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**MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD VIA ZOOM ON
MONDAY 11th JANUARY @ 10.30am.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

Present: Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms (Chair), Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke, Cllr Mrs Frances Day, Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay
Cllr Scott Griffin and Cllr Patrick Hughes

1} **To receive apologies for absence**

There were none.

2} **Declarations of interest**

- (a) **Pecuniary:** None
(b) **Non pecuniary:** None
(c) **Dispensations:** 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 2nd November 2020**

It was proposed by Cllr Simms seconded by Cllr Cooke 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} **Fowey Town Council Environmental Contracts 2021/2022**

After some discussion, it was agreed that the existing contracts should be renewed for the coming year. There are two with Lanhydrock Garden Services for grass cutting and weed killing, and one with Cormac for Waste Collection and Cleansing. When the Lime Kiln gardens are transferred back to Fowey Town Council, which should take place later that month, the Lanhydrock Garden Services contract would include grass cutting there. The maintenance contract with Cormac for the playground runs from July to June each year. It was agreed that this should be reviewed and an alternative quotation sought from Playground Solutions before the current contract expires in June. The quotation should cover the ROSPA safety requirements, and maintenance and repair of the equipment. Cllr Cooke would follow up with Andy Inglefield. Lanhydrock had been asked to consider non-chemical ways of eliminating weeds, but so far had not found a satisfactory solution. Cllr Griffin would discuss with them further. Acceptance of the three quotations and the renewal of all existing contracts was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that they be implemented for the coming year.

7} **Environmental Growth Plan**

A public meeting would take place on 21st January @ 10.30am. The format and issues relating to this were discussed. It was agreed that a sound structure should be in place. The plan was that people should join a Zoom meeting and volunteer to lead key aspects of environmental growth. Each area should have a leader. Cllr Simms had already contacted some keen environmentalists in the area, including Lucy Daniels of Plastic Free Fowey and Patrick Clarke who had a strong background in conservation. Cllr Simms agreed to contact John Rolls at Fowey River Academy, and to ensure that Cornwall Councillor Andy Virr was aware of the meeting. Cllr Finlay would contact Tasha Davies to get some input from Cornwall Council, and would speak to Roy Newport of Fowey Isolation Group to seek his views on their possible involvement. Cllr Cooke would approach the

Primary School. Cllr Day would contact Fowey in Bloom volunteers to include them. Jane Tinsley was giving up the decoration and maintenance of the Pretty Bus Stop after 20 years and it was encouraging that several people had already offered to take over her role. Important areas that might be included in the Plan would be freedom from plastic and other litter, tree planting, combating climate change, non-chemical weed control, and growing edible crops. It was expected that a wide range of views would be forthcoming and hoped that there would be a good number of interested parties to take the Plan forward.

8} To receive Reports from Members

Cllr Finlay had been contacted by a member of the public regarding several issues, including:

- Whether a plaque might be put up at the Bus Stop commemorating Jane Tinsley's work there over so many years. It was agreed that various options should be considered, including the voluntary creation of some recognition of Jane's wonderful work.
- The gates at the top of St Catherine's Parade were in need of repainting. These gates were actually the responsibility of Cornwall Council, and Cllr Virr would be asked to take this up.
- The Field of Hope daffodils had suffered from brambles in the area, and it was asked if these could be removed and the daffodils augmented. This might be a project for the proposed Environmental Growth Team.

9} Proposed date of next meeting

Monday 8th March 2021 @ 1pm, by Zoom if social distancing was still in force at that time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 11.25am.