

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2022 AT 7pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

22/26 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms
Councillors: Cllr J Berryman, Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr A Dellow, Cllr S Griffin, Cllr A Harris-Guerrero

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr
2 members of the public (part)

22/27 Apologies

Councillors: Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr Mrs R Finlay,
Cllr Y Patterson, Cllr Mrs C Woodside

22/28 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.

22/29 Public Participation & Questions

Two members of the public reminded the meeting of the importance of sharing important dates with all members of the public and not just those with IT access. They felt that the Masterplan workshop at Squires Field on the 22nd June had not been sufficiently advertised; they were under the impression from the APM that the date was going to be the 23rd June. The Town Clerk clarified that the SFCC drop-in event was in addition to the planned event in the Town Hall and had been set up following feedback at the APM. The members of the public still considered that the advertising of both events was poor and that more must be done to involve local people. The Town Clerk responded that she was sure that Cllr Finlay had put up posters advertising both events to try to notify people who do not use IT; the Mayor would check on this the following day and put up more posters as necessary and she confirmed that FTC would continue to try to get the word out in any way possible. One member of the public repeated that FTC was not reaching the local people and business owners that they should be targeting, but only people who were not long-term Fowey residents. The Town Clerk responded that it should be remembered that it was the Town Team (Fowey Harbour Commissioners, Fowey Forum, FTC, Fowey Chamber of Commerce, Cornwall Councillor Andy Virr) not FTC, who were leading this project and so there were Team representatives of many the different interests involved. Cllr Griffin noted that trying to get people motivated to engage in any project in the town had been difficult for many years and he considered that it was it was sadly a case of total apathy.

22/30 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20th April 2022, the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 18th May 2022 & the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2022

Council 20th April: It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Meeting of the Council 18th May: It was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting 26th May: It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed for accuracy.

22/31 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

22/32 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

22/33 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

No reports

22/34 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported;

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Fowey were very successful and I really enjoyed attending the events. The WI garden party on 1st June was a great start to the celebrations. On Thursday 2nd there was a lovely atmosphere on the Town Quay which was full of people enjoying the Morris dancing and watching the beacon lighting ceremony. Thanks to Cllr John Berryman for organising the purchasing of the beacon on behalf of the Town Council. Two trees were planted in Squire's Field on Friday 3rd, the Jubilee tree a Red Maple planted by myself on behalf of the Town Council and an Oak tree planted by Cllr Yvette Patterson, who is also the President of the Fowey WI, to honour the people of Fowey who supported the community throughout the Covid Pandemic. Cllr Ruth Finlay and Paul Finlay spent quite some time preparing the ground and the trees for planting. On the same afternoon was the Squire's Field Community Centre fete which was organised by Vicky Canavan and supported by Centre volunteers. Notably, the cake competition planned and presented by Fiona and Scarlett Hughes raised £170 for the Squire's Field Community Centre and Fowey's Lunch in a Bag Scheme. It was lovely to meet so many familiar faces at this event. On Saturday the Fowey History group held an exhibition of photographs from royal events over the years. What a brilliant collection of images and artefacts! The exhibition was attended by many locals who spoke about their memories of past events and in addition quite a few visitors enjoyed the photographs. Victoria Clark from Readymoney beach shop organised The Big Jubilee Swim Lunch and a sandcastle competition which was enthusiastically taken up. Deputy Mayor Patrick Hughes and myself were designated as Judges. The Jubilee and Civic Service took place at Fowey Church on Sunday morning and thanks go to Andy Virr for an excellent and very appropriate service. Last but not least, thanks to Cllr Yvette Patterson for arranging the Fowey Hall Tea Dance, the cakes were delicious. Thank you to the Jubilee Working Group, Fowey Town Council and all the volunteers who made this a truly community celebration.

On Friday 10th July I attended an event to celebrate the victory of the Fowey Ladies Gig Rowers at the 2022 Isles of Scilly World Pilot Gig Championship, where they became World

Champions. The event started outside the church, where Q, the winning boat, waited for the Ladies Team to lead the procession to Gallants. The boat was pushed by members of the rowing club and was accompanied by a large number of the public. I was delighted to be there and to present the team with Champagne and flowers. I hope that the team will be part of our reception for the Montrose Crew on the evening of 21st June.

Cllr Berryman recorded thanks to Cllr Virr on the best and most appropriate Civic Service he had attended in his many years as a Fowey Councillor. Cllr Day congratulated the Mayor for her organization of the excellent Jubilee Celebrations in Fowey.

22/35 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

No report.

22/36 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Virr gave the following report

Thanks Grateful thanks are due from all Fowey residents to the members of Fowey Town Council for all the work they do as volunteers, sometimes in the face of unwarranted criticism from a few members of the public.

Network Highway Scheme The proposal to introduce all year around no parking restrictions on Hanson Drive has been approved. It awaits installation.

New Road Hill Pedestrian Walkway The start of the safety works to New Road Hill has been delayed due to the need for engineers to be supporting emergency highway works elsewhere. I will chase up Highways to enquire of a new start date.

Jubilee Celebrations Congratulations to all those who contributed to a wonderful weekend of celebrations in the Town to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was heartening to see the town pull together and commemorate the long reign of our Queen. I was delighted to lead the Jubilee Civic Service.

Cllr Berryman congratulated Cllr Virr on the best and most appropriate Civic Service he had attended in his many years as a Fowey Councillor

22/37 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Griffin and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £47,756.00 be approved.

22/38 Correspondence

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

22/39 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

22/40 Town Vitality Funding

Cllr Finlay had supplied the following report

Stage One of the Fowey Masterplan is now over. This first stage, Fowey Now is what the consultant David Orr describes as the discovery stage where the major stakeholders and contacts meet and agree the project programme. The consultants have also consulted with the following organisations on details of the schemes scope and asked if there are specific issues to address: FHC • Cornwall Council Transport • Cornwall Council Community Network Officer • Environment Agency • SECTA (South East Cornwall Tourism Association).

The consultants embarked on a thorough baseline fact-check exercise to map and collate data on the constraints and opportunities afforded across the site and this included:

- Public space appraisal and mobility audit
- Land uses, flood risk, utilities restrictions
- Planning and heritage designations and policies;
- Air quality data;
- Transport and movement - People moving - holiday weekday counts at spring half term Tuesday 31st May and Wednesday 1st June late morning showed
- 92-95% of movements on Fore Street were pedestrian
- over 1000 pedestrians per hour • 48 vehicles per hour: Fore Street with 600 normally to over a 1000 pedestrians per hour at holiday peaks (walking, rolling, running, carried) people not in vehicle are severely impacted in convenience, comfort and safety by vehicle access. The kerbed edges provide an attractive plinth to the historic and help shed water from properties but are an impediment to strollers/buggies and wheelchairs, especially when moving away from vehicles passing. It feels like it should be a vehicle restricted area.

Public opinion - They have also set up a project specific consultation web portal Place Changers to elicit what the community like and dislike about the streets and spaces in the town centre. - Stage 1 was open for comments from Tuesday 3rd May to Sunday 29th May. There were 811 views of the portal, 148 people responded with a total of 420 comments.

In addition, the consultants carried out three walking tours of 2 hours each; These ‘Walkabouts’ were for community and business people to share their thoughts on these areas. Around 40 people attended these on Thursday 19th May. All comments and ideas have been included in the appendix to the Stage 1 paper which was submitted to the Town Team on 9th June.

The consultancy now enters Stage 2: Fowey Thinks and will run until the first week of July. This stage will examine the challenges in more detail and decide on the best course of action. As part of Stage 2 there will be a series of ‘Drop in’ events where the public can talk to the consultants and put their own views. The first ‘drop in’ will be held at Squires Field Community Centre on June 22nd 11am-5pm; the second drop-in will be held in the Town Hall on 23rd June starting at 10.30am until 2pm and later at 5pm-6pm. There will also be a Community Design Workshop in the Town Hall on 23rd June, 2pm-5pm where members of the public will be able to book a place (through Eventbrite) and be involved looking at outline ideas for traffic reduction and design of the key public spaces.

22/41 Squires Field Pavilion

Cllr Dellow reported that he had now managed to make contact with Stuart Price, the architect who had been working on the scheme. Stuart had been experiencing some personal problems but would now get on with the work. Cllr Harris-Guerrero noted that he could recommend an alternate architect who would deliver the project quickly if Stuart Price failed to do so.

22/42 HMS Montrose

The Town Clerk confirmed that Fowey RBL were happy for their premises to be used for a reception between 6pm and 8pm on 21st June. The RBL will provide a buffet and drinks. It was agreed that FTC should top this up if necessary. Numbers were currently 40/50 but a detailed list had yet to be produced. The Mayor confirmed that she had invited the Ladies Gig Crew and Steve Turpin, the Chairman of the Gig Club. Members agreed to let the Town Clerk know if they could attend.

Cllr Harris-Guerrero offered to show the crew around his production facility in Lostwithiel; the Town Clerk would contact Lt Cdr Ellis Pearson and put Cllr Harris-Guerrero in touch with him.

Cllr Berryman would investigate the possibility of some bowling and confirm as soon as possible.

22/43 Rachael Sculpture

The Mayor reported that together with Cllr Day and Cllr Finlay she had met with the sculptor, John Doubleday, who had designed a smaller version of the sculpture, which would be much more appropriate for the OGS Garden. The Mayor then proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that the scheme should be approved and the statue sited in the OGS Garden.

22/44 Questions/Reports from Members

Cllr Day reported that members of SFCC would keep a path in front of the Jubilee trees cut as necessary.

Cllr Harris-Guerrero queried the status of the old hut behind the play area. The Town Clerk confirmed that it belonged to FTC and was just used for storage. Cllr Harris-Guerrero considered that this was a missed opportunity as it would make an ideal Pop-Up facility for an outlet selling hot/cold drinks, snacks etc. for people living at the top of the hill and particularly for parents to utilise while their children were using the playground.

Cllr Berryman confirmed that after 18 years he would be stepping down as a Fowey Town Councillor later in the summer as having moved to Lostwithiel he had agreed to be co-opted on to Lostwithiel Town Council.

Date of Next Meeting 20th July 2022

Meeting Closed 8.07pm