

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 pm in FOWEY TOWN HALL

In the absence of the Town Clerk, Sally Vincent, minutes taken by Mrs Lesley McCartney

18/91 Present The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
Councillors: Mrs R Cooke, Mrs F Day, P Fassam, S Griffin, P
Hughes, Mrs L Simms, Mrs C Woodside

In Attendance Lesley McCartney (minute taker)
Cornwall Councillor A Virr
1 member of the public

18/92 Apologies The Deputy Mayor Cllr J Berryman, Cllr G Asker

18/93 Declaration of Interests

A Pecuniary – None
B Non Registerable – None
C Dispensations – None

18/94 Public Participation & Questions

A member of the public queried the Neighbourhood Plan, expressing that although quite a good job had been done, he would like to see some further implementations. Could there be yellow lines at Polvillion Road, thus allowing easier access to the town, particularly for emergency vehicles. He also queried when the ongoing plans for a footpath down New Road Hill would be put in place, which was needed to allow safe passage for pedestrians, adding that traffic was still a big problem and suggested a ‘Traffic Manager’ could be employed to filter vehicles accessing the town. The Mayor reported that the Cormac Road Study Survey of 2013 contained 100 suggestions of changes. The Fowey Town Forum, Fowey Chamber of Commerce and the Community Bus were involved and the survey had been passed on in October. It is hoped that money will be available. The Mayor commented that the Neighbourhood Plan is not going to answer everything, but can only do so much.

18/95 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th October 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Day and Seconded by Cllr Cook and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

18/96 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that the NDP began its pre-submission Consultation process which began November 3rd and ends on December 15th. There are 7 events held in

Polkerris and in Fowey. There has been a very good turn out and lots of positive views and opinions. We also have to send copies of the NDP to about 30 stakeholders including The Environment Agency, Natural England, the National Trust, Utility companies etc as well as our local Towns and Parishes.

18/97 To receive and note the Minutes, if any of FTC Committees

Planning – noted
Town Hall – no report
Environment – no report
Finance – noted

18/98 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies.

Fowey Harbour Commissioners: Cllr Hughes reported on the flood defences. There had been some complaints regarding lorry traffic going through Passage Lane and had been suggested that cutting off a certain corner of the road in Passage Lane would help. The painting of the yellow lines had helped enormously. The harbour had seen an increased number of visitors this season. There was some concern regarding plans for two mussel farms in St Austell Bay. This was also of concern to Lansallos Parish whose Council had asked Fowey for some support in the matter.

Fowey Chamber of Commerce: Cllr Hughes reported that the Chamber have agreed to pay Cormac for extra weekend cleaning of the Public Lavatories. The Mayor requested that the Minutes of the Chamber be passed on to her.

Fowey Town Forum: Cllr Woodside reported that the cost of Insurance for the 9 Heritage Boards amounted to £150. It had been suggested that FTC accept the responsibility of insuring the boards by incorporating it into general street insurance. She also reported that a litter bin was needed at the bus stop at the top of Brown's Hill. The Mayor replied that FTC had rejected the proposal of obtaining a new bin in this area, last September. Yellow Lines needed to be repainted in the area of Lostwithiel Street and the Safe Harbour Pub.

18/99 To receive the Mayor's Report

23rd October the Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor and I met a group from Cornwall Council; Edwina Hannaford who is portfolio holder for Neighbours, Alan Hampshire CC, Julie Zessimedes who is head of Information and Library services and Trisha Davis, our Community Network officer. This meeting, called by CC was to look at the background of devolution of library services to this point and to look at what is happening in Fowey.

30th October Leisure Centre to look at ways of expanding opening hours and improvements with equipment. John Rolls has been engaged by the Head Martin Dale of Fowey River Academy to work with the community and improve how the school can engage with its locality.

18/100 To receive the Cornwall Councillor's Report

Remembrance: Cllr Virr took the opportunity to organise a Remembrance Concert involving the Fowey River Singers, Fowey Primary School, St Austell Brass Band and The Fowey History Group. This was well attended and was very moving as the audience listened to songs and poetry reflecting on 100 years since the end of the 1st World War. Cllr Virr also supported the Remembrance Service at the memorial which

was complicated by a number of individuals fainting. He will work with Philip de Grey Warter (Vicar of Fowey) to ensure that groups receive a briefing to reduce this risk.

Place Road: This remains closed to traffic which is a cause of concern and frustration to local residents. The understanding is that Cornwall Council is in the final stages of confirming the agreement with the houses affected by the soil nailing.

Library: Cornwall Council has indicated that it will no longer be funding a library service at Fowey Library's current location. Cornwall Council are working with Fowey Town Council and other stakeholders to ensure a continued provision of library services in Fowey.

Barclays' Bank: Fowey Town Council is continuing to work with Barclays to find an ongoing site for a cash point in Fowey. Fowey Chamber of Commerce's are driving to encourage businesses to go contactless.

Christmas Market Weekend: This would be supported with the community choir providing some festive cheer and Cllr Virr thanks the organising committee for their hard work

Fowey Sports Hub: A public meeting had been held that outlined the proposals for a new future at the sports centre. The desire to improve access to sports for the residents of Fowey and for the subsequent health benefits was welcomed

Bollard Brown's Hill: Cornwall Council have requested that Fowey Parish Church remove the bollard as it is illegally obstructing the highway.

Cornish Hedge Lankelly Lane: This has been repaired by the property owner to a good standard.

St Catherine's Parade: Sustrans have confirmed that it would be feasible for a joint cycle / footpath to be installed on The Parade which would incur cost for some surface relaying. However, after receiving an overwhelming mail bag of objections to the idea, Cllr Virr reported that he will not be pursuing this in the near future. He welcome any individuals or groups to campaign locally to seek a change in the current settled objection to this idea.

18/101 Accounts for Approval

Deferred until the December meeting.

18/102 Correspondence List – for information only

The Mayor reported that SWW started work at the beginning of September. However, when it became evident that the sewage pump would have to be disconnected for 17 days, this was found to be unacceptable. The alternative is to install a temporary sewage pump along the foreshore and this should happen in mid-January. Information and a contact telephone number would be inserted in the Fowey News.

18/103 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

18/104 Squire's Field

The Mayor reported that it had been agreed in the Finance meeting 7 November 2018 that the quote from Playground Solutions for the maintenance issues identified in the

RoSPA inspections, should be accepted and the Company undertake the repairs. Also the fencing should be repaired by John Truscott, a local landscaper. The disabled seat has been returned to her by Cormac and she would contact Playground Solutions to ask for a quote for a new seat.

18/105 Fowey Library

The Mayor reported that Cornwall Council are in negotiation with Stakeholders to offer micro library services, confirmation of which is awaited. Fowey Town Council are making their own developments. CC have made a commitment to keep the services and will continue to support the meeting groups who use the premises free of charge. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED that the following joint statement should be released on behalf of Cornwall Council, Fowey Town Council and Cllr A Virr to update the public on the current position.

Positive discussions are ongoing in Fowey about the future plans for the town's library service as Cornwall Council continues to work with local organisations. Like all local authorities throughout the UK, the Council has had some tough decisions to make when faced with substantial cuts in funding from central Government. Rather than close libraries, however, the Council has worked with town and parish councils and community groups throughout Cornwall to transfer ownership of these much-loved services to local communities.

The Mayor of Fowey, Ruth Finlay stated;

"Since discussions started in 2016 there have been a few local groups who have wanted to take on the running of the Library in the current building but have not been able to do so for a variety of reasons. Nevertheless, Cornwall Council Library Services are currently working with a local stakeholder to provide the town with a static library solution. Once initial proposals are agreed a drop in session for residents to come and talk to Cornwall Council Officers about the solution and express their views will be arranged. Fowey Town Council support a local solution for the future of Library Services within Fowey and are also keen to retain the Local History Archive and the Quiller Couch Collection which were dedicated to the Town."

Councillor Andy Virr stated;

"I fully support the efforts to secure ongoing library services in Fowey. I will work with Fowey Town Council and Cornwall Council to ensure that a long term location can be found to better enable access to books for the whole town."

Cornwall Council appreciates the importance of libraries and is continuing to discuss options for a library service in Fowey, explained Councillor Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council cabinet member for neighbourhoods.

"We are currently exploring options with key stakeholders to develop a proposal for library provision in Fowey which meets the needs of the local community," she said.

"Once we have reached an agreement, we will of course share details with the local community. Should the proposals mean that the library moves to another location then we will work with Fowey Town Council to find a suitable community use for the building that the town can be proud of. We would like to thank Fowey Town Council for their ongoing support on this."

18/106 Questions and Reports from Members

None.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – 12th December 2018

Council – 12th December 2018

Meeting Closed 7.40 pm