

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

19/169 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

19/170 Apologies

Cllrs Mrs R Cooke, Mrs C Corcoran, P Fassam

19/171 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//172 Public Participation & Questions

None

19/173 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2020

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

19/174 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

19/175 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – no report

Finance – noted

19/176 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

Forum - Cllr Woodside reported that the recent meeting had noted

- The Youth Club at SFCC was proving to be a big success
- Two new restaurants were shortly due to open in the town

- The Red Devils were likely to be booked for Regatta Week 2020. There would be a cruise ship in the harbour during the week, which hopefully would not interfere with the sailing. It had been agreed that the bands on the quay would finish earlier in the evening.
- Wainhomes were putting a play area in the space between the new part of Hillhay Close and du Maurier Drive

Community Network Panel – The Mayor reported

- The Panel meets 4 times per year and represents residents in the parishes of Fowey, Tywardreath and Par, Lostwithiel and Bugle.
- The panels include the Cornwall councillors (five of them) and representatives from town and parish councils within the community network area. The panels can also invite local organisations and service providers, like the police and health services, to join them at their meetings.
- The next meeting is Monday 27th April 2020, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 7pm at The Burrows Centre, Lamellyn Road, Par. At the last meeting we had Cllr Gary King from St Austell Town Council explain the Speedwatch volunteer programme, which he is involved in and is overviewed by Inspector Gard from St Austell Police. The volunteers identify problem roads and while the team are a deterrent only, they identify speeding motorists who are issued with a letter from the police and repeat offenders will receive fines. Cllr King would like to promote this scheme and if you are interested he would like you to contact him.

19/177 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor gave the following report

28th January Affiliates visit from CO Olly Hucker and about twelve members of the Ship's Company. They visited both schools and hosted lunch in the Royal British Legion. It was fascinating listening to what life is like for the RN patrolling and supporting British Shipping in the Gulf. They asked if they could support any of our events such as VE Day. There is an Affiliates day on the 3 March on Plymouth Dockyards where the affiliates will meet with the CO and ships company and will watch whole-ship damage control exercises onboard HMS MONMOUTH, Ship's Tour, warfare simulator training.

30th January Climate Change workshop at St Austell Council offices, very well attended by numerous parish and town councils (3 Community networks were represented). It began with a round up of which council had declared a Climate Emergency and what their next steps were. I will discuss this further under agenda item Arrangements for the APM.

15th February Playground 'drop in' was very successful. Cllr Cooke along with baby Elise and myself answered lots of questions from young people who had brought their parents to find out more about the plans for the top playground. There was lots of positive feedback about our suggestions for changing the playground.

19/178 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- Arrangements for the repair of the Church clock were currently on hold until a faculty could be obtained. Paul Julian, the Churchwarden, was very helpfully dealing with this.
- The suggested date for Mayor Making was 21st May 2020. An agenda item at the March council meeting would be Election of Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect and nominations must be received by the Town Clerk by midnight on 14th March 2020.
- Scaffolding had been erected over the TQ disabled parking bay outside the King of Prussia without permission from FTC, nor an application for a scaffolding licence. She

had contacted St Austell Brewery about this and following a meeting with their Estates representative it had been agreed that the Brewery would reline the disabled space free of charge as soon as the scaffolding was removed by way of an apology.

19/179 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Fowey Hospital - I continue to chase up Phil Confue for an update on the commitment to install an NHS Nursing Home in Fowey. I have asked Steve Double MP to meet up with CEO to progress the apparent impasse. The need for better quality, increased capacity nursing homes in the county persists.

Trees Fowey Hall - I have received assurance from CC that the actions of Fowey Hall are appropriate in their management of the risk of falling trees / limbs of trees. For information, TPOs do not prevent private owners taking safety actions on trees.

Bull Hill - This week a landslip occurred on Bull Hill. I notified Cormac and the property owner. The pathway is currently closed awaiting the site being made safe.

Mud Main Road – Slurry was sprayed onto the film adjoining the roundabout at Lankelly Lane. A significant amount of mud was left on the Highway. Cornwall highways have agreed to write to the landowner to remind them of their responsibilities.

Potential Slurry leak into Water Course – following the field sprayed with slurry, the storms washed the effluent into the water course and down the Parade. The environment agency have agreed to investigate.

Pot holes / lighting – just a reminder that pot holes, blocked drains and broken lighting can easily be reported to the Council via their website.

Park & Ride Section 106 - I am arranging a meeting with Wainhomes to encourage them to keep to their commitment to build a Park & Ride.

All Days Land Slip - Following the heavy rainfall, a landslip has occurred on All Days Field. The area has been fenced off and the footpath will need to be set back.

Fowey Rachel Statue - The proposed solution is for Fowey Town Council to have the Old Kiln rapidly devolved to FTC. I have insisted that the devolution must be fast tracked, otherwise I will ask Cornwall Council again to be more flexible on supporting the installation of the statue

19/180 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £12,419.84 be approved.

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Woodside seconded and it was RESOLVED that the quote for a pallet truck should be accepted and the equipment obtained as a matter of urgency as it was needed to lift the planters on the quay back into position following the recent high tides.

19/181 Correspondence

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

19/182 Resolutions from Councillors

None

19/183 VE Day Celebrations

Cllr Woodside gave the following report

- Many events in place – Guided Walk, Play 'Going Home,' Exhibition 'Life in Fowey VE Day – 1953. Last Post and Reveille, National Toast, Tea, coffee and cakes in the RBL, Cry for Peace, Church Bells, Shanty Singers, VE Peace Themed café.

- A Notice needed was needed on the FTC website. No nominated Councillor Webmaster so CW volunteered to try putting the notice on herself.
- Choir - CW liaising with Andy Virr
- Following not yet confirmed: presence/role of St Blazey cadets / Fowey Brownies;(+ special commemoration service on Sunday)
- No tug boats but lifeboat alongside quay during afternoon.
- Yacht Club: Tild that were involved with club events. Frances chasing this up
- Children's fancy hat competition to be discussed at March meeting
- Town Clerk to confirm name of shanty group
- Using official VE day template, Alan Giles and CW wrote a skeleton list of events for press release: March Fowey News, March 11th St Austell Voice, then April update. Awaiting Guardian's response

19/184 Town Quay

The Town Clerk reported that SW Water had removed the telescopes; they were currently being stored at Colcerrow and she had retained the money in them for safe-keeping. A single lease was being put together for FTC to assume responsibility for the upper quay.

SW Water representatives had met with her and Cllr Berryman on the quay to identify a suitable site for the Rook with a Book sculpture. It had been agreed that there was only one possible site, which was against the railings in front of the reserved parking space.

19/185 Devolution of the Lime Kilns Complex

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that FTC should request the devolution of the complex from Cornwall Council and undertake to assume responsibility for the Rachael statue as soon as the freehold transfer was complete, or sooner if a legally binding clause was incorporated into a Tenancy at Will (or similar) guaranteeing the freehold transfer would complete within 3 months.

19/186 Community Network Highways Scheme

Two members of the public had requested that yellow lining in Church Avenue should be included on FTC's wish list for CN Highways funding. The Mayor clarified that FTC had previously agreed to request improvements to New Road Hill pedestrian safety under this scheme and Rachael Tatlow from Cormac had emailed a couple of suggestions (end of October 2019) concerning possible work.

- 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 build out 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. £3,000, which should result in drawings that could easily progress to consultation if the scheme went forward.

We discussed this as a council in November and I shared our frustration with the Community Network group at our CN meeting in January. At that meeting it was decided by the panel to go forward with the feasibility study which would identify possible solutions.

Members then discussed the addition of the Church Avenue yellow lining to the scheme, but it was felt that further investigation of possible options was needed before a decision could be made. One suggestion was that ‘No Parking’ signage on the Church railings would be more aesthetically acceptable than yellow lines if members concluded that this work should take precedence over other potential projects.

19/187 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

The Mayor reported on arrangements to date:

I have invited our Community Network officer, Tasha Davis, to attend and explain what CC is doing after their Declaration of a Climate Emergency in July 2019. CC has written a Climate Action Plan which is downloadable, plus a detailed list of what they are doing practically. I have also asked Tim Jones from Community Energy Plus to talk about fuel poverty and how to insulate your home. I will invite local groups to come along and get involved. Climate emergency ‘action planning’ cannot be a Town Council initiative alone, it has to have the support of the local community as partners in this enterprise. As a town we have initiatives which are already up and running for eg. Plastic Free Fowey, our community bus, allotments and the Environment Committee are looking at re-wilding parts of Fowey and our use of pesticides. Also the Fowey NDP has a number of Climate Change policies. There is a meeting on March 2nd which Cllr Berryman, Cllr Simms and myself are attending, which is a workshop on Environmental Growth. There is expertise out there and we should certainly find out what others are doing. The Mayor then proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should organise some refreshments for the evening. The Town Clerk confirmed that the meeting would be held on 15th April 2020.

19/188 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

The Mayor reminded members of the NDP referendum on 27th February and stressed the importance of voting.

Cllr Berryman noted that the planned meeting with Polruan Ferry Company about the TQ fendering had been abandoned due to an accident at Toms Yard. The Town Clerk would rearrange.

*Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Griffin seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the Press and Public should be excluded in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, 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 sensitivity*

Date of Next Meetings

Planning	18 th March 2020
Council	18 th March 2020
Annual Parish Meeting	15 th April 2020

