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**MINUTES OF A REMOTE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD VIA ZOOM ON  
MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE @ 10.00am.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Frances Day, Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay, Cllr Scott Griffin and Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms.

1} **Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Griffin and RESOLVED that Cllr Simms should be re-elected as Chairman.

2} **To receive apologies for absence**

Were received from Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke and Cllr Patrick Hughes.

3} **Declarations of interest**

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| <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. |

4} **Public Participation/Questions**

There were none.

5} **Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6} **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising.

7} **To receive the report of the Tree Warden**

Cllr Day reported local concern about the imminent felling of three trees along Hanson Drive. As it was the nesting season, a DEFRA licence was required to fell trees at this time of year. Cllr Simms had contacted Rachel Tatlow at Cornwall Council to ensure that the appropriate licence had been obtained. Unfortunately, it was known that the Monterey pines on Hanson Drive did have a limited life span and could be dangerous. However, the timing of the work was poor. Traffic was to be diverted along Windmill to get to the main car park, and this too was not ideal. Other than this, there was little to report on the tree front.

8} **Specific areas of responsibility**

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

- *Old Grammar School Gardens:* Cllr Finlay: See below item {9}
- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Finlay: Gardener Sally Pearce had reported the wall at the back of the area was crumbling. This would be investigated
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* In the absence of Cllr Hughes, there was nothing to report.
- *Allotments:* Cllr Finlay: Some plots were not being well maintained. This would be brought to the attention of the holders. There was currently a waiting list.

- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths): Cllr Finlay:* Gold paths were tidied twice a year. A map showing the footpaths was received by Fowey Town Council every year.
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting: Cllr Finlay:* Further investigation was required to find a suitable alternative to chemical weed killing. Maintenance of the Lime Kiln Gardens would be carried out by Victoria Clarke as part of her tenancy agreement.
- *Squires Field green areas:* Cllr Griffin reported that the grass was getting very long. Cllr Simms offered to contact Sandra Crawford at Cormac to ask for notification of when the grass was cut. It should be 12 times per year, and 18 for the pitches.
- *Squires Field children's playground:* Cllr Cooke had sent a report stating that Andy Inglefield would take over inspections from 1st July. Cormac's specification had been amended to remove the play inspections but they would continue with the ground maintenance of Squires Field and the play area. An alternative to the toddler MPU would be sought as it was in ongoing need of repair. It was hoped some funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy might be available. The fence was also in need of considerable repair.

#### 9} **Old Grammar School Gardens**

Repairs to the wall on the left hand side of the garden were required. Poltair had quoted £650 plus VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Scott and RESOLVED that this quotation should be accepted.

#### 10} **Readymoney Allotments**

South West Seeds had quoted £67 for 250g of wild flower seeds, to be scattered in the orchard area. The company had been extremely helpful in advising which seeds might grow best there, and how they should be treated. It would take four years for the meadow to come to fruition, and one lot of 250g of seeds should be scattered this year, and a similar quantity the following year. It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Day and RESOLVED that this quotation should be accepted. As this expenditure was ultimately funded by the people of Fowey, it was suggested that open days might be held at the allotments in the future for people to enjoy the orchard and the meadow. Some sapling Monterey pines were being cultivated there, to be planted in the Town in the future.

#### 11} **Budget**

Little to report so early in the financial year. A bill had been received for land returns of £487, but this had been paid out of the general Council budget rather than the Environment one. Further surveys were required in the Lime Kiln garden as the Rachel statue was found too heavy to go in the middle of the garden as originally proposed. The first survey had been funded by the Sculptor and had cost £425 plus VAT. The statue might instead be placed on the edge of the garden, or, alternatively, at Berrills Yard. Cllr Griffin offered to mention this possibility to Harbour Master Paul Thomas.

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

Cllr Day reported that there was a new Chair of Fowey in Bloom, Steve Bowyer. Steve, together with his wife Heather, ran the new craft shop in Lostwithiel Street. He had an excellent horticultural background and much enthusiasm. Fowey in Bloom had recently raised over £300 at a plant sale, which would go towards the 2 plantings of 30 tubs and pots around the Town.

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The time will be decided nearer the meeting date.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 11.00am.

