

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st JULY 2021 at 10am IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

21/42 Present The Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Hughes
Councillors: Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr A Dellow, Cllr Mrs R Finlay,
Cllr S Griffin

In Attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

21/43 Apologies The Mayor Cllr Mrs L Simms
Cllr J Berryman, Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr Mrs C Woodside
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Hughes, took the Chair for this meeting

21/44 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 until 2025.

21/45 Public Participation & Questions

No public questions.

21/46 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 16th June 2021

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

21/47 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

21/48 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – no report

Finance – no report

Environment – no report

21/49 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

Community Network The Mayor had supplied the following report.

- I attended the Community Network meeting on Monday 19th where I was pleased to hear that there are two Tri Service Support Officers nearing the end of their training, one of which will be allocated to Fowey imminently.

21/50 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

On June 28th I attended the Climate Crisis Working Group Meeting. In an update from the Cornwall Carbon Neutral Team we were informed of their intention to site 150 electric car charging points throughout Cornwall. The exact timings and locations for this to happen has yet to be finalised. We already get 37% of our electricity from renewable sources and Cornwall aims to become carbon neutral by 2030. Tackling the climate crisis is daunting, leading individuals to feel despondent about being able to take action. The message was that everyone can do something to reduce their carbon footprint and that even small changes can have a big impact if many people are doing likewise. We were directed to “zero.giki.earth” which calculates an individual’s carbon footprint and provides ideas about how to reduce it.

I will forward the link to ‘A Councillor’s Workbook on acting on climate change’ published by the Local Government Association which should be a useful document for future discussion. Although this doesn’t directly affect Fowey, I found it very interesting to hear about the work being done by the StARR project to build resistance to flooding in Par. This work not only includes the repairing of the existing flood defenses and the building of additional ones, but also the reinforcement of the many Luxulyan watercourses to prevent surface water flooding.

On 14th July I attended a meeting organised by The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall regarding the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations which will happen throughout 2022. There will be an extended bank holiday from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. On the evening of the 2nd of June, beacons will be lit throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. There will be a special proclamation written for Town Criers for this occasion. On Sunday 5th June the Eden Project’s Big Lunch will be part of the national celebration. The Queen’s Green canopy is another significant part of the jubilee celebrations. A tree planting initiative which invites people from across the UK to “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee,” As well as inviting the planting of new trees, the Queens Canopy will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the UK and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate her 70 years of service. These are good ideas to start with, we can also develop our own.

The Forrest for Cornwall project has created an opportunity to celebrate our community by planting a landmark Tree which will be supplied free. The tree planting can done between November 2021 and March 2022. The application or expression of interest has to be done by 9am on 2nd August. I am, with the help of Cllr Day, making the application for a tree to be planted in winter 2022-23.

21/51 To receive the Town Clerk’s Report

The Town Clerk reported

- She had been contacted the previous afternoon by SW Water so say that the pump station on Town Quay was still causing problems and Kier would need to replace a unit on Friday 23rd July at low tide. They would be on site from 10pm and would exchange the pump around 12:30am; they would need a crane on site so the area would have to be clear after 10pm. She had responded saying that the quay was currently extremely busy with tables/chairs in situ for outside dining and what was meant by ‘the area would need to be clear?’ SW Water had then confirmed that they would liaise with the traders about this.

- There would be a delay in the delivery of the new notice boards due to shortage of materials. Delivery was now expected in September.

21/52 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Main Car Park Loos I have received multiple complaints about the state of the main car park loos. This is disappointing as they are often the first experience of visitors to Fowey and leave a poor impression. Cornwall Car Parks have been investigating the problems and are committed to improving the situation. I also welcome the commitment of the Parish Council to meet with a Car Park Officer to explore the option of devolution of the asset, perhaps using a car park levy to fund the upkeep.

Reducing Traffic through Town My impression is that the new traffic signs to divert cars away from Lostwithial Street are proving effective. This is most welcome.

Fowey Christmas Market I have been approached by the Chamber raising concern about the Christmas Market Weekend and would urge the Council to give considered support to hiring the Town Quay again for this venture. This has always been a positive event for the town, visitors and for the local businesses. I also understand that contractually the Chamber are committed to this event and would potentially be liable to financial penalties if it didn't go ahead.

COVID -19 Although most of the restrictions have been lifted now, I would remind residents that the virus has not gone away and that we should all proceed with caution. I would support all our businesses in requesting the use of masks indoors, table service and social distancing indoors where possible. The virus has had a terrible impact on our children's education and I welcome the change to the bubble arrangements which should allow for children to take daily flow tests rather than isolating when a positive case has occurred in their group.

Additional Disabled Parking Space I am delighted to report that I have secured an additional disabled parking at Albert Quay Car Park – there are now two. This is good news and will support our disabled visitors, particularly in the summer when we lose Town Quay and Trafalgar Square disabled spaces.

21/53 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £12,374.91 be approved.

21/54 Correspondence

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

21/55 Resolutions from Councillors

None

21/56 Christmas Celebrations/Events in Fowey 2021

The Mayor had provided a report on two meetings connected to this as follows.

Myself, the Town Clerk, Cllr Hughes and Cllr Berryman met with the prospective new Fowey Chamber co-Directors Lucy Daniel and Nick Walley on Monday 19th and on Tuesday 20th (with the exception of Cllr Berryman), we all met with Andrew Weaver from Live Events South West about the feasibility of running the Fowey Christmas Market 2021. The prospective new Chamber Chairs had been very enthusiastic about organising the Christmas event for the town, but they would have to wait to have sight of documents from the present Chamber before they would be in a position to commit to running the 2021/2022 Market. In addition they would need to expand the membership of the Chamber. Andrew Weaver was understandably disappointed about the uncertainty but it was made clear that his contract was with the Chamber and not

FTC. Cllr Hughes clarified that the Chamber had signed a 5 year contract with LESW and that there were 2 years left to run on it. Now Sinead and Victoria had indicated that they wished to stand down Lucy and Nick would take on responsibility for the Market on behalf of the Chamber but currently there was no licence in place for the use of the Town Quay as this had not been requested. The Town Clerk confirmed that, whilst this could be easily remedied by resolution of the Council, the issue of insurance could be problematical. Formally the event had been run under the Chambers insurance but this could be an issue for the Chamber going forward. As time was going on and arrangements for the 2021 Market would need to be confirmed in the near future, she had asked that both the Chamber's and LESW's insurance be supplied to her so that she could check out the situation with the FTC insurers. An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council could then be called, if necessary, to confirm FTC's position relating to issuing a licence for the 2021 Market.

21/57 Town Hall

Cllr Hughes confirmed that the current usage guidance would remain in force for the foreseeable future. The results of the measuring survey were still awaited. Cllr Hughes would speak to Russell with regard to the results of the roof survey as Cllr Dellow had been unable to attend when the roofers were on site.

21/58 Squires Field Pavilion

The architect's drawings of the refurbishment had now been received showing a new layout of a kitchen, office, unisex toilet, secure book room and a large open space. Apart from a door into the secure room, which members considered should be a window, it was felt that the plans were excellent and would provide a fit for purpose venue. Cllr Finlay proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should instruct Situ8 to submit a planning application. When this had been obtained the building work would need to go out to tender but in the meantime Cllr Griffin offered to show the building to a local builder to get some idea of possible timescales for the work. Cllr Dellow offered to join them and also to project manage the project when the time came.

21/59 Town Vitality Funding

Cllr Finlay reported that, together with the Town Clerk, she had attended a virtual meeting the previous day with Caitlin Murray, Caitlin Lord and Stephen Facer about how to progress the application. Contrary to her previous understanding, it now appeared that more paperwork was required centring on 'Deliverables' before the funding will be released and despite the huge application form that had already been submitted.

21/60 Caffa Mill Toilet Block

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED that the renewed lease for the whole of the toilet block should be signed by the Deputy Mayor (in the absence of the Mayor) and Town Clerk, with a potential completion date of 1st August.

21/61 Election to Committees

Following interview, Cllr Griffin proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that Yvette Patterson should be co-opted on to FTC.

21/62 Questions/Reports from Members

Cllr Day noted Cllr Virr's statement in his report that his impression was that the new traffic signs to divert cars away from Lostwithial Street were proving effective. However, she

disagreed with this and reported that people were having difficulty exiting their houses in North Street because of the volume of traffic in the town. Cllr Dellow agreed that there were huge numbers of cars driving through. Cllr Griffin noted that there was also a big increase in the number of independent delivery vehicles.

Date of Next Meeting 15th September 2021

Meeting Closed 12.25pm