

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2021 at 7pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

21/107 Present The Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Hughes
Councillors: Cllr J Berryman, Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr A Dellow,
Cllr Mrs R Finlay, Cllr Mrs Y Patterson, Cllr Mrs C Woodside

In Attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

21/108 Apologies The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms, Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr S Griffin
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Hughes, took the Chair for this meeting

21/109 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.

21/110 Public Participation & Questions

No public questions.

21/111 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th September 2021

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

21/112 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Cllr Patterson queried how people could find out about times/dates/content of Council meetings as some of her WI members would have attended the September meeting to object to the Co-op planning application if they had known about it. The Town Clerk clarified that agendas were always published on the FTC website and, also, that there was no reason why Cllr Patterson should not share the agendas sent to her if she wished to. In the meantime, support or objection to any planning application could be registered on the CC Planning Portal and there was still time to comment on this one.

21/113 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

21/114 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

Community Network Cllr Finlay reported that she had attended a recent meeting, but noted that it was very disappointing that not many Town and Parishes were present. This seemed to be the norm now and Cllr Finlay expressed her disappointment, as she considered it was a good platform to share local information.

Fowey Chamber of Commerce Cllr Finlay reported that, together with the Mayor, she had attended the launch of the 'new.' Chamber the previous evening.

Forum Cllr Woodside reported that the calendar for the Fowey Christmas Market would be coming out shortly. She also advised that the Community Larder needed cereals and beans and that it had been noted that holiday homes in the town were using automated lighting, which was causing light pollution.

21/115 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

On Tuesday October 5th Cllr Finlay and I attended an online Climate Action workshop run by the University of Exeter. The focus was on ways to engage communities in Climate action. It was interesting and useful in that it advocated the planning of climate action events in a holistic way rather than dealing with issues in isolation. We also spoke about the barriers, which stop people engaging with climate action. Many people are so overwhelmed with the bad news that they can't see that anything worthwhile can be achieved.

This workshop encouraged us to speak about the positive and successful things that are already being accomplished by scientists and climate activists. As we are already seeing, action is being taken by the UK government and governments around the world, and this should make it easier to initiate community actions to reduce our carbon footprint. We don't have to be innovative or too ambitious, small changes in thinking and behaviour are good. The Environment Committee is organising a Climate Action event scheduled for 27th November. This month Cllr Hughes and I have worked together to produce the Housing Statement on this agenda. I have also prepared the Climate Emergency declaration.

On Thursday 21st I will be attending the St Austell Mayor Making.

21/116 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported

- She had issued a Licence for LESW to run the 2021 Christmas Market, which had been accepted and signed by Andrew Weaver. The Licence had included a clause for the provision of a Covid 19 Security Plan approved by the Cornwall Council Health Team. Andrew had also offered to include details of any traders using the Town Hall in the Event Programme if FTC decided to sanction this. Cllr Hughes reiterated his concerns about the wisdom of running the Event at all but confirmed that he would not stand in the way of his TH & Q Committee if they wanted to go ahead.
- Russell had repaired the Town Quay steps again and had also filled a hole in the tarmac in one of the parking spaces. The hole in the tarmac would need further work, including the hire of a packer. Both of these defects had been identified as part of the routine weekly risk assessment.
- The locks on the ladies cubicles had been damaged again but she had not arranged replacement given that members would be discussing refurbishment later in the meeting.
- The memorial seat on the quay that had been hit by a Biffa lorry had now been replaced and a claim had been submitted to the Biffa insurers.

- Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday had sent to FTC and the RBL by Cllr Virr and she had shared these with members and the Town Crier. Cllr Virr had asked about a road closure but this had not been possible as 12 weeks' notice was required.
- Tasha Davis had delivered red, white and blue wildflower seeds to her, which had been financed by Cllr Virr from his Community Chest to commemorate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Day and Cllr Woodside would arrange for these to be scattered at suitable sites around Fowey.

21/117 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Covid Cases Cornwall Covid case numbers are currently above the national average. There is a current spike in the 5-15 age group related to School transmission. Fowey Academy has been significantly affected by short-term sickness, including some Covid related, which has caused rolling year group closures. The Countywide vaccination programme for schools is run by the NHS and not Cornwall Council. It is behind where we would have wanted them to be at the end of October, but there are robust plans in place to deliver the vaccine roll out by the end of November. It is hoped that the half-term break will reduce transmission rate and allow normal school to commence again.

North Street Scaffolding I am pleased to report that the Scaffolding has been removed finally from North Street. I spent considerable time liaising with the owner and the Streetwork's team to resolve the issues. Unfortunately, we do not have the powers to stop requests for Scaffolding whatever the time of year. Thanks to the local Fire Brigade for their hard work in ensuring the minimum width was achieved.

Lostwithiel Street Manhole Covers Sadly a holiday maker slipped on the manhole covers at the steps on Lostwithiel Street. I have reported this to Cornwall Council Highways. As the covers are South West Water, they have been asked to adapt them to an anti-slip covers.

Housing I have been supporting a number of residents who have been applying for the affordable housing on the new Lantic Road estate. It is great to see new affordable housing for local residents.

Remembrance Sunday On behalf of the church I will be leading the Remembrance Service. We plan to run the service in the usual manner this year unless there are any changes to the national Covid restrictions. I am grateful for the support and participation of Fowey Town Council.

Church Clock Many thanks to FTC for arranging the repair of the Church tower Clocks. The completed work is excellent. The clock now strikes the correct number of chimes on the hour! I am very grateful to the anonymous very generous resident whose donation ensured that the full and proper repair could be carried out.

Cllr Day recorded that a lot of people were delighted to see both of the clocks working correctly again.

Cllr Berryman reported that some 100% affordable rented accommodation was being built in Lostwithiel by the Housing Association. Members queried if this could be a possibility for Fowey as, sadly, it was probably the only option for many local young people wanting to stay in Fowey, given the huge rise in the cost of property in the town.

21/118 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £8,072.88 be approved.

21/119 Correspondence

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

21/120 Resolutions from Councillors

Deferred in the absence of the Mayor.

21/121 Town Vitality Funding

Cllr Finlay reported that Cornwall Council had now transferred the grant of £40,000.00 to FTC. The next step would be to call a meeting of the Town Team to move the project forward. In the meantime she would send the bid and associated documents to the 'new' Chamber as this body would now replace the 'old' Chamber as part of the Team.

21/122 Civil Ceremonies in the Town Hall

Cllr Hughes reported that he had spoken to CC Licensing and had got the impression that they would be very supportive if FTC decided to apply for a Licence for the Town Hall. The cost was £1,525.00 for the first 3 years and then £1,210.00 for a further 3 years. He had met a wedding planner on site who had thought that the Hall was a very nice space, the only issue had been the lighting. Cllr Dellow had arranged to meet a lighting designer to discuss options/prices for a new system and would report back as soon as possible. Cllr Finlay noted that she fully supported the use of the Hall for Civil Ceremonies as it needed to be brought back into use, given that it was such an expensive building to maintain. Cllr Hughes then proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that an application should be submitted for a Licence. Cllr Hughes reported that Lesley McCartney had been a co-opted member of the Town Hall & Quay Committee prior to the May elections and that she had always been very keen to get the Hall licensed. He felt she would be a great asset to the Committee going forwards and he proposed, Cllr Woodside seconded and it was RESOLVED that Lesley McCartney should be co-opted on to the Town Hall & Quay Committee as a non Councillor, non-voting member.

21/123 Squires Field Pavilion

Cllr Dellow reported that he had made contact with an architect to get costings to take things to the next stage and, also, a quantity surveyor in respect of design and development. An investment of approximately £2,000 was now required for this to progress and Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that this should be authorised.

21/124 Town Quay Ladies Toilets

The Town Clerk reported that the FTC handyman had inspected the Ladies facilities and considered that new heavy duty cubicle doors and frames, with a simple but strong locking system was required. He had obtained a basic price of £1,295.00 from the Cubicle Centre for vandal resistant, solid grade, laminate doors, which he considered would be suitable. Members were very aware that this refurbishment needed to be done before the Christmas Market at the end of November and Cllr Patterson proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that costs of up to £3,000 should be authorised.

21/125 Questions/Reports from Members

Cllr Day reported that she had heard that a new TriService Officer had been appointed for the area and queried if this was correct. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had not been informed. Cllr Woodside updated the meeting on the Lankelly Lane road closure between 1st November and 12th December, which would be very problematical for residents. There had been a meeting with Kier and SW Water, when it had been suggested that Coombe Car Park should be closed

throughout this period to reduce traffic flow on Prickly Post Lane, but this had been refused. However, signage would be erected to discourage motorists from using it.

Date of Next Meeting 17th November 2021

Meeting Closed 8.15 pm