co-options should be the end of July.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – 18th July 2018

Council – 18th July 2018

Meeting Closed

8.24pm