

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Claire Corcoran made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a member of FTC by the Mayor

19/108 Present The Mayor Cllr Mrs R Finlay,
The Deputy Mayor Cllr J Berryman
Councillors Mrs R Cooke, Mrs C Corcoran, Mrs F Day, P Fassam,
S Griffin, Mrs C Woodside

In Attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

19/109 Apologies Cllr Hughes, Cllr Simms

19/110 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//111 Public Participation & Questions

None

19/112 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th October 2019

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

19/113 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

19/114 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – noted

Environment – noted

Finance – no report.

19/115 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

Community Network The Town Clerk reported that the meeting scheduled for 12th December had been postponed.

Forum Cllr Woodside reported

- Concerns had been raised at the Forum meeting about ashes being scattered in the OGS Garden
- The sculptors of The Rook with a Book had been contacted to see if they would put a price on it, rather than it going to auction.
- Concerns had been raised about the new gateway onto the highway on Polmear Hill. Cllr Berryman confirmed that the improved opening was legal as it was simply an improvement to an existing gateway.

19/116 To receive the Mayors Report

- Remembrance Parade was a very good turn-out for both the Parade and the watching public. It was also a first attendance of our Town Crier Alan Giles in his new uniform.
- The SOS volunteer day at Squires Field 11 November was a great success. Well done to Cllr Cooke for organising the SOS event and the 8 volunteer's (from CC). The nettles and overgrown brambles from the side of the playground have gone as have the weeds in the top playground. The slide and the swings have now got a new coat of paint and the ship has had all graffiti removed.
- On 28th January there will be a small visit from the Chaplain and Lt Cdr Barnes from our affiliated ship HMS Montrose. They will be visiting the Primary School and presenting a plaque to the Royal British Legion.

19/117 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- She had received business rates demands backdated to 2016 for the car park at Squires Field. She had questioned if they were payable on a free car park and had been advised that they are. Members would clearly need to factor this expenditure in when compiling the budget in future years, including the viability of maintaining the car park as a free facility.
- Together with Cllr Berryman, she had collected the St Catherines turbines, control gear and lights from Chris Biggs and would store them until they were required.
- The CALC AGM had been postponed until 27th January 2020

19/118 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr reported

Rachael Statue I was disappointed to hear that Cornwall Council are unwilling to adopt the proposed Rachael Statue at Readymoney. They were concerned regarding the need to maintain the site. I would be grateful if FTC could consider whether they are able to adopt the site or offer an alternative FTC owned site.

Fowey Hospital We are continuing to look for a site large enough for the number of rooms required for a viable NHS Nursing Home. I am grateful for the Mayor for supporting a site visit to Caffa Mill old Fowey Library site. Initial reports suggest this site may not be large enough. I would ask for consideration to be made into the use of the rear car park to provide additional space which might make the project viable.

Remembrance Sunday I was pleased to partake in the annual act of remembrance in Fowey. My choir, the Fowey River Singers joined in the commemoration. The occasion was well led by our new Vicar

Carol Service Please can I invite FTC councillors to join the Fowey Town Carol Service.

St Fimb vegetation I am pleased to report that CC have agreed to cut down the existing vegetation to allow the community planting to go ahead.

Harbour Hotel I have had several meetings with residents raising concerns regarding the proposed development.

Ship Inn I met with the owners of the Ship Inn today to discuss their bin storage. I was heartened to hear of the excellent work they are doing in keeping Church Avenue clean.

Youthwork provision in Fowey I joined a multiagency group today to look into youthwork provision within Fowey. One of the aims is to encourage teenagers from the local schools to join and partake in the various clubs, societies and sports groups within Fowey.

19/119 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £13,974.75 be approved.

19/120 Correspondence

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

19/121 Resolutions from Councillors

None

19/122 VE Day Celebrations

The Mayor reported that SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity have asked Mayor's, Leaders and Chairman of town and parish councils throughout the UK are to take the lead in local celebrations marking the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in EUROPE on the 8th May 2020. (VJ Day will be commemorated on the 15th August 2020).

The VE Day 75 weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions at home and abroad who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others safeguarded the home front.

From a central location of their choice, Mayors, Leaders and Chairmen of town and parish councils are being encouraged to lead them in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2', paying 'tribute' to those from their local communities that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today by undertaking the following ceremony at 3pm on Friday 8th May. All those taking part are being asked to register their involvement on the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org to enable us to keep in contact with them, along with informing the media of their involvement nearer the time. It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that a FTC Working Party should be set up to co-ordinate the event with Cllrs Woodside, Cooke, Corcoran and Griffin representing FTC and non-Councillors co-opted as required.

19/123 Town Quay

The Town Clerk reported that she had requested that SW Water arrange to have the telescopes removed from the upper quay before the leases/s were finalized and she was due to meet with a SW Water representative later in the week to hopefully progress this.

19/124 CALC AGM

Deferred

19/125 Rachael Sculpture

The Mayor reported that there had been a meeting in June with representatives from CC properties, Cllr Andy Virr, Victoria Clark, Richard Ryan and John Doubleday (the sculptor). The plan, supported by Richard Ryan, had been to place the statue on top of the Readymoney toilets which is owned by CC. However, CC has now taken the decision that they will no longer take responsibility for works of art in such circumstances. The donor had liked the Readymoney site but as it was not owned by FTC it appeared another location would need to be identified. Following discussion around reverting to the original suggested location, OGS Garden, it was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Woodside and RESOLVED that FTC should approach Cornwall Council and request the freehold transfer of the whole asset at Readymoney to the town council. Devolving the asset had been discussed at some length previously and some of the searches and legal work had already been undertaken so the transfer could hopefully be completed without too much delay if Cornwall Council consented. It was agreed that Cllr Virr and the Town Clerk would try to set up a meeting with Cornwall Council as soon as possible to discuss this option.

19/126 New Road Hill Safety

The Mayor reported that Rachael Tatlow from Highways had been looking at options for pedestrian safety on New Road Hill as part of our CNP Highways Scheme including

- An electrical sign which flashes up when a pedestrian is in the road then for about 45 seconds afterwards. Approximate estimate is £25,500 for two signs if power supply is available nearby.
- A build out and footway: the really narrow bit of carriageway is at the top of the hill, from the pedestrian step to where the footway starts on the opposite side. Provide a buildout at the top and a footway between these two points with a priority for uphill traffic. Below the step, the existing edge line creates a wide area in which pedestrians can walk. Simple renewal of the edge line and hatching amendments could be more visible than a virtual footway with a dark surface. Because of the careful design involved, it is suggested that this option is checked for feasibility at a cost of approx. £3000, which should result in drawings that could easily progress to consultation if the scheme went forward. The edge line and hatching are a good contrast to the road surface (and reflective at night) and it already determines an area where driving is discouraged. There are also less up-front and maintenance costs involved with the installation of this type of feature.
- The Town Clerk suggested that CC Highways should be asked to re-paint the disabled parking space markings on Town Quay at the same time as the ones in Trafalgar Square were renewed as they were very faded. Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Cooke seconded and it was RESOLVED that this should be done. The Mayor agreed to contact Rachael Tatlow to arrange.

19/127 AONB Signage

It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED that the proposed AONB marker should be sited on the grass verge at the Polkerris junction on the right hand side when travelling up Polmear Hill

19/128 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Cllr Griffin reported that some people had complained that the War Memorial had been dirty on Remembrance Day. The Town Clerk confirmed that advice from the War Memorials Trust is that Memorials should not be cleaned as this can cause damage to the lettering.

Cllr Griffin noted that the disabled spaces in Trafalgar Square were still being misused. It was confirmed that enforcement would not be possible until the promised realignments were completed.

The Mayor reported that she had been asked by Jon Rolls if FTC would work with the Fowey River Academy as part of the Greening Scheme. It had been agreed that time was needed to identify a suitable project.

Cllr Day queried if there was any appetite within the council to investigate the purchase of Porcelain House to house a micro library. The Mayor responded that the library service was currently working with SFCC and this approach had been endorsed by FTC by resolution in August as a short term solution and her personal opinion was that Porcelain House was in the wrong location for such a facility. The Town Clerk confirmed that a generous donation had been given to FTC, earmarked for library provision and FTC would need to debate the issue in due course.

Date of Next Meetings

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| Finance | 28 th November 2019 |
| Planning | 11 th December 2019 (unless called earlier) |
| Council | 11 th December 2019 |

Meeting Closed 8.25pm