

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL @ 6.00pm.

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

Present: Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay (Chair), Cllr Mrs Frances Day, Cllr Patrick Hughes and Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms.

1} **To receive apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

2} **Declarations of interest**

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| (a) | <i>Pecuniary:</i> | None |
| (b) | <i>Non pecuniary:</i> | None |
| (c) | <i>Dispensations:</i> | None |

3} **Public Participation/Questions**

There were none.

4} **Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2018**

It was then proposed by Cllr Finlay and seconded by Cllr Simms that the Minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

5} **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

None.

6} **To receive the report of the Tree Warden (Cllr Day)**

Cllr Day reported: That there had been little activity on the tree front, other than concern about the trees at Fowey Library. The planning application to fell the silver birch had been approved. Should the pawlonia, with a TPO in place, be removed it appeared the TPO would transfer automatically to the promised replacement tree. Therefore the new tree would be protected by the original order. This was detailed under section 206 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

7} **Allotments**

(a) *General update:* As a result of the very dry summer, the apple crop from the orchard at the allotment had already been harvested. Many of the trees had borne bumper numbers of fruit. Next month a health and safety check would take place at the allotments. There was now a waiting list. It was disappointing that there had so far been little activity on the plot allocated to the Home Farm Trust, and this would be kept under review.

8} **Old Grammar School Garden**

(a) *Update on work in upper garden:* Work would be carried out in the autumn on thinning the large shrubs in the upper garden. A path would be constructed there and a post and decorative rope fence put up by the cliff edge. It was noted that the vegetation on the cliff had grown up again and there was less likelihood of the cliff edge presenting such a hazard. A donation of £500 for re-planting had been received. The walls were in need of repainting, and Cllr Hughes offered to contact Poltair Decorators to obtain a quote.

(b) *Review current risk procedures and nominate Committee Member to undertake weekly visual checks:* Cllrs Finlay and Day offered to carry out these checks and confirm findings by email. Particular attention should be paid to the steps accessing the garden and to the edge of the cliff.

9} **Contractors 2018/2019**

Lanhydrock Garden Services had kept to the same price for the past five years. It was agreed they worked well and they should retain the contract for weed killing, grass cutting and maintaining the footpaths for 2019/20.

10} **Squires Field**

There had been problems recently with glass and vomit found on the slide.

Consideration of specification and quotes for grass cutting/maintenance of beds and borders/cutting of hedges bordering footpaths/removal of green waste/maintenance of footpaths, drains & gullies was deferred.

11} **Review Budget 2018/2019**

A budget of £8,500 had been allocated to the Environment Committee for 2017/18. Not all expenditure was yet completed, but it appeared probable that the final figure would be within the current budget parameters.

12} **Review Budget 2019/2020**

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay and seconded by Cllr Simms, that a recommendation be made to the Finance Committee that the Environment Budget remain at £8,500 for 2019/2020. This was unanimously agreed.

13} **To receive reports from members**

Cllrs Hughes and Simms both reported hazards on Gold footpaths in the Parish. Both agreed to take photographs of the sites and send them to Cllr Finlay, who would pass to Cornwall Council.

14} **Date of next meeting:** To be arranged.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 19.00.

