

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL**

#### **18/126 Present**

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay  
The Deputy Mayor Cllr J Berryman  
Councillors G Asker, Mrs R Cooke, Mrs F Day, P Fassam, S Griffin,  
P Hughes, Mrs L Simms, Mrs C Woodside

#### **In Attendance**

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Councillor A Virr  
1 member of the public

#### **18/127 Apologies**

None

#### **18/128 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 the Fowey allotments.

#### **18/129 Public Participation & Questions**

None.

#### **18/130 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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

#### **18/131 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

Neighbourhood Plan The public consultation finished on December 15<sup>th</sup> and the steering group was very pleased at the reaction from the public over the 7 events held during the consultation period. Eleven comments from the public and local groups such as the Forum, Chamber of Commerce and the Fowey Harbour Commissioners must all be written up and commented upon and action taken. As must the CC officer's comments and the official stakeholders, such as the Police Natural England etc. In total there were 85 written responses. The next step is to submit our documents to CC for what is called Formal Submission and includes a Consultation Statement; our Basic Conditions Statement which is a lengthy statement showing how our NDP is legally compliant – this has already been written by a consultant planner and our revised NDP. This will take about 5 weeks; then CC will enter our NDP into a Formal public consultation which will also take 6 weeks. Public comments will be collected by CC and submitted to the steering group. The process will then enter the Independent examination process, whereby an examiner is appointed who will examine the NDP and this will also take 4-

6 weeks. After this an examiners report is written and sent to CC during which time there may still be changes made to the NDP. A referendum is organised by CC and held in the parish which will need 50% of those voting to support the NDP for it to be passed. Time involved from formal submission on 23<sup>rd</sup> January to referendum is 30 weeks.

**18/132 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees**

**Planning** – noted.

**Town Hall** – no report

**Environment** – no report

**Finance** – no report

**18/133 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies**

Plastic Free Fowey. Cllr Hughes reported that there are 5 objectives to meet to become plastic free as a town. The group who did Surfers against Sewage run it overall, the Fowey group run by Lucy Daniel met 8th Jan. Volunteers have been working over the last year to meet the 5 objectives. The first objective (local governance) has been met. The second (at least 3 single use plastic items removed from local businesses) has been met with 6 businesses involved and 6 more in progress. The 3rd (50% community spaces involved) has squares field so far, and looking for more. The 4th (on the ground action) has achieved one post regatta beach clean and there is another planned for the spring There are also plans for an ebay shop to fundraise. With the 5th objective there is a steering group established with FTC represented and the next stage is to plan submitting evidence to SAS once objectives 3 & 4 are fully met. There is a Facebook page for anyone wanting to get involved.

**18/134 To receive the Mayors Report**

- The Deputy Mayor and I went to a design meeting last week in St Austell, which is where local architects listen and give advice on significant design applications where CC Planners are 'observers'. This meeting was to look at four designs one of which was the Fowey Hotel. The meeting is confidential as there is no full planning application yet and GDPR rules are very strict about pre- application advice.
- The Town Clerk, Cllr Berryman and I had a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce at their request, to discuss issues relating to the Christmas market and future events in Fowey. The possibility of a Fowey Business Improvement District.
- I have contacted various people in town about events for 75<sup>th</sup> commemoration of D day- schools, FHA, British Legion etc. – the History group are already preparing for an exhibition and possible play.

**18/135 To receive the Town Clerks report**

The Town Clerk reported

- Smiths of Derby had been booked to inspect the Church Clock and repair it at a cost of £250 + vat call out plus the cost of parts. .
- There was an opportunity to apply for a Time and Tide Bell for Fowey. Around the coast of Britain these massive, hand cast bronze bells are being rung by the waves of the rising tide. These Time and Tide Bells are made by international artist Marcus Vergette and installed by local communities. There are currently 9 Time and Tide Bells installed or planned, the first at Appledore in 2009. Other locations include the Outer Hebrides, North Wales, the Trinity Buoy Wharf London, Morecambe Bay, the Norfolk coast and

Brixham, Devon. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Asker and RESOLVED that FTC should register an interest in having a bell.

- Several issues had arisen relating to the Town Hall/Town Quay and a meeting of the Town Hall/Town Quay Committee was needed as soon as possible.
- The Chamber have asked if FTC would adopt the phone boxes in Market Street and lease them to the Chamber to use as leaflet collection Tourist Information points. It was proposed by Cllr Cooke, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should look into this.

### **18/136 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report**

Cllr Virr reported

Fowey Hospital. Cornwall Clinical Commissioning have started a public consultation and review of options for the future use of Fowey Hospital. Although this feels like a ‘process’ exercise, it is positive to see KCCG finally addressing the long-term closure of the three community hospitals in Cornwall. We hope for an expedited consultation in Fowey due to the current level of public support for the change.

Place Road The continued closure of the road remains a frustration. On 14<sup>th</sup> February it will have been closed for 1 year. Cornwall Council has yet to commence the soil nail drilling.

Fowey Library Cornwall Council will be stopping library services in Fowey in its current form. I am working with the Mayor, Ruth Finlay, to find the most suitable location within Fowey for an ongoing library service. A number of options are available.

Yellow Line Painting It is possible that there has been some ‘covert’ line painting in Fowey. This should not be necessary. If anyone feels lines need repainting, you can report them directly to Cornwall Council, or speak to myself.

Boat Launch Caffa Mill Devolution We are still awaiting Cornwall Council to devolve the boat launch area to Fowey Harbour Commissioners. This is frustrating as the area remains untidy and is part of the gateway to Fowey. They have promised to put it up the priority list.

Fowey Traffic Calming Currently there are traffic speed checks undergoing within the Town at a number of locations. I will report back with the results.

Cornwall Council Parking Review With regard to Cornwall Council’s Parking Consultation I have requested the following:

-Fowey should have seasonal parking rates to attract visitors during the winter.

-Fowey parking should be at rate equivalent to other local destinations e.g. Looe or St Austell.

-Fowey’s main car park should be a reduced rate as it operates as an edge of town car park. A walk into town is still required and many visitors end up paying for a bus ride into town.

### **18/137 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4486.67 be approved

### **18/138 Correspondence**

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

### **18/120 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

### **18/139 Squires Field**

Cllr Berryman reported

Quite a lot of work had been done in the childrens' playground as a result of defects identified in the RoSPA inspections and further maintenance would be carried out in the spring when the weather improves. There were still a few permit parking spaces available.

#### **18/140 FTC Committees**

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Asker and RESOLVED that membership of the Environment Committee should be increased by two and that its Terms of Reference should be amended to include the green areas, childrens' playground and any environmental issues in the car park. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that Cllr Cooke and Cllr Griffin should be elected to the Committee to fill the two vacant seats.

#### **18/141 Fowey Library**

The Mayor reported that the Library will close on March 31st. However this will not be the end of Library services in Fowey. The Library Services Team are working with a local stakeholder in Fowey to provide a permanent base for books and provision of IT services to Library users. The head of Library services, Julie Zessimedes does know FTC has plans for what could be an alternative library site in Town. She is hoping to have a meeting soon with FTC and this stakeholder about the future of Library provision in Fowey. In the meantime, the History group have asked if FTC could house their Local History archive and the Quiller Couch Collection, until a more permanent base is available.

#### **18/142 OGS Lease**

Cllr Fassam proposed, Cllr Woodside seconded and it was RESOLVED that the lease should be renewed for a further 7 years and that FTC should meet the legal costs involved.

#### **18/143 Statue**

The Mayor reported that on 27<sup>th</sup> November she and Cllr Simms met with Mr Ryan who had travelled down from Chester to view possible sites for a life size statue. The figure is to be a 'generic interpretation' of his sister with the objective of 'For all who find harmony and inspiration in coastal waters'; it would be in bronze and 1 1/4 life size and will be made by a nationally acclaimed sculptor John Doubleday. We took Mr Ryan to Readymoney and to look at the top of the limekiln (which is owned by SWW). He was very impressed by the position – looking out to sea and is very keen for Fowey to have this statue. It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that, as this site was not owned by FTC, full support should be given to the donor in negotiating with the landowner to site the statue at this location.

#### **18/144 Cornwall Council Off –Street Parking Order**

Having discussed the suggestions put forward by Cllr Virr, it was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that FTC's response to the consultation should be

- Fowey should have seasonal parking rates to attract visitors during the winter months.
- Fowey parking should be at rate equivalent to other local destinations e.g. Looe or St Austell.
- Fowey's main car park should be charges at a reduced rate as it operates as an edge of town car park. A walk into town is still required and many visitors, particularly the elderly and those with disabilities, have to pay the additional cost of a bus ride to access

the town. Additionally, a reduced charge would encourage its use and help to reduce traffic in the town.

**18/145 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)**

Cllr Woodside reminded members of the opportunity to acquire trees from the Woodland Trust – she would notify the schools and refer the matter to the Environment Committee.

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**Date of Next Meetings**

Planning – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Council – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Meeting Closed**

8.27pm