

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A REMOTE EXTRAORDINARY FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 28th AUGUST 2020 AT 11.00am VIA ZOOM

20/53 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

20/54 Apologies

Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr S Griffin
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

20/55 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.

20/56 Public Participation & Questions

None

20/57 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2020

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

20/58 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

20/59 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – minutes noted

Finance – minutes noted

20/60 To Receive reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

None

20/61 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- Last Thursday I sent in a claim for refunding costs spent on Health and safety measures to reopen our public toilets, playground and shopping areas in Fowey for £1,396.
- Coastal Community funding from the OPCC (Office for Police & Crime commissioner) worth half a million pounds is available. As we know Fowey is experiencing some ASB with our public toilets and we are investigating installation of CCTV as a deterrent to this behaviour, which numerous other towns in Cornwall are experiencing and have used this fund for this purpose.
- At the Zoom meeting of Cornwall Mayors yesterday concerns were raised at the lack of police in non- coastal towns. Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Police, Shaun Sawyer will be invited to attend the next meeting.

20/62 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported

- She was continuing to receive complaints that people were not observing social distancing in the town
- Issues with the public toilets were ongoing, with the ladies on Town Quay experiencing a significant amount of vandalism. The TQ gents had been flooded and the door propped open on several occasions and the Cormac cleaners were continually leaving the locking system on 'open.' To date there had been no complaints from the public about any cleanliness problems but she had received several complaints about the state of the main car park facilities, which she had passed on to Cllr Virr and Cornwall Council. Interestingly one complaint had come from Cornwall Council so she had referred the complainant back to her own organization.

20/63 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Virr had supplied the following report

Visitors It has been great to see the visitors return to our town. The streets have been bustling and happy times being had on our beaches. Thanks to all the traders, councillors and local residents who have supported getting Fowey back open.

Pedestrianisation The pedestrianisation of Webb Street and Trafalgar Square has been a great success. Thanks to FTC for working with myself and the Chamber to make this change. It has created a European atmosphere to the town and is a welcome change that I hope will be lasting. Despite the signage on Lostwithial Road and New Road Hill, we still have lots of visitors driving through town, making social distancing challenging. I think we should move to clearer signage that permits 'Access Only' with a red no entry signs for vehicles. This would still allow limited traffic for deliveries and residents in town.

Main Car Park It is frustrating to see problems persisting at our main car park – delayed opening of the loos, pay on exit barriers still not installed and coaches struggling with entry and exit. I continue to lobby Cornwall Council to get these issues resolved and I have another site meeting next Wednesday with a senior council officer.

Parking Difficulties Thanks to all the residents who contacted me with concerns regarding dangerous parking on Polvillion Road. I was pleased to be able to organise emergency cones on that section of the road. I suggest we look to installing seasonal restrictions on parking at that location.

Safety New Road Hill It was disturbing to hear of the pedestrian injured by a vehicle on New Road Hill. FTC have already raised a concern regarding the safety of pedestrians. We are

awaiting a solution from Cormac, delivered through the Community Network Scheme. The delivery of these schemes has been painfully slow and I have written to our Network Officer to express my frustration at the lack of progress.

20/64 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £22,097.16 be approved.

20/65 Resolutions from Councillors

None

20/66 Co-option of Councillor

Members had met remotely with the applicants before the meeting and agreed that both had different strengths and both would be a beneficial addition to the town council. However, there was only one vacant seat. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Woodside, seconded Cllr Simms and unanimously RESOLVED that Andrew Dellow should be co-opted as it was considered that his planning experience and his position as a business owner in the town would be useful for FTC and co-option would also give him the opportunity to gain some insight into FTC procedures before the May 2021 elections.

20/67 To receive a Report from the Mayor on Traffic Related Issues

The Mayor gave the following report.

Centre of town:

As you know working with the our LCC Andy Virr, Fowey Chamber of Commerce and the Fowey Forum, I wrote a plan for 'Reopening Fowey' which involves a TTRO, covering the area of the town around the already popular Town Quay, Trafalgar Square, Market Street and Webb Street which would allow visitors to visit this area without traffic constricting the narrow streets, this area has been very successful and the problems we thought we would have with deliveries has been resolved through the businesses taking ownership of this area and managing it positively in very difficult circumstances.

However, unrestricted access to the town for tourist car traffic, deliveries and building work has added to the at times, dangerous numbers of pedestrians walking without social distancing – and to be fair at times it was impossible to be able to social distance.

Road closures have also made life more difficult, particularly the Esplanade this together with the increased popularity of Readymoney Beach and the numbers of pedestrians walking to the Beach has seen this road the busiest I have known. Residents of the Esplanade are also more vocal about any future traffic diversions down this route.

Car parking:

Over 600 car parking spaces around town on most days were all full by about 10.30 as was parking availability on Park Road, Polvillion Road, Green Lane, Daglands Road, St Fimbarrus.

Possible Solutions:

- While we will probably not see this number of people nationally choosing 'staycations' in the UK, FTC need to support the businesses in and around Fowey by improving access to reasonable parking in and around Town and to make sure the streets in town are not jammed throughout August to such an extent that this turns the visitors and residents away.
- Full Pedestrianisation of Fore Street should be seriously looked at;
- CC Car parking at Albert Quay- discussions should start now to have some idea what options we have. If FTC were to take control of this small car park we would be able to

manage the summer arrangements and events like the Christmas Market within the town:
LCC Andy Virr

- A detailed survey of all residents including the businesses on Fore Street, North St Station Road about their views on pedestrianisation. FTC to organise
- Chamber to arrange a meeting of businesses to discuss delivery options.

Parking:

Extra parking at FRA may well be available for next year and is close enough to town to prove popular.

Seasonal yellow lines – should be looked at and discussed with residents.

Members agreed that a comprehensive survey would be essential before any form of pedestrianisation was considered and a great deal of discussion took place on how this could be achieved to give FTC a clear mandate on the way forward. It was recognized that this would need to be done professionally and would incur a significant cost; the Mayor agreed to obtain some quotes for the finance committee to consider. It was also noted that Albert Quay car park had always been a barrier to any form of pedestrianisation and that Cllr Virr should be asked to ascertain urgently if Cornwall Council would be prepared to close it apart, maybe, for some disabled parking during the time pedestrianisation was in place.

20/68 Questions/Reports from Members

None

Date of Next Meetings

Planning	to be confirmed
Council	to be confirmed

Meeting Closed 12.15pm