

DRAFT MINUTES

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**MINUTES OF A REMOTE EXTRAORDINARY FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 10.15am VIA ZOOM**

Meeting ID: 867 7948 9443

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Andrew Dellow was unable to attend the meeting and would now make his Declaration at the next meeting on 21st October 2020

20/69 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

20/70 Apologies

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

20/71 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.

20/72 Public Participation & Questions

None

20/73 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th August 2020

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

20/74 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

20/75 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – no report

Finance – minutes noted

Environment – minutes noted

20/76 To Receive reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

Forum Cllr Woodside reported that the Forum was unable to assist the Poldark Society.

20/77 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- Cllr Virr invited me to meet with a CC officer to discuss the concerns of coach drivers particularly when using the new arrangements in the Main car park. It was agreed to remove two car parking spaces to give more room for coaches when manoeuvring through the car park at busy times. However, the debacle of the car park has become a laughing stock amongst regular users, a car park where some coaches have had to call the police to get out and – pay on exit system still not working due to an ongoing dispute! Many thanks to our CC Andy Virr for following up with CC over this sorry state of affairs.

20/78 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported

- Russell had reported that the left hand cubicle door in the TQ ladies toilet had been so badly vandalized it would have to be replaced. He would obtain some prices.
- The Fowey Lions would be taking responsibility for the Christmas lights this year.
- Wheelbarrow would be sponsoring the Christmas Tree this year
- A 'Towns Meeting' had been called by Cornwall Council to discuss future social distancing/road closures in towns. The Mayor agreed to attend.
- The Polruan Ferry was now trading full-time from Town Quay as per the terms of its licence. However, concerns had already been raised that no measures appeared to have been taken to control queueing, use of the steps etc. in line with Covid restrictions. It was agreed that The Town Clerk should request a copy of the company's risk assessment covering these points to file with the FTC/licensed boatmen assessments that had been recommended by the FTC insurers.

20/79 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Virr had supplied the following report

Fowey Hospital I have again written to Phil Confue requesting an update on his commitment to convert Fowey Hospital into an NHS nursing home. I await a response.

New Road Hill Traffic Safety I have received further concerns regarding safety on New Road Hill. The Mayor and I are chasing Highways to produce plans for a safer pedestrian route.

Resurfacing New Road Hill I am pleased to see the resurfacing of New Road Hill taking place this week for which I had requested action. As always, if we report issues then they will be acted upon by Cornwall Council.

Pedestrianisation The limited pedestrianisation of Fowey has been a success. My recommendation going forward would be to repeat the road closures on Trafalgar Square and Market Street to facilitate outside dining. With regard to the main traffic flow I would recommend the installation of large red no vehicular no entry signs before the Harbour Inn on Lostwithial Street. Under the signs would be smaller 'local access only'. This would allow deliveries and residents only to access town. This should deter the visitor from driving through town and greatly improve the visitor experience. If this proves to be inadequate, then we could upgrade this to *no vehicles* at all between certain times.

Fowey Main Car Park I met with the lead council officer and the Mayor to discuss concerns with the car park. There was agreement to remove 2 parking spaces at the top right-hand corner of the car park to improve coach access. We also emphasised the importance of resolving the legal dispute that has halted the installation of the pay on exit system.

20/80 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £5,765.45 be approved.

20/81 Resolutions from Councillors

None

20/82 Devolution

Lime Kilns Copies of HM Land Registry information and old conveyances had now been received from the FTC solicitors together with a copy of the lease relating to the public conveniences/amenity land and a review of the title.

Windmill The Town Clerk confirmed that, following a resolution of the Finance Committee, she had registered an expression of interest with Cornwall Council for the devolution of the asset known as ‘Windmill.’

20/83 Pedestrianisation in Fowey

All agreed that the pedestrianisation of Trafalgar Square, Webb Street, Town Quay and Market Street had been a great success over the summer and was a scheme worthy of repeating in summer 2021 even if the Covid restrictions were no longer in place. It appeared that licenses had now been issued to two businesses to continue to use these pavement/road spaces throughout the winter months but only on the basis that the roads remained closed. If this were to happen access to the Trafalgar Square disabled parking spaces and to the Pay & Display winter parking on Town Quay could be compromised so the Town Clerk had contacted CC Highways to investigate possible solutions. A response was awaited.

In respect of an extension of pedestrianisation to cover Fore Street, members agreed that if this option were to be explored an independent survey accessible to all residents and businesses must be undertaken as a first step. The Mayor agreed to contact CRCC to enquire about costings and members agreed to begin to formulate possible questions. It was recognized, however, that this would not be a simple exercise given the geography of Fowey. Cllr Virr favoured ‘No Access’ signage, rather than full pedestrianisation but members doubted that this would be sufficient deterrent given that people routinely ignored the ‘No Access’ signage at Vicarage Meadow, a view that appeared to be shared by Rachael Tatlow (CC Highways). The cost of employing Marshalls would also be prohibitive and given the attitude of some visitors to the town over the summer the Mayor considered volunteers could not be expected to fulfill this role, even if they could be found.

20/84 Questions/Reports from Members

None

Date of Next Meetings

Planning 21st October 2020

Council 21st October 2020

Meeting Closed 11.28am

