

DRAFT MINUTES

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

19/13 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

19/14 Apologies

Cllr P Fassam, Cllr Mrs L Simms

19/15 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.

19/16 Public Participation & Questions

None.

19/17 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th April 2019 (for accuracy), the Extraordinary Meeting held on 2nd May 2019 and the Annual Meeting of the Council/Mayor Making held on 23rd May 2019,

Annual Parish Meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed for accuracy.

Extraordinary Meeting, 2nd May 2019 It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Woodside and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Meeting of the Council/Mayor Making. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Griffin and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

19/18 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

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

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – no report

Finance – noted.

Cllr Berryman noted that 4 binstores had been erected in Webb Street car park.

In line with a resolution of the Finance Committee the Town Clerk shared a draft letter to be sent to SW Water by the FTC solicitors. Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Cooke seconded and it was RESOLVED that this should be sent without amendment.

19/20 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

No reports

19/21 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported:

D day Commemoration, 6th June 2019. This event was a marvelous Town effort. Many thanks to lots of people – The Fowey Chamber of Commerce, Chairs Sinead Hanks and Victoria Clark for working with local businesses and putting out press releases and updating social media. To our service visitors many thanks for taking time out of busy schedules and travelling to Fowey to be part of our Commemorations -Lt Col Mark Weinrich of the US Marines and Lt Cdr Trevor Brookes RN and the two platoons from RNAS Culdrose, who also organised the Merlin helicopter fly past. To our Harbour Master Paul Thomas for allowing the Fowey Harbour working boats to be part of the Parade of Sail and to Chris Ogg Operations Manager of the RNLI for the allowing the Lifeboat to lead the Parade out of the harbour. Also thanks to our two sailing clubs Gallants and RFYC organised by Philip Henson to create a very special harbour sail past. Thanks to The Fowey History who have put on such an authoritative exhibition and special thanks to Paul Richards for use of his private collection of photos. Huge thanks to Helen Luther for sourcing the vintage cars and motor bikes, the air raid siren, putting together the ‘town trail of houses’ used by the US troops in 1943-1944. Helen also put together the ‘information board’ which will be permanently placed in Whitehouse Shelter. Many thanks also to Fowey Hall Hotel for their generosity for providing 30 afternoon teas for the Children of 1944.

I was very pleased to hear from Rachael Tatlow of Cormac Highways that funding has now been secured for the Cormac Road Sign Review This is good news for the community and will hopefully bring some relief to our busy streets if we have visitors being directed to the correct destinations. We are also awaiting the opening of Place Road which has now been closed for 16 months. Cormac have promised the final week in June.

19/22 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

Binstores, Webb Street. Now that the first of the binstores were in place she and the Mayor were intending to visit the site the following day and offer licenses to people who had already expressed an interest. At the same time notices would be put on any unauthorized bins telling the owners to remove them immediately or they would be removed by FTC, providing this course of action was the will of the meeting. This was agreed.

Former Barclays Bank Building. The FTC bid had been submitted before the closing date but she had now been contacted by the agents advising that the date had been extended to 5th July. This was because the annual rental for the ATM had been increased and the extra time was to allow bidders revise their bid to reflect this if they wished to. The Town Clerk had called an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council for members to reconsider their position. Cllr Berryman noted that he would unfortunately be unable to attend the Extraordinary Meeting but that, as Chairman of Finance, he would be supportive of FTC’s bid being revised to reflect the increase in annual income from the ATM.

19/23 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr had supplied the following report

D-Day Commemoration I was delighted to have the opportunity to participate in the Fowey D-Day Commemoration. It was fantastic to see the community come together to mark the occasion with dignity and respect. Many thanks to the Mayor for all her hard work in putting on the event.

Toilets Business Rates Legislation. I have been notified by Steve Double MP that legislation to remove Business rates for community loos is now progressing through parliament.

Place Road Good progress is finally being made on the repair of the wall. One of the two damaged sections has been completed and work is well underway on the other section.

Fowey Hospital I am due to meet up with CPFT's CEO over the next few weeks to seek reassurance that they are still committed to, as promised, in delivering an NHS nursing home in Fowey. We need assurance over the capital funding and the financial model to ensure it can be a lasting success. Support for the project within the community does not show any sign of diminishing.

Line Painting I am pleased to report that Cornwall Council have been repainting road lines this week.

Fowey Main Car Park Concerns have been raised regarding the ability of coaches to gain access to the car park. I am visited the site and it appears the chicane design of the barrier may be at fault. I have requested an urgent review by Cornwall Council.

Planning Cases I have been listened to and given advice on planning applications within Fowey, including 21, St Fimbarrus and 72, Esplanade.

Fowey Statue I met up yesterday with the artist John Doubleday, the sponsor Richard Ryan, the Mayor, Victoria Clarke and members of Cornwall Council to hear about the idea behind the proposed statue, to see a model of the statue and to hear from the council officers the necessary steps that will have to be taken. We were given an oral undertaking that the sponsor will cover the costs and that it is proposed that Cornwall Council would become the owner of the statue on the site.

19/24 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £21,462.02 be approved.

19/25 Correspondence

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

19/26 Resolutions from Councillors

None

19/27 Bronze

The Mayor reported

On Tuesday 18th June, the sponsor of the Sculpture project Richard Rich and the artist John Doubleday met with CC Andy Virr, John Richomme from CC Properties, a representative of CC Open Spaces and Victoria Clarke, who is the leaseholder of the top seated green area of Readymoney.

There was a positive discussion about the proposed sculpture site which Mr Doubleday, who had travelled from Essex for the meeting, thinks is very fitting for such a contemplative sculpture.

The way forward was agreed that a plan of the area would be provided to Mr Doubleday by CC property services.

The Historic Environment team would be notified to look at the site and suitability for a sculpture. Although it was probably unnecessary to get planning permission as the sculpture would be less than 2 m. this however would be arranged by CC.

The lease of Readymoney with the addition of the sculpture and costs and responsibility was seen as unreasonable by leaseholder Victoria Clarke and this point was agreed by both representatives of CC. Property services will look at taking responsibility of the sculpture as an asset of Cornwall Council.

Mr Rich was asked about the legal costs and Building Surveyors costs etc in order to secure the sculpture and he agreed he would pay these costs

Cllr Berryman expressed concern that the sculpture would be owned by Cornwall Council and not the people of Fowey, given that it has originally been offered to FTC; ownership would allow Cornwall Council to remove it to another location if they wished to. Cllr Virr gave an assurance that there was no intention to move it from the town.

19/28 Fowey Town Crier and Mace Bearers

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Griffin and RESOLVED that Alan Giles should be appointed as the Fowey Town Crier.

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that Kerry and Ben Pearce should be appointed as Deputy Fowey Mace Bearers.

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that Michaels of Bristol should be commissioned to provide examples of Town Crier robes for consideration.

19/29 FTC Policies.

It was proposed by Cllr Woodside, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that 1. The GDPR Privacy Policy (circulated), 2. The Health, Safety & Welfare Policy (circulated) and 3. The Volunteer Policy (circulated) should be adopted without amendment.

19/30 Community Governance Review

The Mayor reported that Cornwall Council was undertaking a Community Governance Review for the whole of Cornwall. This review could consider parish boundaries, the number of seats and warding arrangements for local councils and their names. Members would be aware that CC was inviting local councils, parish meetings, local residents and other interested persons, groups or organisations to provide a submission by July 17th 2019 for any particular changes they want to make to the current governance arrangements. It was strongly recommended by CC that all local councils should make a formal submission, either to let CC know about any changes they wish to make, or to let CC know they wish to see no change, and why. The Mayor then proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that Fowey Town Council should respond asking for an increase the number of Councillors from 10 to 12 to cope with the ever increasing and more complex workload.

19/31 Information Boards

Members discussed the placing of information boards on the outer quay at some length but, although the offer to donate them was much appreciated, were unable to reach a decision on where they should be positioned. Various locations were discussed as well as the one already suggested, including on the wall at the far end of the quay and on the railings by the ramp. It was then proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Griffin and RESOLVED that FTC should

accept the kind offer for the boards from the generous donor but that a final decision as to where they should be positioned should be deferred until the July meeting.

19/32 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Cllr Day reported that she had applied for a lottery grant in the name of the Friends of St Fimbarrus for the repairs to the clock; a response should be heard within 14 weeks.

Cllr Woodside noted that it was important that a TH/TQ meeting be called without delay.

Date of Next Meeting

Planning – 17th July 2019

Council – 17th July 2019

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

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