

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 2020 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

19/190 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
Reverend Ian Gulland (part)

19/191 Apologies

Cllrs Mrs R Cooke, P Hughes

19/192 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//193 Public Participation & Questions

None

19/194 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th February 2020

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

19/195 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

19/196 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning – noted.

Town Hall – noted

Environment – noted

Finance – no report

19/197 To receive Reports from Representatives on other bodies

Forum - Cllr Woodside reported that the recent meeting had noted concerns about the price of car parking in Fowey.

19/198 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor gave the following report

27th February. NDP Referendum, a good turnout of 633 which was 33.5% and 90% voted in favour of the Fowey NDP, which on March 11th was formally made.

3rd March. HMS Montrose Affiliates day at Devonport Dockyard, the purpose of which is to bring together individuals and organisations, whose affiliations provide mutually beneficial links between the Ship and the wider civilian community around the UK. After a lengthy security procedures to get into Devonport we were taken to meet the Ship's Company over a buffet lunch in one of the many office buildings at the dockyard but which is home to the Port (home bound) crew of HMS MONTROSE's base within the dockyard. There was an opportunity to observe the fascinating warfare training in the Maritime Composite Training System (MCTS), followed by a visit to observe fire-fighting training onboard HMS MONMOUTH. As always there is a tremendous welcome from the crew towards the Affiliates and they are very keen to support Fowey in whatever way they can.

13th March. The Town Clerk and I met with Peter Crawford from Wainhomes about the outstanding Section 106 agreement from Wainhomes to provide a park and ride at the entrance to the Hill Hay estate. I explained how this park and ride scheme had been included into the Fowey NP since 2015 and there was still a need for this scheme to take pressure off parking in Fowey and to encourage residents and visitors to come into the town via our local shuttle Town Bus.

19/199 To receive the Town Clerks report

The Town Clerk reported

- Arrangements in respect of filling the vacant seat on the Council would be delayed due to the possibility of triggering an election during the Coronavirus (Covi-19) pandemic.
- In consultation with the Mayor it had been decided to cancel the Annual Parish Meeting due to be held on 15th April, also due to the Coronavirus pandemic
- Town Hall bookings for the next few months had been cancelled
- CALC had issued guidance in respect of the operation of the Council during the Coronavirus pandemic and members were asked to consider an emergency resolution to allow the council to function during this difficult time. The Mayor proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Council delegates authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity during the period of the pandemic Coronavirus, informed by consultation with the members of the council.

19/200 To receive the Cornwall Councillors report

Referendum Congratulations to the Mayor and Fowey Town Councillors on their hard work in delivering a successful referendum. The Neighbourhood plan will be a powerful tool in ensuring local control over planning decisions. Well done to all.

New Road Hill Potholes have been reported and Cornwall Council have confirmed they warrant repair.

Main Car Park The impasse between Cornwall Council and the owners of the garages at the top corner of the car park continues. Until this legal dispute is resolved the car park barriers cannot be installed. I have asked for urgent action to resolve this and have offered to personally mediate any ongoing disagreement.

Readymoney Wall A crack is visible on the wall to the rear of lime kiln. Cornwall Council has agreed to instruct a structural engineer to inspect.

Fowey Festival It was disappointing, if inevitable, that the Fowey Festival had to be postponed. I will do everything I can to support the festival when it returns in the autumn

Devolution Caffa Mill I am pleased to report that the devolution of Caffa Mill launch to the Fowey Harbour Master is now on the agenda to be delivered.

Coronavirus The coronavirus pandemic will have wide reaching implications for the community, including health, social and economic. I will be on the front line of the health response in A&E, but will be actively supporting the local emergency response to support the vulnerable and isolated in our community.

Business Continuity Both Cornwall Council and Fowey Town Council must continue to deliver its essential services and lead the emergency response. Meetings may have to be held on-line, but we must support the effort.

Reverend Ian Gulland had attended the meeting with Cllr Virr as he had experience in the coordination of resources during times of crisis in his role as Health Commissioner for Cornwall until 5 years ago. He was leading the initiative to establish an Emergency Response Group of people to support the community over the coming months as the country went into lockdown and explained that it was important to protect volunteers as well as offer help to those in need. In the short term the task was to gather contact details of all residents and key information about them and put together an Action Plan.

19/201 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £6,185.46 be approved.

19/202 Correspondence

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

19/203 Resolutions from Councillors

None

19/204 VE Day Celebrations

Cllr Woodside reported that, sadly, the decision had been taken to cancel the proposed events on 8th May.

19/205 Town Quay

The Town Clerk reported that the base for The Rook with a Book would be put in place shortly.

19/206 Election of Mayor Elect 2020/2021

The Town Clerk confirmed that one nomination had been received by the closing date, Cllr Finlay. Cllr Simms proposed, Cllr Griffin seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Finlay be elected as Mayor Elect for 2020/2021

19/207 Election of Deputy Mayor Elect 2020/2021

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19/208 Election to Committees/Webmaster 2020/2021

Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Griffin seconded and it was RESOLVED that Committees should remain as in 2019/2020. Election of a Webmaster was deferred

19/209 Squires Field Pavilion

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Junior Football Club had contacted her confirming that they wished to terminate the tenancy on the building. Members of FTC had previously discussed the possibility of refurbishing the building and converting it into a library/IT facility/council office and it was thought that this should be followed up. Cllr Fassam proposed, Cllr Woodside seconded and it was RESOLVED that a planning consultant/architect should be instructed to progress this.

19/210 Questions/Reports from Members (taken at the discretion of the Mayor)

None

Date of Next Meetings

Planning	to be confirmed
Council	to be confirmed

Meeting Closed 7.45pm