

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT FOWEY
TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022 @ 12:00PM**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke

Present: Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms (Chair), Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke, Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay and Cllr Mr Scott Griffin.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Frances Day and Cllr Mr Patrick Hughes.

2. Declaration of interests

- a. **Pecuniary:** None.
- b. **Non pecuniary:** None.
- c. **Dispensations:** A dispensation has been extended to Cllr Finlay to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments.

3. Public participation/questions

There were none.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 June 2022

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

5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

6. To receive the report of the Tree Warden

Cllr Mrs Frances Day was unable to attend the meeting and had nothing to report.

7. Specific areas of responsibility

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

- a. **Old Grammar School Gardens (Cllr Finlay):** to be discussed under Agenda Item 12.
- b. **Piggy Lane Triangle (Cllr Finlay):** to be discussed under Agenda Item 11.
- c. **Pretty Bus Stop (Cllr Hughes):** nothing to report.
- d. **Allotments (Cllr Finlay):** nothing to report.
- e. **Local Maintenance Partnership (Cllr Finlay):** it was reported that the gold footpaths and St Catherine's Parade are very overgrown; however they are unable to be cut until the nesting birds and offspring have fledged. They are due to be cut back the week commencing 20 July 2022.
- f. **Agency Agreement (Cllr Finlay):** this covers the cutting of the grass around the town. Cllr Finlay will write a short piece for Fowey News advising people to be aware of Japanese Knotweed and other invasive plants.
- g. **Squires Field Green Areas (Cllr Griffin):** Cormac have left some areas on the field for rewilding; Cllr Griffin reported that this makes the top football pitch almost unusable as a pitch. It was also widely agreed that it would need to be completely cut for Regatta

Week and the carnival. Cllr Cooke stated that she spoke to Sandra Crawford at Cormac last week and Cormac have agreed to reinstate the full cut as normal and will be on site today (12 July) to cut it. Cllrs Griffin and Cooke to review.

h. Squires Field Play Area (Cllr Cooke): to be discussed under Agenda Item 9.

8. Review budget 2022/2023

Cllr Simms reported that not many invoices had been received during the month of June; it is likely that they will all arrive during July/August.

9. Squires Field Play Area (SFPA)

Cllr Cooke reported that the play area needs to be cut back as a couple of children have been stung by bees while playing in there recently because the grass is too long. She has been asking Cormac for over a week to come and cut it back; they are due on site today (12 July).

Andy Inglefield had supplied a quote of £755.00 to repair a number of defects at SFPA. It was proposed by Cllr Cooke, seconded by Cllr Griffin and RESOLVED to accept his quote for the repairs. Cllr Cooke will instruct the works.

Andrew Inglefield was unable to supply a price for the repairs to the safety surfacing of the toddler MPU which had been damaged and subsequently closed off following a formal inspection. Consequently Cllr Cooke had obtained the following quotes for its repair:

- a. Rhino Play (original installer of the toddler MPU): £1563.00 + VAT
- b. Cormac: £459.30 + VAT

Cllr Cooke had spoken to Rhino Play to ascertain if the wet pour was covered under guarantee. Unfortunately because Rhino Play only installed a part section of the wet pour when they installed the toddler MPU the bond could not be guaranteed. Cllr Finlay felt that we should push back on this to Rhino Play, as the wet pour has only lasted less than five months in situ. Cllr Cooke will speak to the Town Clerk to see whether we can pursue this with Rhino Play further.

10. Environmental Growth Plan

Tim Caulfield of Edible Fowey has made a request to Fowey Town Council (FTC) for a grant to support the establishment of a wild flower area. No costings have been provided. It was agreed that a grant of £75.00 be given. Cllr Griffin noted that there are a number of people who are working to make Fowey a better place and FTC should try and support them where possible.

The installation of a water refill station outside Fowey Town Hall was discussed. There were concerns because the Town Hall is a listed building; however because the water refill station is separate to the building this will not pose an issue. The phone boxes currently in situ cannot be moved. The total price for the water refill station is £3700.00; FTC can apply for a grant for this up to £3000.00 of the cost but this grant scheme ends in August 2022. South West Water (SWW) need to come and check that the water for the water refill station is coming from the Town Hall and not the Aquarium or Museum. It was agreed that FTC must ensure that the structure is unobtrusive and also what maintenance procedures need to be followed once installed.

11. Piggy Lane Triangle

Cllr Finlay had obtained quotes to level the brick circle at Piggy Lane Triangle as it keeps being raised on risk assessments and thus needs addressing. This involves lifting up the bricks which have sunk, laying fresh sand and resetting them:

- a. Tim Baker (Chalfont St Giles): £720.00
- b. Pete Underwood (Fowey): £450.00

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Simms and RESOLVED to accept the quote from Pete Underwood. Cllr Finlay to instruct the works.

12. Old Grammar School Gardens

Cllr Finlay had obtained quotes to remove the tree growth from the cliff edge as it has not been touched since pre-Covid and consequently it is looking really overgrown. Not an easy job to cut back given its location:

- a. Pete Underwood: £200.00

Cllr Finlay proposed, Cllr Cooke seconded and it was RESOLVED to accept the quote from Pete Underwood. Cllr Finlay to instruct the works.

13. To receive reports from members

Cllr Finlay reported that in the past few months a cut through path from the main road to Vicarage Meadows has been covered with human excrement and toilet paper on a weekly basis.

A new bin is required at Squires Field as one of the dog waste bins is broken and needs to be replaced. It can be replaced by a general purpose bin used for both normal and dog waste. Look to site it in a new area.

Date of the next meeting – Monday 12 September 2022 (time TBC)