

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2023 AT 7pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

22/124 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 Mrs R Finlay, Cllr S Griffin, Cllr A Harris-Guerrero,
Cllr Mrs Y Patterson

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr A Virr

22/125 Apologies

Cllr A Dellow

22/126 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.

22/127 Public Participation & Questions

None

22/128 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th December 2022

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

22/129 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None.

22/130 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – Cllr Hughes reported that there was a problem with the electrics in the Town Hall and Museum; he had requested quotes for the necessary repair work.

Finance – no report

Environment – no report.

22/131 To receive Reports from FTC representatives on other bodies

No reports

22/132 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported:

Further to our resolution in December about the funding of the defibrillator at the Safe Harbour I contacted Alan from Duchy Defibrillators. He is happy for me to write about this in my column in Fowey News to find potential fund raisers and/or sponsors so that the one at Safe Harbour can be brought back into use. The report will be in the February edition.

Having been almost sure that our attempts to organize to site a water refill station in Fowey would be a failure, I am very happy to report that Brett from Fowey River Hire is keen to site it at Caffa Mill. Brett and I met with Tina Robinson from 'Our Only World' and Angus Borthwick from SW Water on Friday 13th January and the installation is going ahead and will be finished by the beginning of the summer season if everything goes according to plan.

22/133 To receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported:

- The locking system on the Gents toilet on Town Quay had been damaged again. Cllr Harris-Guerrero offered to have a look at the system to see if it could be strengthened in any way.
- A decision was needed on the repairs required on the Church/Town clock. As the cost was substantial it was agreed that this should be an agenda item in February, although there was general agreement that the work needed to be done before the Coronation.
- Two seats were available for Squires Field. Cllr Cooke would confirm where the Squires Field Working Group would like them sited.
- The Allotment Association had requested a meeting to discuss various issues; together with the Mayor she would meet them on Friday.

22/134 To receive the Report of the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Virr gave the following report

Town Regeneration A useful meeting was held with the Fowey Town Team and council officers from Cornwall Council to receive advice on how to successfully bid for Shared Prosperity Funding. Funding applications will be brought forward.

B3269 I have requested urgent works on the B3269 with regard to the flooding, water streaming from a blocked gully further up the road and very poor road surface.

Lostwithiel Street Access Only Signs I am in discussion with Highways regarding reducing accidental traffic travelling from Place Road down into town and bypassing the signs at the top of Lostwithiel Street. One idea is to remove the sign directing to the Town Centre at the junction with Daglands Road. Discussion was had at Fowey Town Council meeting to pursue better signage at the Place Road junction in the first instance.

All Days Field It is Cornwall Council's intention to sell off Alldays Field as surplus land. I have expressed my support for the possibility of the National Trust becoming the new custodian of the land. Fowey Town Council have also expressed an interest and I will ensure Cornwall Council are aware.

Mayor / Devolution – A big deal for Cornwall There is a live consultation survey into resident's views on the proposed Mayoral / Devolution deal.

22/135 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Patterson and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £9,410.74 be approved.

22/136 Correspondence

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

22/137 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

22/138 Squires Field Pavilion

No update due to the absence of Cllr Dellow. Cllr Harris-Guerrero noted that the SFWG were hoping to encourage football teams to return to Fowey for matches and they needed facilities. Plans for the Pavilion were too far advanced and funding earmarked and secured to accommodate this but Cllr Finlay suggested that the building at the top of the field by the play park could be renovated to provide changing rooms.

22/139 Election of Representative

Cllr Cooke proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Patterson be elected as FTC representative on Fowey Forum

22/140 The Coronation of King Charles 111

The Mayor stated that she did not consider that a Working Group was required to arrange this event as a lot of knowledge could be drawn on from the recent Jubilee celebrations. The Mayor agreed to put together a draft programme for the February meeting

22/141 Fowey Christmas Market

Members discussed future arrangements for the Market at some length and considered, *inter alia*,

- The Market was important to both residents and businesses in Fowey and very positive for the town.
- The 2022 Market had been well received by traders, who had benefitted from the large footfall it generated.
- There had been issues with parking and traffic congestion, particularly on the Saturday, but this had been caused by the Market being a victim of its own success.
- The event had been well organized by Andrew Weaver of LESW and FTC would like to work with him going forward.
- The FTC solicitor had advised that a new ‘contractual licence’ would be needed if a request from LESW for a 2/3 year agreement was issued; this would clearly come at a cost.
- The cost of an annual licence (formally granted to the Chamber of Commerce) had not increased for many years and had originally been calculated to cover the loss of car park revenue and electricity, although LESW now generated its own electricity.
- It was recognized that LESW would like the licence fee reduced but should the cost actually increase in line with inflation?
- LESW provided a lot of additional attractions/services over and above the provision of the marquees for stall holders, i.e. street entertainers, toilet cleaning, road closure application, litter management.

Taking everything into consideration, Cllr Hughes then proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that LESW should be offered a one year licence on the terms previously agreed for Town Quay and Webb Street at the same cost as the 2022 licence. Cllr Griffin abstained from voting.

22/142 Masterplan

Cllr Finlay reported that the Town Team, (Paul Thomas FHC, Melissa Hartwell Fowey Forum, Lucy Daniel Fowey Chamber of Commerce, Andy Virr Cornwall Cllr. Sally Vincent Town Clerk and Ruth Finlay) met on 13/1/23 with David Rodda (Economic Growth Manager, Cornwall Council) and Jim Cooper a freelance provider of project development and delivery support, appointed by CC. Fowey Masterplan has recently been reviewed by James Glover (CC Good Growth Delivery Facilitation Lead) and his general comments were;

‘There are a number of schemes in the Master plan and from the detail provided it would seem that the majority of projects identified would be “eligible in principle” for funding from the Good Growth Programme. Based on the information supplied, the proposals for Caffa Mill, Town Quay, Church Yard, Whitehouse and Town Gateway would all appear to be good candidates for support from the Good Growth Programme.’

Timing is everything – James Glover’s advice was that any bid for development costs focuses on the projects that can be delivered within the current Good Growth Programme delivery period and it is worth noting that the maximum grant available under year 1 of CLUP (Community levelling up programme-Shared Prosperity Fund is £200,000 and the deadline for submission of the application form together with a financial breakdown of costs is 31/1/23.

Funded projects will have until the end of March 2024 to complete their projects.

David Rodda said that in Years 2 and 3 of the CLUP funds, the bids for funding will have to go through a different application process - applicants will have to submit projects to the new Local Community Area Partnership, who will assess all the Local Area bids and give approval to those which fit the relevant criteria. Fowey will be in a Local Community Area with Lostwithiel, St Blazey, St Austell and Mevagissey. Funding of up to £500,000 per project will be available.

If costings can be worked up the Town Team have agreed to put forward two projects from the Masterplan for Year 1 funding of the CLUP and these are;

Whitehouse – Paddling pool, refurbishment of toilets and creation of a small cafe

Town Gateway- this would be working with CC Highways and Cormac to use signage and small visual elements at the New Road Hill/Hanson Drive junction to dissuade unnecessary vehicles coming into the town centre. The proposals do not alter the existing traffic operations.

22/143 Safeguarding Policy

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Griffin and RESOLVED that the draft Policy circulated by the Town Clerk should be adopted and the Safeguarding Lead should be the Mayor, Cllr Simms

22/144 Co-option of Councillors

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would put notices on the website and the notice boards advising that FTC would be co-opting to fill the two vacant seats on the Council. Two people had expressed an interest in joining the Council at the Masterplan meeting and these would be approached and advised to contact the Town Clerk.

22/145 Questions/Reports from Members

Cllr Cooke reported that a very productive meeting of the Squires Field Working Group had been held on Monday 16th January. It was agreed that SFWG should be an agenda item for future Council meetings to enable Cllr Cooke to give regular updates to members.

Date of Next Meeting

15th February 2023

Meeting Closed

8.30pm

