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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019  
AT FOWEY TOWN HALL @ 6.10pm.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke, Cllr Mrs Frances Day, Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay, Cllr Scott Griffin, Cllr Patrick Hughes and Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms.

1} **Election of Chairman 2019/2020**

It was proposed by Cllr Cooke and seconded by Cllr Hughes that Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms should be elected Chairman of the Environment Committee for the year 2019/20. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Simms should take the chair.

2} **To receive apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

3} **Declarations of interest**

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| <b>(a) Pecuniary:</b>     | None   |
| <b>(b) Non pecuniary:</b> | None   |
| <b>(c) Dispensations:</b> | A dispensation had been extended to Cllr Finlay to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments. |

4} **Public Participation/Questions**

There were none.

5} **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

It was proposed by Cllr Cooke, seconded by Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

It had been resolved at the April meeting that the Cormac quotation for £4,482.77 for grass cutting and weed spraying at Squires Field be accepted and that Lanhydrock Garden Services would carry out the rest of the work in the Town, including the Gold footpaths, regular grass cutting and weed killing twice a year, for £2,610. Cllr Griffin felt that weed killing should not automatically be undertaken; that Fowey Town Council should be aware of environmental considerations and, where feasible, keep wild growth in place to attract butterflies and bees. It was agreed that this would be taken into account in future.

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

*Cllr Day reported:* That there had been an upsurge of interest in the Tree Warden since details of Councillors' responsibilities had appeared in Fowey News. Cllr Day had been to look at a tree being felled at Carnethic after a complaint from a neighbour, but the householders were just removing a dangerous tree. She had tried to assist with a TPO question from a resident in St Fimbarrus, but it appeared that although in 2005 a TPO on the holly tree had seemed likely to be granted, it had not in fact ever gone through. There was an outstanding query on an ash tree at Caffa Mill and a different format of map had been requested.

## 8} **Specific areas of responsibility**

The following specific areas of responsibility were agreed for 2019/2020

- Old Grammar School Gardens Cllr Finlay
- Piggy Lane Triangle Cllr Finlay
- Pretty Bus Stop Cllr Hughes
- Allotments Cllr Finlay
- Fowey in Bloom Cllr Day
- Local maintenance partnership This was care of the local footpaths. It was agreed a map should be obtained and responsibility divided amongst Environment Committee Members.
- Agency agreements, weed killing Cllr Finlay
- Squires Field green areas Cllr Griffin
- Squires Field children's playground Cllr Cooke

## 9} **Squires Field Playground**

Cllr Cooke had obtained quotations from Playground Solutions for maintenance work identified as high priority in the RoSPA inspections and for repair of playground equipment considered urgent.

The quotations were: £376 plus VAT for the repair of fencing and £295 plus VAT for urgent repairs on the equipment, making a total of £1,250. It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that these quotations be accepted and the repairs commissioned without delay.

It was recognised that this took a large slice out of the total Environment budget of £8,500 for the year. The ongoing considerable costs of running the playground were a matter of concern, and longer term, the provision of lower maintenance equipment must be considered.

## 10} **Risk assessments**

Cllr Finlay reported that Sally Pearce, the gardener employed at the Old Grammar School Garden and Piggy Lane Triangle, had been regularly assessing the risks in these areas and duly reporting back to Cllr Finlay.

## 11} **Old Grammar School Gardens**

Written quotations for work on the cliff face and painting the outside wall and gate had been obtained.

- Poltair had quoted £690 plus VAT for the wall and gate.
- Andreas Sanchez had quoted £370 to cut down the dangerous vegetation on the face of the cliff.

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that these quotations be accepted.

It was stated that all quotations must be received in writing before the Council could accept them and agreed that a list of approved suppliers could be compiled for use in the future to expedite this. Those included might included Poltair, Andreas Sanchez, Mike Elliott, Matt Akrigg and Philip Couch.

## 12} **To receive reports from members**

Cllr Finlay drew the attention of the Committee to a warning notice about the possible return of the Asian hornet and asked members to be on the alert.

## 13} **Proposed dates of next meetings:**

- Monday 9th September @ 18.00
- Monday 4th November @ 18.00
- Monday 3rd February 2020 @ 18.00

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 19.35.

