

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2022 AT 7pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

21/220 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms
Councillors: Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr A Dellow, Cllr Mrs R Finlay,
Cllr Mrs Y Patterson,

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
1 member of the public

21/221 Apologies

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Hughes
Councillors: Cllr J Berryman, Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr S Griffin,
Cllr Mrs C Woodside
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

21/222 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.

21/223 Public Participation & Questions

A member of the public raised the issue of inappropriate parking on Hanson Drive over the 2021 Christmas Market weekend. He reported that an elderly neighbour had sustained a bad fall and the ambulance had been prevented from reaching her because of vehicles parked in the road so the ambulance men had had to improvise to evacuate her. The gentleman considered that suitable parking arrangements should be in place before events such as the Christmas Market and the Fowey Festival were allowed to take place. The Town Clerk responded that she thought that parking arrangements had to be specified by organisers when they applied to Cornwall Council for a licence involving the highway (such as the Christmas Market). Cllr Andy Virr should be able to confirm as there had been similar problems in other areas of the town, which he had been involved with.

21/224 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28th March 2022

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

21/225 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

21/226 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – no report

Town Hall & Quay – no report.
Finance – no report
Environment – no report

21/227 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

No reports

21/228 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported;

Over the past weeks both I and the Town Clerk have received a number of emails and phone calls from members of the community expressing their outrage at the anti-vaccination article that was published in the April edition of the Fowey News. In the May edition of the magazine I have made it clear that Fowey Town Council has no influence over the content of the Fowey News as it is an independent publication, and that the afore mentioned article does not represent the view of the Council in any respect. I also asked Dr Alan Middleton to respond as part of my Mayors Column and he has supplied the following:

MHRA reporting of adverse effects of the Covid Vaccines

I was alarmed and concerned to read the full page article in the Fowey news, which gave an unopposed biased account of the risks and benefits of the Covid vaccine. The MHRA yellow card scheme has been in place for many years and is an effective way to capture information of adverse events from medications.

In the case of the Covid vaccine, whilst it is not in doubt that there have been numerous reports of side effects, what was not mentioned in the article was that the official Government website went on to say that the overwhelming majority of reports related to injection site reactions (sore arm for example) and general symptoms such as flu like illness, reactions which reflect the normal immune response. The allegation of 2040 deaths is spurious and untrue.

What was not mentioned in the article was the conclusion in the Government website. I quote: 'Vaccines are the best way to protect people from Covid 19 and have already saved tens of thousands of lives.' There is a great risk that articles such as the one published in the Fowey News might put people off having the vaccine and this can be a great threat to life.

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21/229 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported

- A lady had contacted her to say that she had slipped on the Town Quay slipway prior to boarding the ferry and had broken her ankle. The Polruan Ferryman had completed an accident report, which had been signed by the lady's husband, but which it appeared had now been mislaid. The matter had been referred to FTC's insurers.
- The Caffa toilets should be reopening again at the end of the month following refurbishment
- The cleaning costs for the Town Quay toilets would be increasing by 5.5% from 1st April and the cost of consumables would in future be charged on top of this.
- The secretary of the allotment association had been in contact to ask if the Council would cover the cost of hiring a skip as a lot of rubbish had accumulated on the site. The charge for an 8 yard skip was £350 and for a 12 yard skip it was £470. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Patterson and RESOLVED that FTC should cover the cost of a 12 yard skip and also that Russell Maclaren should be asked to erect the notice board. Cllr Finlay abstained from voting.

- The Chairman of the Forum had raised concerns that the toilets in the Hanson Drive Car Park were closed over Easter. These facilities are run by Cornwall Council and Cllr Virr had responded that they should be open in June. He had suggested that FTC might wish to take them over with consideration given to a parking levy to help cover costs. However, this had been suggested before and, whilst CC had been prepared to offer a parking levy, they had confirmed that they could only guarantee it for the duration of the current budget or, possibly, the current Council term.

21/230 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Town Regeneration Thanks to the town regeneration team for their hard work in shortlisting and appointing the urban architects to deliver the exciting new vision for our lovely town. We look forward to reading their report.

Anti-Vaccination Propaganda I was disappointed to read the fake news advert in Fowey News this month. I am grateful for all the residents who have written to me to express their concerns about the wrong messaging. I understand the editor regrets the publication and will publish an apology. Vaccines save lives and I encourage their continued uptake by the people of Fowey.

Yachting Regatta I was happy to support the forthcoming yachting regatta in Fowey later this year and facilitate the use of Caffa Mill parking spaces for the boats. It is great to have Fowey hosting such a high profile event and I wish the event every success.

Tourists are Back It has been great to see our visitors back in Fowey and the local businesses benefiting from the increased trade.

21/231 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Patterson, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £10, 798.84 be approved.

21/232 Correspondence

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

21/233 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Finlay tabled her resolution 'Fowey Town Council endorses the decision of the Town Team to appoint David Orr Consultancy to produce the Fowey Town Masterplan.' This was seconded by Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED.

21/234 Town Vitality Funding

Cllr Finlay reported that on 5th April the Town Team had met to discuss their individual evaluations of the 4 tenders received and the combined scores resulted in David Orr Consultancy achieving the highest number. On 8th April the Town Team had met with David Orr and his associates via Zoom and had been impressed by their knowledge and understanding of the brief/deliverables. Following this meeting the Town Team had voted that David Orr Consultancy should be engaged to produce the Fowey Town Masterplan. Consultation with the public would be an important part of this process and the company would use a portal enabling people to do a 3D walk through the town and to post comments.

21/235 The Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen

The Mayor reported

Following the working group meeting on April 11th the timetable for the Platinum Jubilee Celebration has now been produced and will be published in the May edition of the Fowey News.

Thursday 2nd June.

The Town Council have sponsored and will be present at the lighting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon on the Town Quay at 9.00 pm. The Fowey Town Crier will deliver the official Jubilee Proclamation, preceded by the Trigg Morris Team dancing on the Town Quay from 8.00pm.

Friday 3rd June.

A Tree Planting Ceremony will be held at 12.30pm at Squires Field which will not only celebrate the Jubilee but also honour the volunteering spirit of the community of Fowey during the Covid Pandemic.

The Squires Field Community Centre is planning a traditional village fete with cream teas, children's games, workshops and more. A cake competition will be held during the fete which is open to all ages and any type of cake can be submitted. Entries should be brought to Squires Field between 1.00 pm and 1.30pm. Judging by Cllr Yvette Patterson, the President of the Fowey WI will be at 2.00pm.

Saturday 4th June.

The Beach Shop will be running a Jubilee Sandcastle Competition, registration is on the day from 9.00 am, building from 10.00am and judging at 11.00am by myself and Deputy Mayor Cllr Patrick Hughes. The Big Lunch and Swim will be between 11.30am and 1.30pm. Contact Victoria Clark at the Beach Shop for more information.

The Fowey History Group have kindly agreed to present an exhibition of photographs at the Town Hall with the theme 'Royal Events Through the Years' times to be confirmed.

Local traders and visitors will be encouraged to dress up for the occasion and photograph stations will be available around the town for people to use and send photos to add to our archive.

An Open Mic session organised by James Horrocks will take place between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on the Town Quay. Lostwithiel Band will perform on the Quay at 5.00pm.

Sunday 5th June.

The Jubilee and Civic Service will be at the Church at 10.30am and there will be a Tea Dance at Fowey Hall for Fowey Pensioners between 2.00pm and 4.30 pm. £2.50 on the door.

21/236 Squires Field Pavilion

Cllr Dellow reported that he was still trying to work with the architect but progress was very slow.

21/237 Co-option of Councillors

Members had interviewed a prospective candidate earlier in the evening. It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that Alan Harris-Guerrero should be co-opted to fill a vacant seat on Fowey Town Council.

21/238 Adoption of the Annual Governance Statement to 31st March 2022

Having responded to the questions in the affirmative, it was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement should be adopted

21/239 Adoption of the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2022

Cllr Berryman had confirmed via email that he had undertaken an internal audit and he had confirmed that the accounts produced by the Town Clerk were an accurate reflection of FTC's financial position. Cllr Dellow proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2022 be adopted.

21/240 Election of Committees 2022/2023 - for ratification at the Annual Meeting of the Council

As there were so few members present at the meeting it was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Patterson and RESOLVED that Committee membership should remain as in 2021/2022.

1. *Planning – Cllrs Berryman, Day, Dellow, Finlay and Woodside*
2. *Environment – Cllrs Cooke, Day, Finlay, Griffin, Hughes, Simms*
3. *Finance – Cllrs Berryman, Cooke, Dellow, Hughes*
4. *Town Hall/Town Quay – Cllrs Day, Dellow, Hughes, Patterson, Woodside*

21/241 Land Train Licence

Members considered a request for a new 5-year licence for the land train to run from Town Quay. It was noted that there was a current licence in place permitting the land train to operate from the quay for summer 2022, 2023 and 2024 and which, according to the terms of the licence, could be assigned to a new owner subject to FTC approval. It was also noted that the land train could potentially pick up/drop off passengers from other points in the town, particularly Hanson Drive Car Park and Caffa Mill Car Park. Whilst generally supportive of the land train, members considered that given that the Town Masterplan was now in the process of being drawn up it would not be appropriate to issue a new 5 year licence at this point in time. The Mayor then proposed, Cllr Patterson seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should refuse the request for a new 5 year licence but agree to the assignment of the existing licence to a prospective purchaser of the land train.

21/242 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that, subject to the availability of the absent Councillors, the APM should be held on Thursday 26th May. The Town Clerk would purchase some wine and soft drinks and obtain some light refreshments from Heather Kittow, Cllr Patterson agreed to make some cakes. The Town Clerk would contact David Orr Consultancy and invite them to attend and speak about the Town Masterplan, which would hopefully encourage the public to attend.

The Town Clerk recorded thanks to the Mayor, Cllr Finlay and Cllr Berryman for submitting their annual reports and confirmed that she would arrange publication in Fowey News as soon as she had received reports from Cllr Hughes and Cllr Virr.

21/243 Questions/Reports from Members

Cllr Dellow considered that it would be useful to have a nominated Councillor to promote FTC on Facebook as it was a useful platform if kept current and used correctly. Cllr Finlay confirmed that FTC was already on Facebook but that updates were rarely posted. Cllr Patterson agreed to have a look at the site to see if this was something she would be prepared to take on.

Date of Next Meeting Annual Meeting of the Council/Mayor Making, 18th May 2022

Meeting Closed 8.10pm