

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE 2021 at 10am IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

- 21/21 Present** The Mayor Cllr Mrs L Simms
Councillors: Cllr J Berryman, Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr A Dellow, Cllr Mrs R Finlay, Cllr Mrs C Woodside
- In Attendance** The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
- 21/22 Apologies** The Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Hughes
Cllr Griffin
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
- 21/23 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.
- 21/24 Public Participation & Questions**
No public questions.
- 21/25 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 11th May 2021**
It was proposed by Cllr Day seconded Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- 21/26 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**
None
- 21/27 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees**
Planning – minutes noted
Town Hall & Quay – no report
Finance – minutes noted
Environment – minutes noted
- 21/28 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies**
No reports
- 21/29 To receive the Mayors Report**
The Mayor reported
- I wrote my first Mayor's Column for the Fowey News and updated the space where the Council, its Councillors and Committee Members are set out.

- I attended the Community Network Meeting along with Cllr Finlay on 24th May. This was mainly introductions.
- I worked with Cllr Andy Virr and Cormac to ensure the correct procures were followed with regard to the protection of nesting birds was noted prior to the felling of the Monterey Pines in Hanson Drive,
- I worked with Town Clerk, Sally Vincent, to finalise the siting of Will's Bench at the Readymoney Beach shelter.

21/30 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported

- The RNLI had asked if they could set up a weekly street collection in Fowey based from a table top stall on Town Quay. Members agreed that, whilst requests such as this would not normally be granted, the RNLI was an important charity for Fowey and Covid would clearly have seriously impacted on the organisation's fundraising opportunities. It was agreed that permission should be given for the quay to be used on a fortnightly basis during July/August 2021 only and that the table should be set up against the wall to the seaward side of the SW Water control room.
- There had been a lot of issues with the TQ toilets, most of which Russell had been able to sort out. However, the new door to the ladies had required a call-out to Healthmatic.
- The survey at the Lime Kilns, which was undertaken to ascertain if the structure could safely carry the Rachael statue had concluded that a more in depth investigation would be required. Alternative sites were now being considered.
- A slate had fallen from the roof of the Town Hall the previous evening and had landed in the street to the left of the door to the aquarium, she would arrange for a roofer to attend the site as soon as possible. Members agreed that the roofer should be asked to inspect the whole roof.
- The micro library was due to set up in SFCC in July and the mobile service would cease. Due to lack of space at SFCC, exacerbated by the storage of significant amounts of food for the Food Bank, the Directors had asked Cllr Day when FTC would be in a position to house the library facility in the Pavilion. Realistically this would not be for at least 12 months but every effort would be made to speed up the process.
- Cllr Virr had asked if FTC would consider returning to evening meetings as he was finding it difficult to attend due to work commitments. Cllr Cooke confirmed that she would not be in a position to attend evening meetings until September at the earliest so it was agreed that the July meeting would remain in the morning.

21/31 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Town Vitality Fund I was delighted to hear that we have been successful in winning a Town Vitality Grant of £50k. This is the result of great teamwork between the town council, the chamber and myself. I hope the money can be used to transform our outdoor spaces in the town centre.

Polvillion Road I have arranged for cones to be placed on the road to prevent dangerous parking. The yellow lines are awaiting installation. I have asked for this work to be carried out before the summer holiday period.

Monteray Pines Thanks to the town for putting up with the disruption of road closures whilst the work was being done. I'm pleased to report that residents reassured me that the traffic impact was not as bad as they had been expecting! I have asked Highways what their plans are for the replacement of the trees. They responded: "It is proposed that there will be six new trees,

at and around the location of the original trees and the species proposed are Scots Pine which are evergreen, but less tall at maturity than those recently felled. The new trees should cast less dense shade, and produce less/smaller needle drop. They will provide long lasting high canopy, whilst minimising conflict with adjacent homeowners.”

Covid Cases We are now seeing a rise in cases of the new delta variant Covid virus across the county, principally in younger unvaccinated people. Please remember the importance of hands, face, space, good ventilation, twice weekly lateral flow testing and getting vaccinated.

Main Car Park The legal disputes that had held back the completion of the works to install a pay on exit scheme, have now finally been resolved. In order not to cause disruption to tourist season, the work will be carried out in the autumn. The work to remove to spaces at the top right-hand corner of the car park has been completed, which should ease the passage of coaches around the car park when full.

21/32 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Cooke, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £19,017.20 be approved.

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that £250 should be donated to the Fowey Lunch in a Bag Scheme, subject to bank details being provided, together with a copy of the annual accounts (when available)..

21/33 Correspondence

Correspondence was left ‘on the table’ for Councillors attention.

21/34 Resolutions from Councillors

None

21/35 Christmas Celebrations/Events in Fowey 2021

Following FTC’s decision that it would not be possible to take over the existing contract between Fowey Chamber of Commerce and LESW, members discussed future arrangements at some length. There was general agreement with the Finance Committee’s view that a local, rather than a generic, Christmas Market would be better for local businesses as the cost of having a stall in the LESW marquee was prohibitive. Covid restrictions could also be a problem, which some type of outside pop-up stalls would address. However, it was also recognized that the larger LESW event would probably bring more people into the town, which would benefit hospitality venues, although other local shops had historically reported no particular benefit. Cllr Finlay pointed out that there was a real problem to get volunteers in the town, which had been highlighted in 2020 with the Christmas lights. Members considered that it could well be better to engage a lighting company to do this work in the future if the Chamber disbanded. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would continue to liaise with the Chamber to see if Victoria’s plea for people to come forward as Chamber Officers and Committee members proved to be successful.

21/36 Town Hall

The Town Clerk reported that the measuring surveys of the Hall had been completed and the results were awaited.

21/37 Fowey Cemetery

Cllr Finlay reported that she had received no feedback about the potential loss of a cemetery in Fowey following her article in the Fowey News.

21/38 Town Vitality Funding

Cllr Finlay reported that she was delighted to confirm that the Fowey Town Team's application to the Town Vitality Fund had been successful and Fowey had been awarded £50,000. It was really pleasing that a small town had been recognised and the Team (Fowey Chamber, the Forum, Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Cllr Virr and FTC) would now be able to get professional input for designs to improve public spaces in the town and for feasibility studies to investigate 21st century solutions for traffic in a medieval town. Cllr Berryman requested that thanks be recorded to Cllr Finlay who had spent many hours completing the very lengthy application process.

21/39 Notice Board

It was proposed by Cllr Woodside, seconded Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED that a notice board should be purchased for Polkerris.

21/40 Election to Committees

Cllr Cooke proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Berryman should be elected on to the Planning Committee.

21/41 Questions/Reports from Members

Cllr Cooke reported that she was trying to put together a Working Group to progress the regeneration of Squires Field.

Cllr Woodside recorded thanks to everybody who had helped to plant up the Town Quay planters and to Russell for watering them.

Date of Next Meeting 21st July 2021

Meeting Closed 11.15am