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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT FOWEY TOWN HALL ON  
TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 am.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms (Chair), Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke, Cllr Mrs Frances Day, Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay and Cllr Patrick Hughes

1} **To receive apologies for absence**

Were received from Cllr Scott Griffin.

2} **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. |

3} **Public Participation/Questions**

There were none.

4} **Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

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

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

There were no matters arising.

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

Cllr Day thanked Cllr Simms for ordering the tree from the Landmark Trust. First choice was an oak tree. When the tree arrived it would be dedicated to the people of Fowey during the pandemic. Cllr Simms offered to ascertain when the tree could be expected. Cllr Day thanked Paul Finlay for all the work he was doing in bringing on the saplings received from the Woodland Trust in 2019. He was also cultivating some Monterey Pines which he had grown from pine cones. A tree nursery had been established in the orchard at the allotments for these and once they had matured, discussions would be held on where they should be grown permanently. Cllr Day thanked Steve Bowyer, the new Chair of Fowey in Bloom, for restoring the trough at the Four Turnings roundabout. Steve had offered to advise on future planting and maintenance of the troughs on Town Quay.

7} **Specific areas of responsibility**

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

- *Old Grammar School Gardens:* Cllr Finlay: Gardener Sally Pearce had reported that the wall towards the bottom of the garden needed inspection. This would be arranged. The new bench had been installed. The old plaque was now in the Office. A new plaque was awaited. Donations had plummeted during lockdown, due to less visitors and the shortage of cash.
- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Finlay: All well.
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* The new decorating team, headed by Melissa Love, were doing a great job with the bus shelter. It was pleasing to note that the bus shelter remained free from vandalism and graffiti.
- *Allotments:* Cllr Finlay: There had been quite a few changes in the allotment holders. Some allotments were in need of more attention. There was a water tank to help with irrigation.

- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths): Cllr Finlay:* Little to report. The footpaths had been cut back at the end of July as planned, as it was the end of the nesting season.
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting: Cllr Finlay:* This was being carried out by Lanhydrock Garden Services and was taking place as scheduled.
- *Squires Field green areas:* In the absence of Cllr Griffin, Cllr Simms offered to contact Sandra Crawford of Cormac to ask that the grass be kept to a reasonable length.
- *Squires Field children's playground: Cllr Cooke:* The new maintenance arrangements with Andy Inglefield were working well. He inspected the playground fortnightly and corrected small faults on site where possible and was liaising closely with Cllr Cooke. He charged £20 per visit. He had quoted £423 for current necessary repairs.

#### 8} **Budget**

Cllr Simms circulated some information about the current budgetary situation. £650 had been paid to repair and decorate the wall in the Old Grammar School Gardens. Excluding Squires Field, total expenditure so far was £3,519 against a budget of £6,820. Expenditure on Squires Field to date was £5,878. £4,000 had been set aside for playground repairs.

#### 9} **Squires Field Play Area**

Cllr Cooke had circulated a number of quotations for the replacement of the toddler Multi Play Unit. Andy Inglefield felt that the current unit was still safe to use, but replacement in the not too distant future was advisable. A lengthy discussion took place, as there were several different options, and the prices quoted were all more than had been hoped. The Kompan unit, including installation, came out at £8,583, including VAT. It was agreed that Cllr Cooke would consult Andy Inglefield as to what he felt would be the best way forward. Cllr Cooke would also speak to the people running the playground at the Par Running Track to see if they had any useful suggestions. It was thought up to £5,600 might be available from the current budget. It was proposed by Cllr Cooke, seconded by Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED to ask the Full Council if they would approve extra expenditure up to £2,500 for this vital unit, and Cllr Simms would ask for it to go on the agenda for the meeting the following week. This would be before the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### 10} **Environmental Growth Plan**

It was agreed to recommend that a proposal to include a Declaration of Climate Emergency be placed on the agenda for the Full Council meeting in October. It was appreciated that the meeting next week was likely to be very busy. Cllr Finlay felt that emphasis should be put on all the good work already being done in Fowey with regard to the environment and a positive view taken. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that a workshop, in the form of a coffee morning or similar, on Climate Emergency should be arranged to take this further. Cllr Simms said that there were a number of useful films produced by Cornwall Council that could be used to support this initiative.

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

There were no reports from members.

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 @ 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 11.45 am.

