

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2019 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

18/166 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

18/167 Apologies

Cllr P Fassam

18/168 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.

18/169 Public Participation & Questions

None.

18/170 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th February 2019

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

18/171 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Neighbourhood Plan The Mayor reported that the CC consultation will finish on 15th April; it can be viewed in the Squires Field Community Centre; Fowey River Practice and the Library as well as online.

18/172 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – no report

Finance – no report.

18/173 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

Plastic Free Fowey Cllr Hughes reported that the PFF meeting was taking place at the same time as the FTC meeting; he would provide a report in due course

18/174 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported that

- The D Day meeting on 26th February had agreed a number of proposed events. The Town Hall will have an evening performance on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th June. The History Group will stage a D Day exhibition from Wednesday until Friday. The WI will help run a ‘veterans tea party’ There will be an Act of Commemoration plus music on the quay on Thursday 6th June, followed by a parade of sail led by Fowey lifeboat in the harbor. The lifeboat will be open all week for visitors, as will some of the Harbour working boats. There will be themed walks and boat rides all week.

18/175 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- Builders had erected scaffolding without permission in Webb Street car park, causing difficult access to a permit parking space.
- She had met with SW Water at the TQ toilets following receipt of a large water bill. The engineer had carried out tests and confirmed that the problem was on FTC’s side of the meter and the meter was working perfectly. The issue had then been isolated to the disabled toilet flush, which was losing 1 litre of water a minute. This had already been repaired twice but had clearly malfunctioned again. Following consultation with the Mayor, a decision had been made to close the cubicle until further remedial work could be undertaken.
- Arrangements for the Montrose visit were in hand; Cllrs were asked to attend at the Town Quay for the dedication of the memorial seat at 12.30pm on Wednesday 27th March followed by a small reception in the Harbour Office.
- She had made arrangements with the Library Service to receive the Q Collection.
- The possible design of a warning sign for the town quay steps had been obtained from Parc Signs. It was proposed by Cllr Asker, seconded Cllr Woodside and RESOLVED that two signs should be purchased.
- Together with Cllr Berryman and Cllr Hughes, she had met with a representative of Zurich in connection with the insurance claim involving the lady who had allegedly fallen on the town quay steps prior to boarding the ferry. It had been noted that the boatmen undertook continuous monitoring of the area and reported defects immediately to her, it had been agreed that weekly safety checks of the entire quay area including Webb Street and Market Street car parks would be implemented in the future as had already been agreed by the Finance Committee. All FTC Committees needed to put similar arrangements in place immediately.

18/176 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr reported

Fowey Food Week Congratulations to the Fowey Chamber of Commerce for putting on such a successful inaugural Fowey Food Week. This brought additional visitors into the town and had an excellent profile on social media. I hope we see the return of the festival next year.

Fowey Festival I was privileged to be asked to speak at the launch of the 2019 Fowey festival. The programme this year looks very exciting and I hope we will all support the events.

Fowey Hospital I continue to have regular meetings with KCCG to progress the future of the Hospital. I will be attending a stakeholder’s meeting next month.

Place Road I am delighted to report that, at last, work has begun on the wall on Place Road. The Council are expecting the work to last for three months.

Polvillion Road Planning and Fowey Hotel Planning Application I have had numerous approaches with concerns regarding planning application PA19/00915 on Polvillion Road. I have given my views regarding the use of the farmer's track crossing The Parade. I have also been approached about the proposed changes to Fowey Hotel.

Brexit Last week I wrote to our local MP requesting that he votes against a No Deal Brexit in order to ensure continued supply of medicines for our NHS and pan-European collaborative working on research and outbreak management.

Fowey Library Following the meeting with Cornwall Council, myself and the Mayor and Town Clerk, I'm pleased to report that CC have changed their approach to the library closure and will now consult with local residents on the best way forward. I welcome this fresh approach.

18/177 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £7,647.81 be approved.

Copies of the budget tracking report had been circulated before the meeting.

Cllr Asker proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that 3 binstores should be purchased from Amazon for Webb Street car park. Cllr Asker agreed to provide the Town Clerk with the details to enable her to place the order..

18/178 Correspondence

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

18/179 Resolutions from Councillors

1. The Mayor proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that Standing Orders be amended in line with the draft document (circulated)
2. The Mayor proposed, Cllr Cooke seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC confirms its intention to prohibit the release of all types of balloons, lanterns and other polluting items from Council land in the parish or operated sites or promoted events. This includes the use of plastic confetti.

18/180 Squires Field

Cllr Cooke reported that a new disabled swing seat would be fitted the following week. Together with the Mayor, she was due to meet with Andrew Pidgen from Cormac the following week to discuss the RoSPA reports, which appeared to conflict with findings of Playground Solutions.

Cllr Griffin noted that there was an unacceptable amount of dog poo on Squites Field, particularly in the area behind SFCC. He considered that the area appeared unloved and suggested that a mural could be painted on the back wall of the Community Centre, not only reminding people to pick up rubbish and dog poo but also to add interest. He suggested that children from the schools could be involved in the design, which would give them a sense of ownership and encourage them not to leave litter. Members agreed that this would be an excellent project and Cllr Griffin agreed to progress it.

18/181 Election of Mayor Elect 2019/2020

The Town Clerk reported that she had received one nomination before the closing date. Cllr Cooke proposed, Cllr Griffin seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Finlay should be elected at Mayor Elect for the Civic Year 2019/2020

18/182 Election of Deputy Mayor Elect 2019/2020

The Town Clerk reported that she had received one nomination before the closing date. Cllr Cooke proposed, Cllr Griffin seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Berryman should be elected at Deputy Mayor Elect for the Civic Year 2019/2020. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hughes would make the proposal at the Mayor Making Ceremony and Cllr Asker would second.

The Mayor noted that the council needed to work towards the future and implement succession plans.

18/183 Fowey Library.

The Mayor noted that all members had received the briefing note about the changes to delivery of Fowey Library services. The library will close on Friday March 29th and a mobile service will be introduced as an interim solution while options are developed within the community. The mobile library will visit Fowey weekly on Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 pm and will start on Tuesday 2nd April. The stop will be on Langurtho Road at the entrance to Squires Field. CC will be launching a public engagement so all Fowey residents can have a say on securing a sustainable, long term library provision for the town.

The History Group will be temporarily moving their archives in the next couple of weeks into the landing area of the Town Hall.

18/184 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

The Mayor agreed to liaise with the Town Clerk and members about a possible date. It was hoped that some news about the long term future of the library would be available to share with the public and also agreed that the TSSO should be invited to attend.

18/185 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Cllr Woodside noted that there had been an article in the St Austell Voice about a 95 year old gentleman called Anthony Howish who was born in Fowey and had been awarded a Nobel Prize in Physics. Cllr Woodside suggested that he could be commemorated in some way and agreed to undertake further research.

Cllr Simms proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Press and Public should be excluded in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following business on the grounds that it would be likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information of the following description – personal and/or commercial sensitivity