

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 FOLLOWING THE 5pm FINANCE MEETING IN FOWEY TOWN HALL**

#### **21/196 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,

#### **In Attendance**

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

#### **21/197 Apologies**

Cllr Mrs C Woodside  
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

#### **21/198 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.

#### **21/199 Public Participation & Questions**

None.

#### **21/200 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

#### **21/201 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

None

#### **21/202 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees**

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – Cllr Hughes reported that the new lighting was due to be installed between 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Finance – Cllr Berryman reported that, together with the Town Clerk, he had met with the Brewery Estate Manager to discuss arrangements for outside seating on the quay and the Finance Committee had subsequently met to finalise areas/costs

Environment – no report

#### **21/203 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies**

No reports

## **21/204 To receive the Mayors Report**

The Mayor reported;

On March 8<sup>th</sup> Cllr Finlay and myself attended the CALC AGM at which Cllr Olly Monk Cornwall Council's Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning was the guest speaker. This meeting was well attended with representatives from many of Cornwall's Town and Parish councils. After speaking about the Council's emergency housing policy Cllr Monk took questions from participants. Local councillors asked about how the policies could effectively work within Neighbourhood Plans and planning recommendations made by local councils and used the opportunity to share elements of their housing statements with the meeting. It was a lively debate.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March I attended an online meeting about Cornwall Council's Nature Recovery Team's Pledge for Nature Campaign. It was shocking to learn about the decline of the UK's wildlife. In Cornwall only 20% of our land, 7% of our in shore waters and 25% of our lakes and rivers are good for wildlife. 47 species of principal importance are now locally threatened with extinction and 52% have decreased in their distribution. A detailed recovery plan was presented at the meeting and information about the emergency summit on 24<sup>th</sup> March at Heartlands and online was detailed. You can book at: [naturecios.org.uk/pledge](http://naturecios.org.uk/pledge)

Following the Environment Committee Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March I have been in contact with Richard Ryan about the possibility of adapting the design of the Rachel Sculpture to be more suitable to site in the top part of the OGS. It seems that this is an option and we will discuss the details at a future Environment Committee Meeting.

I have been asked by Claire Hoddinott from the Harbour Commission who is also a Governor at Fowey River Academy if we would support a mural painting project in collaboration with the Academy and local artists to be sited on the wall opposite the Safe Harbour. She has asked for a donation to purchase ply wood and paint.

Cllr Finlay added that she had accompanied the Mayor to the CALC meeting, which had been attended by about 100 other Councillors and she had been appalled by the attitude of CC Cllr Olly Monk, the portfolio holder for Housing. She considered that he had been ill-prepared and disrespectful, he had criticized NDP's and had said that if Towns and Parishes supported more planning applications there would not be a housing crisis in Cornwall.

## **21/205 To receive the Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk reported

- The first wedding in the Town Hall had been very successful. The Hall had looked very impressive and the Town Crier had attended and made the day extra special.
- The Licence for the Christmas Market had been signed and returned by LESW.
- Lesley Macartney had spoken to her and asked if there would be a formal Mace Bearer handover at Mayor Making, Members agreed this would be excellent.
- Caffa toilets had been closed recently for Brett to undertake improvements.
- Stuns'ls would be singing sea shanty's on the quay on 16<sup>th</sup> April
- It appeared that Readymoney Beach was becoming a destination for all-year swimmers, the shelter was being used a changing room and the benches were quite often taken up with swim kit, making it hard for anybody else to find a place to sit and even if there was space they were feeling rather uncomfortable sitting in what was effectively a changing room. Victoria (Readymoney Beach Shop) had suggested some appropriate signage could be put up, which she would finance, reminding people that the shelter was for public use. Cllr Finlay and Cllr Cooke both confirmed that this was an issue; Cllr Cooke had been unable to use the shelter on a recent visit to Readymoney and Cllr

Finlay understood that people were coming to swim there from many miles away. Whilst members considered that the health aspects of swimming were important, they considered that it was also important to cater for all members of the community so it was agreed that suitable signage should be erected.

**21/206 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor**

Network Highway Schemes I have submitted the following two proposals: 1) Speed reduction to 30mph through Newtown. 2) Parking Restriction changed to all year round on Hanson Drive.  
Covid We are currently experiencing some of the highest rates of infection since the beginning of the pandemic. This is particularly affecting Fowey Academy with rolling year group closures. All our residents need to remember to take up the offer of vaccination and consider the use of a mask in crowded indoor spaces. The virus has not gone away.

Triservice Officer I had the pleasure of meeting our new Triservice Officer, Yasmin Matthews, and I welcomed her to Fowey. Her contact details are:

[yasmin.matthews@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:yasmin.matthews@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

RTC Lostwithial Street I was saddened to hear about the tragic death of a Fowey Resident this month following an RTC at the top of Lostwithial Street. My condolences to the family and friends. Please can I thank the members of public who attended and gave first aid. All the damage to the wall and signage has been reported to Cornwall Council.

Bus Shelter Du Maurier Drive Many thanks for the feedback from Town Councillors in support of the new bus shelter in the proximity of Du Maurier Drive. I have confirmed that we would like Cornwall Council to proceed with the installation.

**21/207 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £16,499.15 be approved.

**21/208 Correspondence**

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

**21/209 Resolutions from Councillors**

None.

**21/210 Town Vitality Funding**

Cllr Finlay reported that there had been over 1000 hits on Contract Finder and that four tenders had been received by the closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Each document contained over 70 pages and it was really interesting to see the different interpretations put forward. The Town Team was now undertaking the evaluation and a meeting was scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> April to finalise this. The firm with the successful tender would then begin work and a final presentation would be given to the Town Council in October.

**21/211 The Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen**

The Mayor reported

Readymoney. Victoria Clark will take the lead on organising and assembling the bunting project. No funding required as the beach shop will cover the costs of materials and installation. She has already started to promote it. Victoria is also organising a sandcastle competition at Readymoney and has asked the Mayor and Deputy to judge it. The beach company shop will fund prizes (small prize for each competitor and bigger prize/trophies for winners) so no other funding required.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The Town Crier will make the official Proclamation during the afternoon. A beacon will be lit in the evening. The Town Council will be present, the Town Crier will make the Jubilee Proclamation and the Trigg Morris Team will be dancing during the celebration.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Vicky Canavan is organising an old style fete at Squires Field. Fiona and Scarlett Hughes are going to run two children's workshops, Cllr Yvette Patterson will have a WI table and I am planning a community drawing workshop at this event.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Fowey History Group has agreed to put on an exhibition about Royal Events from the past at the Town Hall. Jubilee Frames will be provided around the town to encourage people to take photos of themselves at the event and email them to us to add to the archive.

Lucy Daniel is asking the Fowey River Academy to make the frames and is organising crowdfunding for the materials. A cake competition is planned for the same venue. Lucy is also contacting the shops to ask them to dress the shops during the weekend and will encourage the shop keepers to dress up on the Saturday. A theme has not yet been discussed.

Lostwithiel Band has agreed to play on the Town Quay during the afternoon and there will be an open mic session for invited young musicians.

Cllr Frances Day has arranged for a number of trees to be planted at Squire's Field in honour of the occasion. She has also organised the planting of a Jubilee wild flower meadow near the Tristan Stone.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Andy Virr will organise the Jubilee Church Service to be attended by the Town Council at 10.30.

Cllr Yvette Patterson has arranged with Fowey Hall for there to be a Tea Dance at the Hotel for our pensioners.

Cllr John Berryman will register the Jubilee Beacon

Cllr Patrick Hughes will arrange for Jubilee bunting on the quay.

### **21/212 Squires Field Pavilion**

Cllr Dellow reported the costings had come back for the PV Panels and the Heat Pump; he understood there was a grant available for Heat Pumps and he would investigate this further. The architect had discovered that there was a main drain running at the front of the property, which would be affected by the proposed installation of a disabled ramp. It was likely that approval would be needed from SW Water to divert it.

### **21/216 Election of Mayor Elect 2022/2023**

The Town Clerk reported that one nomination had been received by the closing date, Cllr Lynn Simms. It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that Cllr Lynn Simms be Mayor Elect.

### **21/217 Election of Deputy Mayor Elect 2022/2023**

The Town Clerk reported that one nomination had been received by the closing date, Cllr Patrick Hughes. It was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded by Cllr Finlay (in the absence of Cllr Griffin) and RESOLVED that Cllr Patrick Hughes be Deputy Mayor Elect.

### **21/218 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed that the APM should be held later in the year (latest date is 1<sup>st</sup> June) and could hopefully incorporate some aspects of the Town Centre Masterplan for Fowey. In the meantime the Town Clerk requested that the Mayor, Committee Chairmen and Cornwall Cllr Virr send her their Annual Reports to enable her to produce the FTC Annual Report for publication.

## **21/219 Questions/Reports from Members**

Cllr Finlay noted that she had studied the interactive map regarding proposed parliamentary boundary changes and it appeared that Fowey would remain in the St Austell with Newquay constituency, which she considered appropriate given that Fowey is a clay port and is therefore associated with the 'Clay Country.' However, she agreed with Cornwall Cllr Pauline Giles that other proposed changes to move areas into SE Cornwall were inappropriate; the four clay areas should remain together. The Mayor proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Finlay be authorised to record this on the Boundary Commission interactive map on behalf of FTC.

**Date of Next Meeting**            20<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
   Mayor Making, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Meeting Closed**                    7.05pm