

DRAFT MINUTES

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

22/45 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 A Harris-Guerrero,
Cllr Mrs Y Patterson

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr (part)

22/46 Apologies

Cllr S Griffin, Cllr Mrs C Woodside

22/47 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.

22/48 Public Participation & Questions

None.

22/49 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th June 2022

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

22/50 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

Cllr Virr arrived

22/51 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – no report.

Finance – no report

Environment – minutes noted. Cllr Cooke drew members' attention to the issue of the damaged surface at the base of the new MUGA in the childrens playground at Squires Field (minute 9, 12th July 2022) and confirmed that Rhino Play would not undertake repairs under the guarantee. Given that the quote from Cormac to do the work was considerably cheaper than the one from Rhino Play, she then proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Cormac quote should be accepted to ensure the equipment was brought back into use as soon as

possible. Members recorded their displeasure about Rhino Plays stance on this and it was agreed that Cllr Cooke should communicate this to Rhino Play.

22/52 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

No reports

22/53 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported;

I am pleased to report that Fowey was visited by representatives of the crew of our affiliated Royal Navy Ship Montrose on the 21st June. I would like to thank the Royal British Legion for providing an evening reception on behalf of Fowey Town Council to celebrate this visit. I was delighted to welcome our guests from the Montrose to Fowey. The occasion was enhanced by the presence of the Fowey Ladies Gig Rowing Team. I was very proud to introduce them to the company, and to present them with the Spirit of Fowey Ambassador Award to mark their World Champion success at the 2022 World Pilot Gig Championship.

On 15th July I was privileged to attend the service of thanksgiving at the Parish Church of St Nun, Pelynt, for the award of the Trelawny Plate to Steve Ellis in recognition of his outstanding contribution across many aspects of Cornish life. He was chosen to receive this prestigious award following 20 years of outstanding leadership of St Petrocs, a charity which supports the homeless in Cornwall. It was a pleasure to witness the presentation by the Lord-Lieutenant, Colonel Edward Bolitho, to this modest man who has had a positive impact on many of Cornwall's most vulnerable people. The Lord-Lieutenant's office commended

‘His exceptional work, his campaigning and his compassion for people facing great difficulty, making him a remarkable community leader, fully deserving the accolade of the holder of the Trelawny Plate.’

Over the past weeks I have had a number of phone calls and emails about overgrown footpaths. Our contractor doesn't usually start cutting until the end of July to ensure that the young birds have fledged. I'm happy to say that all the cutting has now been completed and I thank the public for their patience in this matter.

Following the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations I applied to the Councillor Community Chest Fund for a grant of £425.75 towards essential purchases made for the Jubilee events and activities. This week Lisa Grigg, Community Support Assistant contacted me to say that this had been approved. Thanks to Cllr Andy Virr for supporting this application.

22/54 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported:

- The locking system on the Town Quay Gents toilets has had to be replaced again
- The Lifeboat will be alongside Town Quay between 11am and 3pm on 23rd July as part of Lifeboat Week and a small stall will be set up on the quay selling Lifeboat merchandise. Polperro Wreckers will also be singing on the quay on 24th July.
- A new memorial seat has been sited on the quay to replace the broken one
- A film company are filming some scenes from a Rosamunde Pilcher novel in Fowey today and tomorrow.
- Fowey Harbour Swim will be taking place on 5th September at 12 noon
- I have sent a slightly amended Agreement to Throssells in respect of the siting of The Rook with a Book on Town Quay. I am awaiting their response.
- I am delighted that Cllr Berryman has reconsidered and no longer intends to tender his resignation from FTC.

22/55 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Virr gave the following report

Main Road into Fowey. I have been given assurances that the works in the proximity of Lantic Road will be completed - topping of tarmac on the pavements, speed limit being reduced to 30mph and restoration of the signs. This will allow the Fowey in Bloom boat to then be re-sited.
Polvillion Road Yellow Lines. I have been given reassurances that the yellow lines will be painted in time for the peak holiday season.

Road Safety Fowey Regatta. Cornwall Council Highways, Community Officer and the Police are once again rolling out their road safety programme to alert drivers and pedestrians of the dangers in the road late at night after Regatta events. This is vital work in view of the tragic deaths in previous years.

Covid Rates and Vaccination. Covid rates are once again on the rise and I would urge local residents to take up the offer of vaccination, particularly if they are higher risk. We all need to remember that Covid has not gone away.

Police Response. I discussed the Police response to the recent vandalism episodes. There was considerable frustration regarding the time it took to speak with an officer when dialling 101. This is recognised as a problem with the force and is being addressed. I also offered to assist the Police in providing reassurance to the public in actions being taken.

School Crossing Patrol Officer. Following the recent retirement of the Fowey Lollipop Lady there is now a vacancy. Concern has been raised regarding the safety of school children crossing the road. I am chasing up Highways for an update on a replacement.

Cllr Harris-Guerrero considered that a zebra crossing or traffic lights were needed to protect children crossing the road but Cllr Virr confirmed that his current stance was that a replacement Lollipop person was a safer option.

22/56 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Patterson and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £27,647.12 be approved.

22/57 Correspondence

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

22/58 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Berryman tabled his resolution 'FTC covers the cost of P & O internet access for the Town Clerk between 6th September and 6th October to allow her to remain in contact with members and deal with any urgent business during her leave.' This was seconded by Cllr Patterson and RESOLVED.

22/59 Town Vitality Funding/Town Masterplan

Cllr Finlay gave the following report

The Stage 2 'Fowey Thinks' consultation is now completed and a 48 page report has been submitted to the Fowey Team by David Orr Consultants. This report together with the Stage 1 report will be published online and will be available to the general public also on the Fowey Town Council website.

The Stage 2 Report is a summary of the consultation events to support the 'ideas development stage' of the Masterplan: It begins to 'define' the project and where the consultants also examine the challenges identified in Stage 1 in more detail and decide on the best course of action based on this public consultation, baseline data and meetings and discussions with Cornwall Council.

Scope of consultation: Invitations were emailed to 110 contacts established in Stage 1 including Town Team previous contacts, walkabout attendees and people who had left contact details on the consultation portal. Posters were also erected on town noticeboards and on the entrance to Squires Field Community Centre.

Visitors signed in, located where they live and work (dots on a map - red for residence, black for work). There were display boards of the study area, background, streets, key public spaces and visual references of other places. Visitors were encouraged to comment (using post it notes) on what they like about the area(s) dislike about the areas and what they see as opportunities for each area. Over 50 people attended the Squires Field Drop In and 30 attended the Town Hall Drop in.

This drop in and workshop were as follows;

Wednesday 22nd June Squires Field Community Centre 11.00 – 17.00 Drop in – see what the project is about, meet the team, share your thoughts. (No booking required).

Thursday 23rd June Town Hall at Town Quay 10.30 – 12.30 Drop in – see what the project is about, meet the team, share your thoughts. (No booking required).

12.30 - 14.00 Workshop warm up - postcards from the future

14.00 – 17.00 Design Workshop – work with the design team and Town Team on developing ideas for improving our main streets and public spaces.

17.00 – 18.00 Drop in

The key points discussed at the drop in's and the workshop have been summarised from general comments e.g.

- The town looks uncared for
- The interventions during Covid , such as external seating and dining areas were welcome at the time but some questioned whether these changes should now be reviewed as a post Covid Fowey emerges etc.

Comments about the main streets

- Reduce cars
- Traffic marshal
- Goods hub to get deliveries bicycle/epod etc

Then specific comments about the six public areas – Caffa Mill, Berrills Yard, Albert Quay, Town Quay, the Churchyard and Whitehouse.

This section of the report is 22 pages out of 48 summarising the public comments at the events- there is also photographic evidence of the comments on post it notes and the 'postcards from the future' exercise.

Section 4 of the report, links the public comments with the six public areas through 'design parameter diagrams' and will form the basis for the designs in Stage 3, called 'Fowey Dreams'. Stage 3, Fowey Dreams: Designs will be completed by August 8th when they will be discussed by the Fowey Town Team and will go out to public consultation from August 12th on Place Changers online consultation portal and invite a period of reflection and feedback on the ideas from the community. This is currently set for 15th August to 29th August 2022 with report back to the Town Team for 8th September. A further public consultation is being costed to see if this is possible as well.

It is important to remember that the consultants will provide 'concept designs' only - which will be ready for funding applications, and will have been part of a public engagement process. It will be up to The Town Team to pursue aspects of the Fowey Masterplan in the future as and when funding is available.

22/60 Squires Field Pavilion

Cllr Dellow reported that he had met with the new architect, Nick Bailey, and should be receiving a quote for the work shortly; Nick would be quoting for all the work necessary to put together a tender package for the refurbishment work. Cllr Dellow noted that planning may be required for solar panels on the roof.

22/61 Safe Harbour Wall Art Project

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Harris-Guerrero and RESOLVED that FTC should record endorsement for this project and that a donation of £100 should be made for materials.

22/62 Election to Committees

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Cooke seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Alan Harris-Guerrero should be elected as an additional member of the Environment Committee.

22/63 Questions/Reports from Members

None.

Date of Next Meeting to be confirmed by the Town Clerk

Meeting Closed 7.55pm