

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF A REMOTE EXTRAORDINARY FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 AT 10.00am VIA ZOOM**

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#### **20/29 Present**

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

#### **In Attendance**

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

#### **20/30 Apologies**

Cllr S Griffin

#### **20/31 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.

#### **20/32 Public Participation & Questions**

None

#### **20/33 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

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

#### **20/34 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

None

#### **20/35 To receive the Mayors Report**

- It is good news that the Esplanade Wall is now open and not the closure until October as forecast by CC; this will provide a useful escape route for some of our visitors who have made the wrong decision to drive down into town.

- The Government opening up of hospitality across England on 4<sup>th</sup> July has seen large numbers of tourists coming to Cornwall and of course to Fowey. Most businesses in Fowey have been working furiously over the previous weeks to repaint and rearrange their business to allow social distancing along with relevant signage. The town is looking good with some beautiful displays of flowers like outside The Ship, The King of Prussia and Brown Sugar.
- I have spoken to our wonderful town cleaner Colin Liddicoat who has recently had extended hours up to 4pm – whether this will continue we will have to see. Colin is aware of keeping the area in Market Street clean around the toilets and watching out for overfull bins on the Town Quay.

### **20/36 To receive the Cornwall Councillors Report**

- Town Quay Pedestrianisation It was good to see the Fowey Chamber, Fowey Town Council and myself work together to consider urgent changes to the high street as we prepared for the re-opening of the tourist season. Many thanks to those who have worked tirelessly to instigate the changes so quickly. Early signs of the new outside seating areas are encouraging. We will need to review the changes and consider how we can build on any success to review other areas to maximise opportunities.
- Tourist Season It was good to see visitors back in Fowey on Saturday and the buzz of the high street return. Many thanks to all the businesses who have worked hard to adapt their working practices to make their premises Covid secure. Tourism is a vital industry to Fowey and its return is welcome.
- Esplanade Wall At last the wall on the Esplanade has been completed allowing the road to be opened up. This is very much welcomed. The standard of the work looks excellent. Please can I thank the residents affected who have put up with so much disruption.
- Burrington Estate I have had a number of concerns raised by residents in proximity to the new development. Cornwall Council have given permission, following government guidelines, to all extended hours up until 9pm for works on site, to allow some catch up following the Covid lockdown. Residents are concerned about noise and disruption. I have asked residents to keep a diary of any unacceptable noise and have offered to work with the site manager to ensure residents voices are heard.
- Community Bus Disabled Badge The Fowey Community Bus has had its disabled badge renewal rejected by Cornwall Council. I am working with the volunteers and Cornwall Council to find a solution to the problem.

### **20/37 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Cooke, seconded Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £19,056.16 be approved.

### **20/38 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

### **20/39 Reopening of Squires Field Play Facilities**

Cllr Cooke reported that, following the government guidance issued on 4<sup>th</sup> July that playgrounds could reopen with suitable safety measures in place, she had attended a Webinar as the government guidance on the process had been vague and impractical to implement for small Town and Parish Councils. The Webinar had suggested that, whilst the Town Council must clearly take some action, responsibility for safety when using the playground must ultimately rest with users and, particularly, with parents in this instance. Cllr Cooke confirmed that she

had, therefore, organised for RoSPA checks to restart and for the grass to be cut and had completed a risk assessment, which supported the reopening of the facilities with appropriate signage in place. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had ordered the signage that had been recommended at the Webinar attended by Cllr Cooke. It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED that the playground should be reopened as soon as the signage was in place and the FTC insurers confirmed that they accepted the conclusions of the risk assessment and would continue cover.

## **20/40 Reopening of Public Conveniences**

The Mayor reported that Healthmatic had been on site in Fowey the previous week to repair the vandalised gents toilet door at TQ and to repair the vandalised ladies door at Caffa so currently all the toilets had had up to date repairs. On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July Cormac undertook Legionella testing and full disinfecting of both toilet sites and certificates had been issued for the disinfection. It was hoped that later in the week the successful results for the Legionella test would be received. Cormac would then do a full deep clean of both sites. Safety signage had been ordered the previous week and should arrive in 5 – 7 days. Detailed Risk Assessments were in the process of being written for both sites but were currently showing that the Caffa facilities and the disabled facility on TQ could be opened relatively easily with appropriate safety signage in place and the provision of sanitizer but reopening the gents and, particularly, the ladies on TQ was more problematical as there was only one point of entry to both facilities and the ladies coinpays were inside the building. Discussion followed with various viewpoints being put forward, including possibly reopening the TQ gents as a unisex facility and/or abolishing charges on a temporary basis. However, agreement could not be reached on this with some members considering a unisex facility may be unsafe for users and the abolition of charges would result on an additional burden on Fowey council tax payers as the precept would potentially need to increase. Having noted that the Cornwall Council controlled toilets in main car park had not fully reopened, the Town Clerk confirmed that she had asked Cllr Virr to ascertain the reason for this in case it was the result of an unacceptable risk assessment. After further discussion it was agreed that a decision could not be taken on the ladies and gents facilities on TQ until a full risk assessment was available but Cllr Simms proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Caffa Mill and the TQ disabled facilities should be reopened as soon as the signage/sanitiser was in place, the deep cleans had been completed and the FTC insurers had confirmed that they accepted the conclusions of a risk assessment showing it was safe to reopen. Members accepted that this was not an ideal situation but undertook to work towards fully reopening as soon as possible.

Cllr Berryman then proposed, Cllr Woodside seconded and it was RESOLVED that the meeting must be adjourned as a FTC Planning Meeting was due to start. It was agreed that a further meeting should be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Date of Next Meetings**

Planning	to be confirmed
Council	13 <sup>th</sup> July @ 10am via Zoom

Meeting Closed      11.04am