

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A REMOTE EXTRAORDINARY FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020 AT 10.00am VIA ZOOM

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20/41 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

20/42 Apologies

Cllr P Fassam, Cllr S Griffin

20/43 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.

20/44 Public Participation & Questions

None

20/45 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July 2020

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

20/46 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

20/47 Reopening of Squires Field Play Facilities

Cllr Cooke reported that Playground Solutions would be on site later in the week to undertake the necessary maintenance work identified in the RoSPA checks and the new warning sign had been ordered and the proof supplied. She was in the process of finalising the Risk Assessment, which had highlighted two potential issues

1. Was the risk of cross contamination in the tunnel unacceptable and should it be condoned off?

2. Prior to Covid-19 she had undertaken a weekly inspection of the site and whilst doing so had collected litter and disposed of it in the bins provided. Given that litter was a potential source of

cross contamination this would have to be managed if the new signage telling people not to litter did not result in the desired outcome. It was agreed that the Cormac's responsibilities for this work should be checked out and Cllr Cooke would build the result into the risk assessment.

20/48 Reopening of Public Conveniences

The Mayor reported that risk assessments of the Caffa and TQ disabled facilities had resulted in an overall risk rating of 9 if safety signage was introduced, sanitiser was provided and the doors/coinpays were given an additional daily clean. They could, therefore, be reopened as soon as the deep clean had taken place, the twice-daily Cormac cleaning schedule was restarted and the risk assessment had been approved by the FTC insurers. The Mayor then outlined her understanding of the way forward for the TQ ladies and gents toilets and considered there were three possible options.

1. Open them both, providing PPE for any FTC staff involved in their operation, such as emptying the coinpays.

2. Making the use of the facilities free, although she recognized the loss of income and the possibility of creating a precedent.

3. Leave the ladies facilities closed and open the gents, possibly as a unisex facility.

The Mayor noted that the town was extremely busy, with car parks full and that she considered that it was imperative to get public toilets reopened as a matter of urgency. She considered that the Caffa/TQ disabled risk assessment could be amended for the remaining two sites but accepted that the overall risk rating would be higher given the single point of entry/multiple cubicles inside rather than a single cubicle opening on to the road. Again, differing viewpoints were put forward including

1. Should a risk assessment not be looking at the risk to public health if the facilities were not reopened against the risk of opening them?

2. The cost of operating public toilets was extremely high and if the facilities were free there would be a significant loss of income to help offset this

3. If all the facilities were reopened there would be less risk as there would be a lower footfall in each.

4. Whatever the decision on the number of sites to be reopened it was important to have everything ready when the time came.

The Town Clerk reported that the signage had arrived and she was chasing Cormac about both the deep clean and the legionella results. She had yet to hear why Cornwall Council had only reopened the disabled toilet at main car park but Cllr Virr was chasing this up.

Cllr Berryman then proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that both the ladies and the gents on TQ should be reopened, with charging continuing, 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.

20/49 Street Naming

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Woodside seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following street names should be suggested to Westcountry Homes – Gribbin, Lantic, Readymoney, Tristan, Carne, Pridmouth, Polkerris

20/50 Pedestrianisation of Webb Street, Market Street, Trafalgar Square and Town Quay

The Mayor reported that there had been some positive feedback on the pedestrianisation, with both the Ship and Brown Sugar now operating well run outside seating areas on the highway.

There were unprecedented numbers of visitors in the town for the time of year and there had been some requests for additional safety signage, including ‘walk to the left signage’ in Fore Street. Members discussed this option but concluded that it just not be feasible given the narrowness of the street, people queuing for the shops and the sheer number of people in the town. Cllr Day reported that there were concerns about the loss of the disabled parking in Trafalgar Square where the Ship had positioned their tables. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had checked with Highways and the parking would not be available even if the tables were not there because of the road closure. It was agreed that the Mayor would explain the position in her next column in Fowey News. Cllr Berryman suggested that if FTC decided to implement a similar closure scheme in 2021 it would perhaps be possible to work with CC to provide additional disabled parking at Albert Quay. Cllr Berryman then reported that he had attended a Webinar on Licensing and the planning process, with particular reference to pavement tables. A bill was currently going through The House of Lords to make it compulsory to have a licence to place tables on the highway; it would be a one-year free licence and would not necessarily reflect the licensing hours of the parent establishment. It would become law for businesses to apply for one, which would be fast-tracked, from mid August 2020 but in the meantime CC was monitoring the situation.

20/51 Virtual Meetings

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that FTC should take out a subscription with Zoom @ £11.99 per month. This would be for a single host, which it was agreed should be the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk cautioned that if she was to be given this responsibility then it was important that her availability was checked before any meetings were arranged.

20/52 Questions/Reports from Members

Cllr Simms reported that she was currently dealing with an issue with bamboo at Hillhay. She had asked for a quote for clearance from Lanhydrock Garden Services and the EC would liaise with two adjacent homeowners who both had bamboo in their gardens.

Cllr Berryman reported that, following complaints, Cormac had done a lot of digger work to widen the Saints Way between Trenant and Lankelly.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning	to be confirmed
Council	to be confirmed

Meeting Closed 11.30am