

At a future meeting the Council will consider the accuracy of these minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes to that meeting to confirm whether or not they have been amended.

**MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD VIA ZOOM ON  
MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH @ 1.00pm.**

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 and Cllr Scott Griffin

1} **To receive apologies for absence**

Were received from Cllr Patrick Hughes.

2} **Declarations of interest**

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>(a) Pecuniary:</b>     | None   |
| <b>(b) Non pecuniary:</b> | None   |
| <b>(c) Dispensations:</b> | 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay 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} **Specific areas of responsibility**

Reports on the following specific areas of responsibility were received as follows:

- *Old Grammar School Gardens:* Cllr Finlay: Neighbours near the Gardens had requested that some Cornish palms be removed and replaced with shrubs. A quote of £400 had been accepted and the work carried out. One neighbour had paid as promised, and the other would be contacted. A further quote of £200 had been accepted from John Truscott for repair on the wall on the right hand side of the Gardens, going towards the sea. This work had also been carried out and the wall looked good.
- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Finlay: All well.
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* In the absence of Cllr Hughes, there was nothing to report.
- *Allotments:* Cllr Finlay: There had been a few changes in the allotment holders. There was currently a waiting list.
- *Fowey in Bloom:* Cllr Day: Volunteers had managed to keep the pots and flowerbeds maintained during lockdown. With the various “guerrilla gardeners” around the Town, it was thought it might be possible to bring them all under one aegis, and that could be Fowey in Bloom. Cllr Day would look into this.
- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths):* Cllr Finlay: Nothing to report.
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting:* Cllr Finlay: This was being carried out by Lanhydrock Garden Services. It was recognised that the continued use of glyphosphates was problematic, and Cllr Griffin had spoken to Lanhydrock re alternatives. The response so far had been that other methods of weed control were less effective. Cllr Griffin would have another discussion with Lanhydrock.
- *Squires Field green areas:* Cllr Griffin reported that the grass was getting very long. Cllr Simms offered to contact Sandra Crawford to get it cut. The long grass accentuated the problem with dog fouling.
- *Squires Field children’s playground:* Cormac inspected the playground regularly and there were some repairs recommended. Andrew Inglefield had been asked for an alternative quote which would include on the spot

- repairs where possible. He had indicated that a fortnightly visit would be £15 per visit. The flat swings on the multi-swing were no longer compliant with safety regulations and its future must be considered. Cllr Cooke would get Mr Inglefield's quote for the whole of the playground maintenance including ROSPA requirements, with a view to changing supplier when the contract came up for renewal in June 2021.

#### 7} **Tree Warden's Report**

Cllr Day had heard there was a lot of tree felling along Love Lane and in the woods. It was thought this was mainly National Trust land, and caused by having to deal with ash tree die-back. There was felling work along the Hall Walk for the same reason.

#### 8} **Lime Kilns**

Sharon Sumner had asked if the memorial bench to her late husband Will could go in place of the long bench at the Lime Kiln garden. The long bench might then be moved to Squires Field, and the cost of this operation would be around £100. The Rachel statue would in due course be placed in the Lime Kiln garden with its own plinth. Cllr Griffin asked if the decision could be deferred until he had had a chance to look at the Lime Kiln garden and consider the options. A decision should be made at the full Council meeting the following week.

#### 9} **Budget**

Total expenditure year to date to 6<sup>th</sup> March had been £17,062.48 against a budget of £20,000. Cllr Simms shared a screen showing details of the expenditure.

#### 10} **Environmental Growth Plan**

A pleasing amount of feedback had been received after the public meeting held on 21st January. Cllr Simms had circulated a summary.

The Environmental Growth Plan will be initiated by the Environment Committee.

Future plans in priority order:

- Declare a Climate Emergency.
- Deal with the use of chemicals for weeding.
- Compile and publish an audit of existing projects which address climate change.
- Publish a document outlining the Environmental Action Group's criteria for supporting community projects.

There was some discussion about the water refill station. A presentation had been made to the full Council meeting in February. It was agreed that this item should be referred back to the full Council meeting the following week, with a recommendation that water refill station should be acquired, and a decision requested as to where it should go. Possible sites included outside the Town Hall, beside the existing tap; on the Quay, perhaps beside the Rook with a book; in one of the car parks or at Caffa Mill. Cllr Simms would ask the Town Clerk to put this on the Council agenda.

#### 11} **To receive Reports from Members**

There were no reports from members.

#### 9} **Proposed date of next meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ 10.00 am, by Zoom if social distancing was still in force at that time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 1.55pm.

