

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

19/150 Present

The Mayor Cllr Mrs R Finlay,
The Deputy Mayor Cllr J Berryman,
Councillors Mrs C Corcoran, Mrs F Day, P Fassam,
P Hughes, Mrs L Simms

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
4 members of the public (part)

19/151 Apologies

Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr S Griffin, Cllr Mrs C Woodside

19/152 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//153 Public Participation & Questions

A member of the public asked FTC to consider the installation of a skatepark at Squires Field. The Mayor responded that a FTC Working Party was already investigating options for replacing the ageing play equipment in the top section of the play park and current thinking was that a MUGA and a small pump track could be a possibility as this would cater for all ages and abilities. The next step would be to go out to consultation, although the Mayor cautioned that any project would involve considerable expense and grant funding would be needed as well as investment from FTC.

A member of the public drew member's attention to the danger to the public from the Monterey Pines at Fowey Hall, which were dropping branches due to their age. He reported that the postman had nearly been hit the previous day by a branch falling on to Hanson Drive. He had spoken to the operators of Fowey Hall and been told that the group had a 30-year plan to fell and replace the trees, starting at the car park end but he considered this scheme was flawed and work should start on the trees adjacent to Hanson Drive. Cllr Day agreed that the trees were dangerous but cautioned that they were on private land and protected by TPO's. Cllr Virr stated that an expert opinion on the health of the trees was required in the first instance and he would follow this up and report back to FTC.

A member of the public queried if FTC was going to fund the repairs to the west face of the Church Clock as she considered that it was very important to have it working again. Additionally she was sure that funding could be obtained from the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust and that public donations towards the cost would be forthcoming. Cllr Day reported that

she had tried to secure Lottery funding for the work but her application had been turned down as the Church would not accept ownership of the clock. The Town Clerk confirmed that FTC had the power to pay for repairs but there was no statutory duty to do so; the decision rested with members. The Mayor confirmed that this was an agenda item later in the meeting, when a decision would be made.

19/154 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th December 2019

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

19/155 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

19/156 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – no report

Finance – no report

19/157 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

None

19/158 To receive the Mayors Report

Pocket Parks grant application: It was decided by the Squires Field Playground Working group, that there was such a short lead in time for this application and at such a busy time of year and without any public consultation that we would step back from applying for a grant from Pocket Parks. Going forward, our thinking is to consult with local residents to find out what young people and their parents would like and then make a much larger application to Sport England for a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and hopefully a Pump track all within the upper area of the top playground at Squires Field. We now have 2 very detailed quotes plus images/photographs for a MUGA and a quote for a small Pump Track, which we can show at a public consultation with realistic costs. We also have a much better idea now of what is involved in constructing these two proposed activity areas. We also know we have support from CC and have also received interest from locals about these proposals. We are in a much better position than we were at the beginning of December.

Fowey Car park signs: The Fowey signing review was a review of the road signs undertaken by Cormac in 2013. Fowey traffic into and around our medieval town is an ongoing problem, especially when cars end up in our one way, main street behind delivery lorries leading to queues and unacceptable levels of pollution, from the idling traffic to passing pedestrians. We have signs for the obsolete MIU unit at the now closed Fowey Hospital. In September 2018 Cormac asked FTC to review the 2013 Signage Review which we did with the Forum and the Chamber, the results of which we complied and sent off to Cormac. Work has now begun to install the new signage throughout the town. I have had some responses from the Forum and the Chamber about concerns that Cormac appear to have kept to some of their original survey findings when referring to the car parks and have retained 'Town Centre' which they believe will be confusing to motorists. However progress at removing much of the street sign clutter has certainly been achieved.

Fowey Neighbourhood Plan Referendum: It was confirmed this week that the Referendum will be held on Thursday 27th February 2020. CC will be publishing referendum documents and

sending out hard copies for the 20th January 2020. The polling cards will be dispatched on 28th January to residents in the parish who are on the Electoral register. There is time for residents to register to vote and the documents will contain information about this.

19/159 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- South West Water had launched its ‘Think Sink’ campaign to remind business owners of their responsibilities regarding the proper disposal of fat.
- She had received a query as to whether a trailer could occasionally be parked in the permit spaces at Squires Field. Members agreed that it would be permissible to park a small, empty, flat-bed trailer on an occasional basis but noted that the spaces were primarily intended to cars.
- Cleaning costs for the public toilets would rise in April from £7115.74 to £7570.51 at each site.

19/160 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Cllr Virr reported

Squires Field Development I welcome the idea of an all-weather sports facility at Squire’s Field. Obesity is the leading health crisis in Cornwall. This sports area would promote team sport throughout the year, especially when wet weather often precludes the use of the field.

Fowey Hospital I am awaiting CPFT to give further guidance on whether additional space around the old Fowey Library site to ensure sufficient space for an NHS Nursing Home. Tomorrow I am meeting with Kate Mitchell from Kernow Commissioning Group to update on plans.

Statue Readymoney I am chasing up Cabinet Member Edwina Hannaford for a justification for why they will not support the installation of the statue at Readymoney. I still believe gaining the support of Cornwall Council will be the fastest route to achieving the statue sited in Fowey.

Place Road Traffic Survey A traffic survey was carried out on Place Road. 99% vehicles remained within the traffic speed. The average speed was 17.5 mph.

Christmas Services On a personal note I was pleased to support the Christmas services at Fowey Parish Church. It was heartening to see the town come together in the historical church at Christmas.

Cllr Fassam noted that the old Fowey Hospital site was designated in the NDP for health use and the garden was owned by The Friends and queried how this fitted in with proposals for the HHS Nursing Home to be sited at the old library site.

19/161 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £3236.62 be approved.

19/162 Correspondence

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

19/163 Resolutions from Councillors

None

19/164 VE Day Celebrations

The Town Clerk shared current proposals supplied by Cllr Woodside via email.

4-5th May. The play "Going Home" (FHG) in the TH
6-8th May. Exhibition- "Life in Fowey VE Day - 1953" (FHG) in the TH
Possibility of guided walks (Cornish Riviera Guides - Lynn Goold) from TQ
8th May
2.55pm Last Post + Reveille on TQ
3.00pm National Toast on TQ
7.00pm Church bells from St Fimbarrus
10th May. Themed Sunday Cafe at SFCC

19/165 Town Quay

The Town Clerk reported that SW Water would be working on the quay for about a week during February (deferred from the proposed date in January). It had been agreed that SW Water would remove the telescopes at the same time on the basis that FTC would take responsibility for them and also retain any money for safe-keeping. A single lease was being put together for FTC to assume responsibility for the upper quay.

19/166 'Rachael' and 'Rook with a Book' Sculpture's

1. Rachael sculpture - Cllr Virr had asked Cllr Hannaford in November to look into CC's decision to not support the project of the Rachael statue at Readymoney Beach on the old lime kiln. There was no resolution at present but the Mayor and Town Clerk were due to meet with Tasha Davis to discuss the possible devolution of the site.
2. Melissa Hartwell chair of the Forum and Fowey Festival had met with the sculptors of the Rook who were planning to take the statue away after the 2 years was up. After some discussion she has established that if the Rook could be sited on Town Quay, rather than in Berrills Yard, they would be prepared to keep it in Fowey for an indeterminate time and would be happy to re site it, insure it and maintain it. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that FTC should agree to the re-siting in principle

19/167 Church Clock

The Mayor reported that Smiths of Derby had previously quoted £2,294.00 to repair the clock if the work could be done on site and an additional £2656.00 if it had to be taken back to Derby. Cllr Day noted that the Church had funded the upkeep of the clock for a while following Cornwall Council's withdrawal of support but was no longer prepared to do so. Cllr Hughes expressed support for the project as the Church was a prominent feature in the town. After further discussion Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Fassam seconded and it was RESOLVED to instruct Smiths to undertake the work, subject to the Town Clerk obtaining an updated quote that was not too different from the one on file. Cllr Day agreed to contact the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust to see if there was any grant funding available.

19/168 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

Cllr Day reminded the meeting that the bench at the bottom of the Parade had been demolished during November and Ocean Housing had accepted responsibility and agreed to repair it. However, whilst still accepting that their van had squashed the seat, Ocean were now saying the seat was rotten, could not be repaired and suggested the council should replace it. Cllr Day had responded that Ocean should either repair the bench, or, if they did not consider that possible, replace it. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should follow this up with Ocean. Cllr Berryman queried if FTC should consider asking Cornwall Council for the devolution of Alldays Fields, the only significant property left if the Lime Kilns were returned to the town. Alternatively FTC could consider purchasing the area as an important asset for the town.

Members agreed that the principle of having the fields returned was excellent and should be followed up.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning 19th February 2020

Council 19th February 2020

Meeting Closed 8.30pm