

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT FOWEY TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2022 @ 12.00pm.

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

Present: Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms, Cllr Mr Patrick Hughes, Cllr Mrs Frances Day and Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay.

1} Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Hughes and unanimously agreed that Cllr Lynn Simms should be re-elected as Chairman of the Environment Committee.

2} To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke and Cllr Mr Scott Griffin

3} Declarations of interest

(a) Pecuniary: None
(b) Non pecuniary: None

(c) Dispensations: A dispensation had been extended to Cllr Finlay to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments.

4} Public Participation/Questions

There were none.

5} Minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2022

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6} Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

In response to a query from Cllr Hughes, it was confirmed that footpaths could not be cut back until after the nesting season, which would be from July onwards.

7} To receive the report of the Tree Warden (Cllr Day)

The gardener at Piggy Lane had reported that two of the trees there appeared to have Ash dieback. Cllr Day had looked the trees and, sadly, this did seem to be the case. Cllr Day would ask Cornwall Council to send a tree expert to confirm the diagnosis. If it was correct, then arrangements would have to be made to fell the trees and their replacement with a different species would then be considered. A Landmark tree would be supplied by Forest for Cornwall and would be planted at Squires Field. Two trees had already been planted there to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; an Acer by the Mayor on behalf of the Town Council and an Oak by the President of the WI. Many thanks to Paul Finlay for preparing the ground for the planting. More trees, supplied by the Woodland Trust, would be planted at Squires Field in the autumn, and sufficient watering for all trees must be ensured. Plaques for the Jubilee trees would be arranged, and Cllr Simms would enquire as to the origins of some she had seen elsewhere and thought would be suitable.

8} Specific areas of responsibility

Reports on the following specific areas of responsibility were received as follows:

- *Old Grammar School Gardens: Cllr Finlay:* The vegetation along the cliff edge needed cutting back. The Town Clerk would be asked for details of the person who had done it before. Cllr Simms, Cllr Finlay and Cllr Day

had had a meeting with John Doubleday, the sculptor of the proposed Rachael statue, and with Richard Ryan, who was organising it. A place for it had been identified in the upper part of the Old Grammar School Gardens, and Fowey Town Council had resolved at its meeting the previous week that this should now go ahead.

- *Piggy Lane Triangle: Cllr Finlay:* There was some subsidence in the stone circle which would need digging out and rectifying. A quote had previously been received, for £720. Cllr Day had now received a verbal quote from Peter Underwood of £450. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that Mr Underwood be asked to carry out the work. Cllr Finlay offered to contact him to explain in detail what was required.
- *Pretty Bus Stop: Cllr Hughes:* This was looking really good, with the book cover design being particularly appreciated. There was a team of people in place now looking after the bus stop.
- *Allotments: Cllr Finlay:* Health and Safety inspections took place every couple of months, and there had been one the previous month. Several allotments had recently changed hands. Some were not in very good order and steps would be taken to try to get the respective holders to rectify this.
- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths): Cllr Finlay:* Maintenance was being carried out according to the schedule.
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting: Cllr Finlay:* All happening as it should. Only one episode of weed killing would take place this year
- *Squires Field green areas:* Nothing new to report (see below re playground).

9} **Budget**

As it was early in the financial year there was no significant expenditure to report.

10} **Squires Field Play area**

Thanks to Cllr Cooke for obtaining 3 quotes for the play area inspections. Andy Inglefield was now working for St Austell Town Council and one of the quotes was from them. Another was from a company called Greens. The most competitive quote had been received from Sandra Crawford at Cormac @ £930 plus VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Day and RESOLVED that the Cormac quote should be accepted. Andy Inglefield had offered to continue to carry out repairs at the playground as necessary.

11} **Environmental Growth Plan**

The wild flower planting by the Tristan Stone had not been very successful, probably as it had been extremely dry just after the seeds were planted. It was hoped that some more of them might germinate in due course. This must be considered when planting further wild flower areas. The areas of grass left uncut at Squires Field were appreciated by passers by. Some Cornish black bees had been established in hives at the Allotments.

12} **To receive Reports from Members**

The delays in progressing work at the Pavilion at Squires Field were causing challenges. It was mentioned that a local man named Ian Fairweather might be able to expedite matters if the current architect continued to procrastinate.

13} **Proposed date of next meeting**

Monday 12th September 2022 @ 12.00pm in the Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 12.45pm.