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MINUTES OF A REMOTE EXTRAORDINARY FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10.15am VIA ZOOM

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20/108 Present

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

In Attendance

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

20/109 Apologies

Cllr Griffin

20/110 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None.
- β. Non Registerable – Cllr Dellow declared a non registerable interest in agenda item 15. Cllr Fassam declared a non registerable interest in agenda item 15.
- 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.

20/111 Public Participation & Questions

None

20/112 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st October 2020

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

20/113 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

20/114 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

20/115 To Receive reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

Noted that a PUG meeting had taken place remotely and the minutes had been circulated.

20/116 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

Remembrance Sunday this year was a little different, but just as special. Can I say a large thank you to Andy Virr who organised the Service along with Jason Penprase of the Royal British Legion. The Fowey River singers sang a beautiful version of Abide with Me and the poem In Flanders Fields read by Scarlet Hughes. We were joined by the Commanding Officer of HMS Montrose Lt Cdr Ollie Hughes who laid the Royal Navy wreath. HMS Montrose will be going into quarantine for two weeks before leaving for three months in the Persian Gulf, can I say on behalf of Fowey Town Council we wish the whole Ship's Company a safe deployment.

Half term Fowey Community Food Scheme This scheme was set up by Kate Hoddinott with the support of Ian Gulland and Fowey Church to support children during half term. Many thanks to our local businesses who rallied round to help with donations of food and support - Fowey Farm Shop, Fowey Mini Market, Topshop, Readymoney Beach shop, Sunny Spice and Lankelly RFC. As Kate said 'It's amazing what can happen when a community pulls together'.

20/117 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported

- Repairs to the Church Clock had been commissioned.
- Cllr Bert Biscoe had contacted her to ask if FTC would like to elect a representative to sit on the Q Memorial Fund Committee. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should indicate to Bert that this could be of interest to FTC.
- Cllr Woodside had attended Code of Conduct training on 17th November.
- A memorial bench for the late Julie & Bernard Talbot was on order.
- A new Tri Service Safety Officer, Liam Baker, had been appointed for Fowey and Polruan.
- The TQ ladies toilet had been vandalized once again. Russell has done the repairs but I have told him that if it happens again to close and lock the facilities until the new door and entry system is fitted.

20/118 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Remembrance Sunday

It was a privilege to lead the Town's annual Remembrance service and parade. Thanks to the Mayor, Fowey Town Council and the Royal Legion for their support. I received many comments of appreciation.

Christmas Services

I hope Fowey church will be able to put on its usual Town and Family Carol Services as usual this year. The Church has put much effort into ensuring that Covid secure services can take place.

Lostwithial Street Gardens

Many thanks for the community action tidying up the garden further this Autumn. I have requested Cornwall Council to collect the garden waste.

Parking Restriction Polvillion Road

The traffic cones have now been collected by Highways. I have placed a bid for the Community Highways Network Scheme for a long-term seasonal traffic restriction on that stretch of road.

Main Car Park

I note that Cornwall Car Parks have still not completed the actions they promised to assist coach access through the car park. I will chase up the Council to complete the work.

Pedestrianisation

I would encourage the Town Council to adopt the proposed scheme to introduce a vehicular access only restriction at the top of Lostwithiel Street to reduce traffic flow.

Tri-Service Officer

I welcome Liam Baker as our new Tri-Service Officer for Fowey.

In response to a request from the Town Clerk, Cllr Virr agreed to contact Tasha Davis and try to fast-track FTC's request for the devolution of Windmill. He noted, however, his frustration about how long it was taking CC to complete all devolution transactions.

20/119 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £9,144.88 be approved.

20/120 Correspondence

Correspondence was left 'on the table' for Councillors attention.

20/121 Resolutions from Councillors

None

20/122 Pedestrianisation in Fowey

The Mayor gave some detail about the two items on the agenda.

- A quote from CC Highways for the 'Access only' scheme had been estimated at £10,000. It was possible that FTC would be able to use Round 2 of the 'Reopening High Streets Safely Fund' (RHSSF) to part pay for this but the remainder of the money may well have to be allocated from FTC funds. Funding is allocated on the size of population and so Fowey may be eligible for between £3000/£5000.
- Rachael Tatlow of CC Highways had also said a feasibility study looking at wider pedestrianisation would cost around £3,500-£5,000. On 12th February 2020 Cornwall Council approved a Place Policy and set-up a £4 million Town Centre Revitalisation Fund (TCRF). This funding is to support towns in Cornwall to progress specific development work. Funding can help advance plans that will improve the economic, social and environmental issues of their Town Centres. The types of activities include, but are not limited to:
 1. Feasibility studies
 2. Conceptual designs
 3. Community/stakeholder engagement

Councillors discussed these options at some length and the following views, *inter alia*, were voiced.

Would a non-enforceable 'Access Only' scheme achieve the desired result

Most people have a reason for driving through the town. It was unlikely that a full, say, 11am – 4pm pedestrianisation scheme would receive stakeholders support

An 'Access Only' scheme would not penalize residents and businesses and there was merit in trying it before considering full pedestrianisation.

To do nothing would be remiss of FTC as there was certainly a feeling in the town that the current situation was untenable and that something must be done. To work in stages could well be the best option.

It would be important to get something in place before summer 2021 and a 'No Access' scheme was the only achievable option in that timescale.

It was important that FTC was seen as trying to find a solution to the unacceptable situation in the town in summer 2020.

Cllr Virr confirmed that if members chose to support an 'Access Only' scheme he would push Highways to supply the largest, clearest signage available.

The Mayor then proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should advise Highways that FTC want to put a 'No Access' scheme in place before summer 2021. A funding application would be made to RHSSF and all Councillors undertook to investigate other possible funding opportunities. Cllr Virr invited an application to his Community Chest funding.

In respect of the feasibility study for option 2, Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that this should be progressed, subject to an application to the Town Centre Revitalisation Fund (TCRF).

Cllr Dellow and Cllr Fassam left the meeting.

20/123 Provision of Binstores in Webb Street Car Park

The Town Clerk reported that an adjacent property owner had threatened legal action against FTC in respect of the binstores in the car park, which they considered should be removed. The Town Clerk had used her emergency powers to make an initial referral to the FTC solicitors but if members wished to retain their services further funding would need to be allocated. The Mayor noted that it was never pleasant that volunteer Councillors should be threatened with Court action and thanked members for their much appreciated and ongoing efforts for the benefit of Fowey. Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that funding should be released to engage the FTC solicitors in respect of this matter.

20/124 Questions/Reports from Members

None.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning 9th December 2020

Council 9th December 2020

Meeting Closed 11.35am