

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2021 AT 10.30am via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 816 2696 0200

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Present Cllr J Berryman (Chairman), Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr P Fassam, Cllr P Hughes,
Cllr Mrs R Finlay (Mayor, *ex officio*)

In attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
I member of the public

20/61 Apologies None

20/62 Declaration of Interests

- a. Pecuniary – None
- b. Non Registerable – None.
- c. Dispensations - None

20/63 Public Questions

None

20/64 Minutes of Meeting of 2nd December 2020

Proposed Cllr Finlay, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

20/65 Matters Arising (for report only)

20/37. The Town Clerk reported that she had been chasing Healthmatic about the installation of the new door and coinpay systems at TQ toilets as they should have been installed in late December 2020. Installation had now been promised for mid-April.

20/66 Town Quay Licences

A proposal had been put forward that the centre parking area of the Town Quay adjacent to the Town Tour parking area be used for outside seating for adjacent businesses during the summer months. Both the KOP and the Legion had expressed an interest in using this space if possible and a possible layout had been submitted by the new landlord of the KOP. The Town Clerk confirmed that Jason from the Legion had confirmed the Legion's interest in acquiring some outside space with her. Members agreed that this was a possibility in principle and it was agreed that a decision should be deferred and dialogue should continue with the parties involved. It was noted that the Galleon had asked for outside space in the past but members considered that it would be difficult to provide this given the layout of the quay. Cllr Finlay reported that the KOP would like to apply for a licence to use Market Street for outside

seating from Cornwall Council and if they did so they would work closely with the Market Street parking permit holders to ensure they were not inconvenienced.

20/67 Christmas Market

The Fowey Chamber of Commerce had contacted FTC to advise that it would be amalgamating with the St Austell Chamber and would not be in a position to organise the Christmas Market for 2021 and in the future. The Chamber had requested that FTC take over the contract and assume responsibility for future events. A good deal of discussion took place about this and included, *inter alia*, the following

- Running an event such as this was a big commitment and FTC was already very stretched with workload increasing significantly due to CC passing responsibilities down to towns and parishes
- The Market was an important event in Fowey's calendar and it would be a shame to lose it
- Whilst the pubs/cafes/hotels clearly benefitted from the Market it did not increase trade in the shops to any great extent
- The Town Clerk did not have the capacity to take on the administration of the market in its current format
- The Market was a commercial venture so it should not be for FTC to provide admin/volunteers. It was becoming increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers in any event.
- If FTC did consider taking on any responsibility it should not be under the terms of the current contract. If a new contract could be negotiated with the existing (or another) company then it must not contain any administrative responsibilities for FTC
- Cllr Berryman undertook to contact the current organizer to ascertain the position going forward

20/68 Webb Street Car Park

Members discussed a suggestion that both Webb Street and Market Street parking could be abolished in the future to provide more communal open space and planted areas. Cllr Finlay confirmed that this would form part of a feasibility study if the grant for Town Vitality Funding was successful but it was generally felt that this was a potential project for the future. Cllr Hughes agreed that the creation of attractive open spaces would be good for the town but considered that permit holders must be given plenty of notice if their permits were not going to be renewed so it was premature to consider such an option at present. The Town Clerk confirmed that FTC made very little profit on the spaces after paying business rates, historically they had been provided to support businesses in the town. Cllr Berryman then proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that any vacant spaces should be offered to people on the waiting list but they should be told that this was strictly on a one-year basis and not automatically renewable, a decision on space 5 should be deferred until the full Council meeting on 21st April and the space relating to a business that had changed hands should be allocated to the new tenant.

20/69 Matters Considered Urgent by the Chairman

None.

Date of Next Meeting to be confirmed **Meeting Closed** 11.31pm

