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**MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD VIA ZOOM ON  
MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER @ 10.30am.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms (Chair), Cllr Mrs Frances Day, Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay and Cllr Patrick Hughes.

1} **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke.

Cllr Scott Griffin did not attend the meeting.

2} **Declarations of interest**

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| <b>(a) Pecuniary:</b>     | None   |
| <b>(b) Non pecuniary:</b> | None   |
| <b>(c) Dispensations:</b> | A dispensation had been extended to Cllr Finlay to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments. |

3} **Public Participation/Questions**

There were none.

4} **Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay seconded by Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5} **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising.

6} **To receive the report of the Tree Warden (Cllr Day)**

Cllr Day stated that there was little to report at present.

7} **Specific areas of responsibility**

Reports on the following specific areas of responsibility were received as follows:

- *Old Grammar School Gardens:* Cllr Finlay: The neighbour opposite the Gardens had requested that some Cornish palms be removed as they were obstructing her view. She would pay for their removal and replacement with something smaller. This was agreed as not only had the trees grown very large, but there was also some concern about their proximity to the sewage pipes.
- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Finlay: All well. £360 had been spent on maintenance year to date.
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* Cllr Hughes: The vegetation had been cleared. Cllr Hughes would liaise with Mike Sutherland to ensure the water butts were flowing freely. It was stated that, as a matter of courtesy, work around the bus stop should be agreed with Jane Tinsley, who undertook the decoration of the bus shelter.
- *Allotments:* Cllr Finlay: Stone chippings had been laid to repair the track at a cost of £78.80. There would be a health and safety walk round on 28<sup>th</sup> September.
- *Fowey in Bloom:* Cllr Day: The team of volunteers had kept the pots and flower beds around the Town in good order during the summer. It would soon be time to order plants for the autumn.
- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths):* Cllr Finlay: Discussion took place on the desirability of weed killing and possible alternatives. Wider views should be sought. Cllr Hughes would speak to Rich Riddle, and Cllr Day to Chris Edleston to find their views. More wild flower areas were favoured but footpaths would always need to be passable.

- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting:* Cllr Finlay: This was being carried out by Lanhydrock Garden Services and to date the Council had paid £870 for grass cutting.
- *Squires Field green areas/children's playground:* A report had been received from Cllr Cooke. All was well at the playground and she was keeping a regular eye on it. Waste management amounts to £3,605 per annum. So far £2,618 had been paid for maintenance this year. The annual cost was £4,617. The overall expenditure on Squires Field year to date was £7,467.

8} **Budget 2020/21**

*To review expenditure to date against budget:* Lanhydrock Garden Services had quoted £636 to remove the bamboo causing problems at Hill Hay. It had been proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that this quotation be accepted at the previous meeting. This expenditure had now been approved by the Finance Committee.

9} **Environmental Growth Plan**

*To discuss ideas for future environmental growth projects:* Following on from the discussion on wild flower planting, it was pointed out that Fowey was already plastic free. The Town had orchards, allotments and tree planting agreed. There was a farmers' market, and some pedestrianisation. The planting of edible crops was suggested and various areas put forward as potential sites. These included Lostwithiel Gardens and Squires Field. The area around the Windmill might be suitable for either wild flowers or fruit trees.

10} **To receive reports from members**

Cllr Hughes stated that social distancing was difficult along the footpath from Lankelly to Polkerris via Tregaminion and wondered whether some parts might be widened next Spring.

11} **Proposed dates of next meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 @ 10.30am, by Zoom if social distancing was still in force at that time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 11.10am.