

DRAFT MINUTES

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**MINUTES OF A REMOTE FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
9th DECEMBER 2020 AT 10.15am VIA ZOOM**

Meeting ID: 885 2212 1911

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20/125 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

20/126 Apologies

Cllr Griffin
Cornwall Cllr Virr
Tri Service Officer, Liam Baker

20/127 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.

20/128 Public Participation & Questions

None

20/129 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2020

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

20/130 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

20/131 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted
Town Hall & Quay – minutes noted
Finance – minutes noted
Environment – no report

20/132 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

Community Network: the Mayor reported

Each CN meeting has a specific focus with invited guests to present an update on that particular topic; the focus of this meeting was Community Safety which aims to support neighbourhood policing and crime and disorder reduction measures in order to help keep people safe. Graham Mace of Devon and Cornwall Police gave a presentation on cyber crime, which was very concerning – the fact that this is an almost untraceable crime with criminals sat behind a keyboard in the comfort of their own home.

Inspector Gard, Devon and Cornwall Police, echoed the fact that there was an increase in cyber crime especially affecting the most vulnerable in our community. Domestic offences had increased during lockdown by 5% as had suicide rate and the ‘County lines’ drugs movement around the country now has drugs being delivered by people dressed as delivery drivers or health workers. Demand on police services had risen by about 25-30% this year.

We also had reports from Dave Langley (Devon and Cornwall Police) looking at patterns of road traffic accidents and their causes. Helen Toms of the ASB Team and Zoe Wannacott of Safer St Austell also presented reports and it was sad to hear that St Austell has been ‘hammered’ by ASB this year.

20/133 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor recorded thanks to Andy Virr, Alan Giles (Town Crier) and Victoria Clark for arranging the Fowey Christmas lights switch on, which had taken place on Thursday 3rd December. Despite the rain a number of brave families turned up to keep us company. Many thanks to the Fowey River Lions who put up the Christmas lights and to Wheelbarrow for donating and erecting the Town Tree.

20/134 To receive the Town Clerk’s Report

The Town Clerk reported that repairs to the Church Clock were still awaited but had been commissioned.

20/135 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Christmas Lights Switch On Many thanks to Fowey Chamber for organising the lights switch on this year. Thanks to the Mayor and the Town Crier for their festive words. Thanks to Darren Hawkins for the Christmas tree and for Fowey Church providing the electricity! I was delighted to be able to join the event and lead the singing!

Fowey Main Car Park I have been chasing up Cornwall Council to deliver the improvements to our Main Car Park. I am awaiting their response.

Tree Works Thankyou to Cormac for completing the safe removal of a dead Ash Tree on Polvillion Road and the current work on trimming back bushes on the main road into Fowey.

Lloyds Bank Mobile Bank I have been liaising with Lloyds bank to ensure they continue to visit Fowey. There was an issue with access to a toilet and I have negotiated the use of the Community Centre. I am awaiting to hear back from Lloyds whether they want to take up this offer.

Integration Health and Social Care I am pleased to report that following the recommendations of an inquiry I chaired for the Council some years ago, the health and social care organisations in Cornwall have decided to come together to deliver one organisation to bring joined up care to patients and residents in Cornwall.

Thanks Please can I pass on my thanks to the Councillors for all their hard work this year for the Town in what has been a very challenging year. Particular thanks should go to our Mayor

for helping to lead to initial community response to the pandemic earlier this year. I wish you all some rest and an enjoyable Christmas and New Year with your families.

20/136 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £6,260.97 be approved.

20/137 Correspondence

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

20/138 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Day moved the resolution submitted by Cllr Hughes that the membership of the Town Hall & Quay Committee be increased and Cllr Dellow be elected to the Committee with immediate effect. This was seconded by Cllr Woodside and RESOLVED

20/139 Squires Field Community Centre

A request had been received from the Directors of the Community Centre for permission to use the SFCC premises to host the Food Bank, which is presently sited at Lankelly Rugby Club, and to offer a 'Food Larder' from January 2021. The project would be under their control and their intention was to have store cupboard - non-perishable dry foods, cans etc., which can be stored easily. The SFCC insurers had been informed and the Directors had been in touch with Treverbyn Community Centre, which also runs a successful Community Larder. Cllr Simms proposed, Cllr Woodside seconded and it was RESOLVED that permission should be given

20/140 Budget 2021/2022

The Mayor noted that this year had been financially challenging for FTC with loss of income, incidents of ASB in our toilets and the need to create safe working conditions for staff, for visitors to the town and for residents using the facilities around the town. The setting of the precept was always the longest of meetings in the annual calendar, and quite rightly so as we are allocating public money for the benefit of the residents and businesses. Cllr Berryman then explained the reasoning behind the Finance Committee's budget recommendations and noted the drop in FTC income during 2020/2021. He emphasised that the Committee had tried to hold projected expenses down as low as possible but that a rise in precept was inevitable given, in particular, the imminent devolution of the Lime Kilns to FTC and increased legal costs. Cllr Berryman then proposed, Cllr Fassam seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Finance Committee's budget be approved and a precept requirement of £145,753.00 be submitted to Cornwall Council. Voting was unanimous.

20/141 Questions/Reports from Members

None.

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, during consideration of the following business on the grounds that it would be likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information of the following description – business sensitivity

