

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021 at 9.30am IN FOWEY TOWN HALL**

**21/79 Present** The Mayor Cllr Mrs L Simms  
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Hughes  
Councillors: Cllr J Berryman, Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr Mrs F Day,  
Cllr A Dellow, Cllr Mrs R Finlay, Cllr Mrs Y Patterson (part),  
Cllr Mrs C Woodside

**In Attendance** The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

**21/80 Apologies** Cllr S Griffin

#### **21/81 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.

#### **21/82 Public Participation & Questions**

No public questions.

#### **21/83 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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

#### **21/84 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

None.

#### **21/85 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

Cllr Patterson arrived

#### **21/86 Fowey Christmas Market**

The Town Clerk reported that after publishing the agenda she had been contacted by Andrew Weaver (LESW) confirming that it would not be viable for him to run the 2021 Market under the terms put forward by FTC; without some form of compromise the Market would not take place. Among the reasons he had cited were that it was too late in the year for him to find a headline sponsor and there would need to be one less stand in the main Town Quay marquee to allow for a door to access the ferry steps, as the risk of people tripping over guy ropes if they accessed them from behind the tent had been assessed as being too high for insurance purposes.

To enable the event to take place and for local traders to pay £170.00 for their stand there would need to be no charge by FTC for the use of the quay and Webb Street to make the event viable. However, if all the Webb Street stands were marketed at £250.00 it would be possible to pay a reduced amount for the sites. In the event of the 2021 Market not taking place Andrew had requested confirmation that the 2022 Market could still be held on the quay; this would give him ample time to secure a headline sponsor. The general feeling of the meeting was that the Fowey community want the event to go ahead and Cllr Day felt that FTC should compromise to secure the 2021 Market. Cllr Dellow queried if FTC incurred costs to enable the Market to run; the Town Clerk confirmed that, other than the loss of car parking income and a certain amount of admin work for her, there were no other expenses, although the goodwill of the Webb Street permit holders was needed. Cllr Berryman pointed out that LESW had never paid FTC for the quay as this cost had always been covered by the Chamber. Cllr Hughes noted that in the past this had been possible for the Chamber, particularly as the Hog Roast used to raise a good income for them. However, this income had reduced significantly over the years as other outlets in the town had started to sell their own takeaway food and had the Chamber been in a position to facilitate the 2021 Market the cost of a stand in Webb Street for local traders would have had to increase significantly to offset this. It was agreed that another option for local traders would be a stand in the Town Hall, which could be organized by the Town Hall & Quay Committee and could be priced more reasonably. If done well this could be a popular venue and income from it would offset any loss of income from LESW. After further debate and in recognition of the particular difficulties businesses have been facing during the pandemic, Cllr Dellow proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that

1. LESW should be offered a licence to operate the 2021 Market from the Town Quay and Webb Street (subject to the permit holders agreeing to vacate their spaces) with no cost concessions for local traders. Webb Street stands could be marketed at £250.00.
2. LESW should pay FTC £500.00 for the use of Town Quay and Webb Street for the 2021 Market to help offset the loss of parking revenue
3. In principle LESW should be granted a licence to run the 2022 Market, the terms of which to be further negotiated.

Cllr Hughes abstained from voting.

### **21/87 Questions/Reports from Members**

It was agreed that the planning application for the proposed supermarket should be put before full council at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Date of Next Meeting**                      15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Meeting Closed                                10.23am