

DRAFT MINUTES

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**MINUTES OF A REMOTE FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY
20th JANUARY AT 10.15am VIA ZOOM**

Meeting ID: 842 0053 3108

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20/150 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

20/151 Apologies

Cornwall Cllr A Virr

20/152 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.

20/153 Public Participation & Questions

None

20/154 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th December 2020

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

20/155 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

20/156 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – no report

Finance – no report

Environment – minutes noted

Cllr Hughes arrived.

20/157 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

None

20/158 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

Church Clock. Cllr Day has already contacted the Lottery last year on behalf of the Church and was told as the Church does not own the Clock they are not eligible for funding and this would be the same if FTC were to apply to the Lottery – the clock does not belong to the council. Personally, I think the west face clock should be repaired to full working order as outlined in Option 2. However, FTC has, like many organisations, found the last year financially very challenging. As a council, I believe we have greater call on use of our finances. In 2021, FTC will hopefully be looking at development of the sports pavilion into a functioning Library/IT centre; we have also made a commitment to improving the Playground at Squires Field. Both of these exciting projects will be expensive and certainly the Playground will be asking for funding through a variety of different means and Crowdfunding will be one of them. Asking for money in these difficult times from locals and businesses, I think would be hard. Whilst it was recognized that more extensive refurbishment to the clock is needed, I consider that the quoted costs of option 2 of £19,907.00, inc. vat and option 3 of £27,979.00 inc. vat are too high for FTC to cover. The Town Clerk confirmed that option 1 had already been authorized by FTC but that she had been waiting until after this meeting to contact Smiths of Derby to confirm this option. Members suggested that there may be people in the town who would contribute to the more extensive repairs and it was agreed that the Mayor should highlight the issue in her column in the Fowey News to see if anybody came forward before Smiths were instructed.

Food Larder This has been set up at Squires Field Community Centre, the ‘larder’ is open two mornings a week, Monday and Friday 9-10.30, people can donate in various ways and the Mace shop in town will take donations. Well done to the Directors of the Community Centre to set up the Community Larder in the Community Centre.

The Pretty Bus Stop With the retirement of Jane Tinsley after 20 years of creating wonderful designs that have been reported in various magazines and newspapers over the years and brought a lot of enjoyment to residents and visitors, I would like to thank her on behalf of FTC for all her hard work. There is a new group who are keen to keep the tradition going and as the owners of the Bus Stop, FTC are keen to support this.

20/159 To receive the Town Clerk’s Report

- The Talbot memorial seat had arrived but could not be sited on the quay at present due to the SW Water works.
- She had contacted the FTC insurers to add the Lime Kilns complex to the FTC schedule. Currently there were difficulties surrounding the usage of a significant part of the site by SW Water and she was in contact with the company to try to resolve these.
- She was in contact with SW Water in connection with the loss of Pay & Display revenue on the TQ during January, February and March 2021.
- Together with the Mayor and Chairman of Finance, she had met remotely with the tenant occupying part of the Caffa Mill toilet block as his tenancy was due to expire in June 2021.
- A consultation on proposals to legalise a disabled parking space in Green Lane would be live until 12th February 2021. Members discussed this at some length but agreed that FTC would not respond formally.

20/160 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Covid As we are all aware, Cornwall has been experiencing a rise in Covid cases since Christmas. Although our hospitals are feeling the strain, they are coping well. Our hospitals remain open for urgent care. I am grateful for all the efforts of our local residents to follow the guidance with regard to hands, face and space. This will ensure the virus is brought back under control and lives can be saved. The one hope at the moment has been the role out of the vaccine. I have spoken with Dr Mike Waldron to further understand the plan for the role out in Fowey. Due to the handling constraints of the Pfizer the vaccine delivery is being rolled out at the Bodmin Treatment Centre, rather than closer to home at the moment. The GPs and practice nurses have been working very hard to support this work. The over 80s population have been very tolerant of the drive to Bodmin. They have also been immunising Care Homes.

Pedestrianisation Roads around Town Quay during the Summer I welcome the Town Council's actions to once again pedestrianise the roads around Town Quay as was so successfully carried out last summer. Please let me know if I can assist in anyway.

Place Road The road surface on Place Road has further deteriorated over the winter. I have asked Highways to inspect it and I am being assured that resurfacing work will be carried out in April.

Main Car Park I have once again chased Cornwall Council Car Parks to deliver on their commitments to install the barrier pay on exit scheme, remove parking bays to ease coach access and tidy up the vegetation around the perimeter of the car park. I have been given assurances that this work will be completed in advance of the Tourist Season.

New Road Hill Traffic Calming

I met with the Mayor and Cornwall Highways to discuss the Cormac proposal for traffic calming measures on New Road Hill. I support the choice of option 3. However, I was unhappy with the apparent high cost of the scheme. Therefore, I challenged this and am delighted to inform that Highways have apologised for an accounting mistake and have come back with a reduced costing of £15000, including improved lighting. This now makes the project much more likely to be delivered.

Cllr Day left the meeting

20/161 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Woodside and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £12,214.56 be approved.

20/162 Correspondence

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

20/163 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Berryman moved his resolution that the Deed of Transfer for the Lime Kilns be signed off by the Mayor and Town Clerk with a proposed completion date for the devolution to FTC of 27th January 2021. This was seconded by Cllr Fassam and RESOLVED

20/164 Lime Kilns Complex

The Mayor confirmed that she had spoken to Richard Ryan last week to explain the Lime Kiln would shortly be transferred to FTC and he is very happy to continue with the Rachel statue project and will contact John Doubleday the artist. The Mayor then proposed, Cllr Griffin seconded and it was RESOLVED that the project should be progressed.

Cllr Day returned to the meeting

20/165 Pedestrianisation of Trafalgar Square, Town Quay, Market Street and Webb Street

The Town Clerk reported that she was having difficulty with Cornwall Council in setting up the potential road closures for summer 2021. CC Highways. Rachael Tatlow had confirmed that the scheme could only be reinstated if government restrictions relating to the Covid 19 pandemic and the need for social distancing were still in place. Whilst this was likely to be the case the Town Clerk had then queried the fall-back position and what needed to be done if the restrictions were lifted and if a new TRO was needed could it cover, say, the following 5 years. The response had been that FTC needed to contact the CC Streetworks department to obtain the necessary consent / permissions and the relevant application form on organizing an event and that a minimum of 12 weeks notice was required for the application. As part of this any traffic management must be set up and controlled by suitably qualified personnel and Streetworks had to be notified of this on the application form so it could be necessary to contact a registered traffic management company to do this on FTC's behalf. However, Streetworks had subsequently confirmed that the Streetworks service can only provide legal orders for specific works under section 14 of the road traffic regulations act or for specific events under section 16 of the same act so if FTC was seeking to explore the idea of essentially pedestrianising areas of the highway for prolonged periods of time then this was something that would have to be considered as part of a permanent traffic regulation order, and was not something the Streetworks service could assist with. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had again contacted Rachael Tatlow to ascertain what she should now do if FTC wanted to achieve the road closures; should a TRO be applied for or were there any other options but had yet to receive a response. The Mayor noted that she was very disappointed with the CC responses, given the encouragement towns had been given to establish safe, pedestrianised centres and the success of the 2020 schemes in the county. Cllr Fassam proposed, Cllr Dellow seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC was fully supportive of a repeat of the 2020 closures and the Town Clerk should continue to negotiate with CC to establish how the pedestrianisation of Market Street, Webb Street, Trafalgar Square and TQ could be best achieved between 1st May 2021 and 30th September 2021.

20/166 Traffic Calming on New Road Hill

The Mayor reported that on 7th January, together with the Town Clerk and Cllr Virr, she had met with Highways manager Rachael Tatlow and Jason Jackson the engineer and designer of the New Road Hill design Review. The Review looked at the history of accidents on New Road Hill, the existing site conditions and pedestrian use of the hill along with its various crossings. There were 10 options proposed with costings and various recommendations with option 7 as the most preferred. This was discussed by FTC where we agreed to support this recommendation at our October meeting. However, on reflection I personally changed my mind as I think in this narrow road to have 'speed cushion' plus a build out at either end is far too invasive for the main road into Fowey. I was asked to review the various options and I said my preferred option would be Option 3, which is a 'virtual footway 1.2 m. wide, replace existing hatched area, with a contrasting road surface colour and edged with a continuous strip – improved street lighting. The engineer agreed that this was actually his preferred option as well and if FTC is happy to reconsider and support this option, the discussions about payment from the Community Network Traffic finances will now look at this and implementation times. The costings are as follows.

- White lining £1,300
- Surfacing £6,100

- Traffic management £1000
- Street Lighting Improvement £6,600
- Total Estimate £15,000

Members considered that the introduction of a 20mph speed limit should be investigated as an addition to this option but agreed with the points put forward by the Mayor. Cllr Fassam proposed, Cllr Simms seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should commit to option 3, subject to appropriate funding being identified.

20/166 Alldays Fields

Members discussed the possible devolution and agreed that this was an important environmental asset for Fowey to control but concluded that further information was needed before a decision could be made, particularly regarding ongoing management. Cllr Berryman agreed to investigate options and it was agreed that this item should be deferred until the February council meeting.

20/167 Questions/Reports from Members

None.

Date of Next Meeting 17th February 2021

Meeting Closed 11.30am