

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY 2022 at 7pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

21/156 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 S Griffin, Cllr Mrs Y Patterson,
Cllr Mrs C Woodside

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
1 member of the public

21/157 Apologies

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Hughes

21/158 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.

21/159 Public Participation & Questions

A gentleman explained to the meeting that he had not been allowed to access the edible garden at SFCC that he had created as the area had been fenced off. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had distributed the background information that he had supplied to the members prior to the meeting. However, the gentleman was pleased to report that it now appeared that a meeting was now going to be set up between him and the Directors of SFCC and he was hopeful that a resolution could be found. Cllr Woodside noted that she understood that a section of the fence that had been erected to prevent access had already been removed.

21/160 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th December 2021

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

21/161 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

21/162 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – Cllr Dellow reported that the Town Hall & Quay Committee had just received details of a scheme to renew the lighting in the Hall and upstairs corridor. The cost would be iro £10,000. As the Town Hall & Quay Committee had no budget for this work it was

agreed that this would be considered by the Finance Committee. The Town Clerk noted that, if this work was going to be done, the window of opportunity would be between 5th March and the end of April.

Finance – none

Environment – none

21/163 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

No reports

21/164 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- I signed two ‘Life Certificates’, one French and one Dutch at the end of December.
- On 12th January I joined a live Facebook debate on the housing crisis held by Cornwall Council’s portfolio holder for housing Cllr Olly Monk, and Service Director for Housing Jon Lloyd-Owen along with Cornwall Council’s key housing partners and Citizens Advice Cornwall. It was clear that the housing situation in Cornwall had worsened during the Covid Pandemic due to housing being bought either as second homes or holiday lets. As a result many renters have been evicted and made homeless. In response the council is building more social housing and buying properties to turn over to social renting. A new scheme was launched by Cornwall Council in December 2021 to help tenants threatened with eviction to stay in their homes. The Tenancy Sustainment and Rescue Project will help tenants of privately- owned properties who have fallen behind with their rent and therefore threatened with being made homeless. A total of £700,000 of funding has been made available through the Covid Outbreak Management Fund and from government money to deal with homelessness. Although there are an unprecedented number of people on the waiting list for affordable rental accommodation, people still need to register in order to qualify at <http://cornwallhousing.org.uk/>. As I understand it, new houses in Cornwall will now have to be residential. A very positive meeting!

21/165 To receive the Town Clerk’s Report

- Haverners and Polruan Ferry Company leases are due for renewal. It was agreed that this should be dealt with by the Finance Committee.
- The equipment has now arrived to reconnect the Town Hall internet and telephone.
- Kathryn from Cornwall Council has indicated that the Licence to hold Civil Ceremonies in the Town Hall will be issued shortly.
- Cormac have at last produced the feasibility study for the Trafalgar Square, Webb Street, Town Quay and Market Street summer road closures. The initial report was incorrect as they had provided for an 11am – 4pm closure only but, following a Teams meeting with them involving the Mayor, Cllr Finlay, Cllr Berryman and myself, it has been agreed that this will be amended to 24 hours. The cost to deliver the scheme is substantial, particularly given the cost of obtaining a TRO is £5,000, as it appears that it cannot be ‘piggy-backed’ on to other projects. Cllr Virr agreed to investigate as to whether this could be reduced somehow and in the meantime businesses profiting from Pavement Licenses associated with the closures would be approached for contributions. It was agreed that a final decision to approve the funding should be taken by the Finance Committee.

21/166 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Main Car Park This scheme has been delayed due to CC awaiting recruitment of car park operatives to manage the pay on exit technology.

Network Highway Schemes The network schemes are now out for discussion.

Devolution I am pleased to inform you that the Waterside devolution to Fowey Harbour Commissioners are in the final stages of legal agreement.

Covid Covid levels are now falling locally, having been at the highest rates since the beginning of the pandemic. The local vaccine take up has been excellent and I am grateful to my NHS colleagues for all their tireless work

Queen's Jubilee On behalf of the church we will be delighted to organise a Civic Service to commemorate the occasion and follow on with a tea and cake in the church yard.

21/167 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £12,495.34 be approved.

21/168 Correspondence

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

21/169 Resolutions from Councillors

The Mayor tabled her resolution '*The Council delegates authority to the Clerk, informed by consultation with members of the Council, to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure up to £10,000 to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity during the period of the Coronavirus pandemic where it is deemed inappropriate to meet,*' This was seconded by Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED.

21/170 Town Vitality Funding

Cllr Finlay reported that the consultant, Steve Sandercock, had sent through the draft tender documents and these would be considered by the Town Team at a meeting scheduled for 25th January. If they were approved the next stage of the process would be to invite tenders.

21/171 The Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen

'Polruan Celebrates' had sent a letter to FTC outlining their plans for the celebration, which include a beacon, Celebration Pyrotechnics, a flower festival, a memorabilia exhibition, a street party, live bands, a disco, a circus skills entertainer, a Farmers Market, a special film matinee and a traditional floral jubilee arch.

Members discussed events for Fowey and suggestions were

- A wild flower meadow by the Tristan Stone
- A Parade of Sail
- The Proclamation by the Town Crier
- A Beacon (possibly gas) on the Town Quay
- A Church Service followed by refreshments
- Planting a tree
- A Jubilee Cake competition
- Jubilee mugs for the parish children
- Music, possibly a brass band, shanty singers
- A tea for senior citizens

Cllr Griffin emphasized that he considered it important that events should be centralised so that people could access them easily; the Town Quay was the obvious venue.

It was agreed that the Mayor would set up a working group to take things forward and it would be important to involve local businesses and the Chamber in this. Cllr Woodside undertook to provide the draft programme of events planned for VE Day as this event had not taken place due to Covid.

21/172 Squires Field Pavilion

Cllr Dellow had obtained a pre tender estimate for the refurbishment of the pavilion from the quality surveyor, which was iro £105,000, although this did not include the possibility of a ground source heat pump or pv panels. Cllr Dellow estimated that the project would take 22 weeks from package to completion.

21/173 Questions/Reports from Members

Cllr Cooke confirmed that the new toddler MPU had been erected at Squires Field earlier in the day. Members recorded thanks to Cllr Cooke for all the work she had done to make this happen. Cllr Griffin stated that FTC must ensure that businesses benefitting from assets owned by FTC and/or from the summer road closures must pay a realistic rent and he suspected this was not happening at present. Any additional money could then be used to improve facilities to support children and parishioners in need: local residents should not be subsidizing businesses.

Date of Next Meeting 16th February 2022

Meeting Closed 8.02pm