

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 2024 AT 7.00pm IN FOWEY TOWN HALL

Minutes taken by Cllr John Berryman and written up later by the Town Clerk

23/170 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr P Hughes
Councillors: Cllr J Berryman, Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr A Dellow,
Cllr Mrs R Finlay, Cllr C Gibbon, Cllr A Harris-Guerrero,
Cllr Mrs Y Patterson

In Attendance

1 member of the public

23/171 Apologies

Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr Revd Mrs C Edleston, Cllr S Griffin
Cornwall Cllr Dr A Virr

23/172 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.

23/173 Public Participation & Questions

A member of the public who was unable to attend the meeting had asked Cllr Hughes to share the following email.

- Regarding the bus stop situation. Numerous people are finding the new timetables are adding time and inconvenience. Sometimes people must use taxis which are very expensive. With the analysis from the bus company last time, it did not address that had been discussed which was the potential removal of bollards and pavements and improvements in lighting to make bus manoeuvres safer. Is there a further update on this? Overall – Fowey’s transport links are weaker. This impacts residents and many businesses who have staff who need to travel in and out to get to work.

Another member of the public had attended to present a letter of complaint concerning the rubbish left on the footpath behind the Ship Inn. Members considered a letter to the Brewery could be an option but given the footpath is public highway it was agreed that Cllr Virr should be asked to investigate first.

The same member of the public asked about the football posts at Squires Field. Cllr Harris-Guerrero confirmed that new posts would be erected in due course

The gates at the top of the Parade had been removed for renovation; it was thought that this had been done by the owners of an adjacent cottage.

23/174 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th March 2024

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

23/175 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None.

23/176 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Town Hall & Quay – no report

Finance – minutes noted.

Environment – no report

23/177 To receive reports from FTC Representatives on Other Bodies

None.

23/178 To Receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

On 6th April I attended the historic signing ceremony of the RNLi Scroll which celebrated the 200th anniversary of the RLNI. The signatories were Blossom, the daughter of one of the crew, Jonathan Pritchard-Fowey Lifeboat Coxswain, Rob Collings (Lifeboat Fundraising Committee Chair) and Di Morris (Fowey Lifeboat Shop Manager).

I met with members of D-Day 80 working group on 11th May to finalise the programme for 6th June.

23/179 To Receive the Town Clerks Report

No report.

23/180 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Virr had supplied the following report

New Road Hill Works to complete the stabilisation of the wall commence on Monday 24th April. The works will be carried out over three phases to reduce the impact on the Fowey Festival. There will be no pedestrian access up and down the road during the works. Details of the scheme have been shared on my councillor Facebook page.

Bus Shelter Polmear Hill I have received the following update from the transport team after chasing them up for a progress report: “The vegetation clearance works have been completed which has now opened up the opportunity to get a quotation to repair/replace the roof now that the area can be seen clearly. We are awaiting the outcome of that process and will advise next steps once we receive the quotation.”

Waste Bins at Readymoney Beach Cornwall Council has recently devolved Readymoney Beach to the Harbour Commissioners (sand) and Fowey Town Council (Slipway and Old Kiln), with Southwest Water having an interest in the slipway also. I understand that conversations between Cornwall Council, FTC and FHC through the devolution process (which is an excellent project) did not fully resolve the issue of waste collection on the beach or any future siting of waste bins. Cornwall Council’s Waste Team have, therefore, removed the bins from the beach, as it no longer has the responsibility for litter clearing or waste collection on the beach or slip. I have only been made aware of the situation recently when I was contacted by the owner of the Beach Shop to alert to the fact the bins had been moved. I am trying to resolve the issues and have requested an urgent meeting with the interested parties. Any current bin locations may be

temporary. I am aware that members of the public are also moving the bins around. I will report back to the Town Council after the outcome of the proposed meeting.

Completion of Lantic Road Highway and Pedestrian Crossing Island I have spoken with Highways to ensure Burrington Estate Ltd complete the works in Fowey. I have had the following response: "Our Estates Adoption team have been in recent contact with Burrington Estates who have confirmed they intend to complete the S38 (adoption) and S278 works. We'll follow up with them to see if timescales can be provided in relation to the works." I am chasing Highways for a timetable for the works to be completed.

Condolences Please can I pass on my condolences to the Town Clerk following the sudden death of her husband; Sally has very much been in my thoughts at this tough time.

23/181 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £57,377.25 be approved.

23/182 Correspondence

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

23/183 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

23/184 Squires Field Pavilion

Cllr Dellow would update at the June meeting.

23/185 Squires Field Working Group

Cllr Harris-Guerrero gave the following report.

Situ8 had advised the Working Group that the MUGA and Pump Track would come under Permitted Development. The contractors for the Pump Track require a 30% deposit in order to set a start date. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Dellow that this should be paid on receipt of an invoice once the CIL application had been signed off.

An application was being drawn up for grant aid for the new goal posts

The new swing had been fitted and was being well-used.

One of the flat swings will need to be replaced in the near future.

23/186 Alldays Fields

A response from CC was still awaited. The Town Clerk was asked to follow up.

23/187 Town Quay

Cllr Berryman reported that the increase in area requested by the RBL equated to the annual area leased by Haverners and, therefore, FTC should consider an equivalent annual charge. A short discussion followed regarding the possibility of subsidising this as the RBL do not serve food but, as Chairman of Finance, Cllr Berryman advised that this suggestion should be an agenda item for consideration at a future meeting. Cllr Hughes then proposed, Cllr Harris-Guerrero seconded and it was RESOLVED that the RBL should be offered the additional space requested for seating at the same annual cost as that paid by Haverners.

23/188 D Day 2024

The Mayor reported

I met with members of the working group on 11th April we discussed asking The Lankelly Shout and possibly Fowey Voices to perform after the service on the Quay on 6th June. Richard Day is going to set up a FB page and organise posters. Peter Robinson suggested that we set up a justgiving page to collect the money for charity. ‘Scotties Little Soldier,’ which raises money to support bereaved military children was suggested as one of charities to fundraise for. Peter will put the information provided by Richard on the Chamber of Commerce website. Jenna has a veteran in mind to light the beacon and is trying to contact him. She is also in contact with St Austell RBL to see if they would like to collaborate and if they know a piper who could play at our event. Alongside the lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm the International Tribute will be made. . I suggested that this should be read by Carol, but having re read the information we could if we wanted ask member of the community to do this. I will register our events on the official D-Day 80 website by 30th May. This will mean that will have local media coverage.

It was noted that a mike system would be needed for D Day and also for Mayor Making but that this expenditure was not an agenda item. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Harris-Guerrero and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should be asked to use her emergency powers to authorise this expenditure of up to £500.00, due to urgency.

23/189 Election of Committees 2024/ 2025 – for ratification at the Annual Meeting of the Council

Cllr Dellow proposed, Cllr Gibbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following members should serve on Committees for the Civic Year 2024/2025.

Planning	Cllrs Berryman, Day, Dellow, Finlay, Gibbon, Patterson
Environment	Cllrs Cooke, Day, Finlay, Griffin, Harris-Guerrero, Simms
Finance	Cllrs Berryman, Cooke, Harris-Guerrero, Hughes
TH/TQ	Cllrs Day, Dellow, Edleston, Gibbon, Hughes, Patterson

23/190 Adoption of Annual Governance Statement 2023/ 2024

Deferred

23/191 Adoption of Annual Accounts to 31st March 2024

Deferred

23/192 Town Quay Pedestrian Zone

Cllr Berryman reported that both parties holding pavement licenses wished to proceed with the proposed summer road closures and were willing to meet the total cost, although they had requested another meeting prior to finalising. Cllr Berryman then proposed, Cllr Dellow seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cormac should be instructed to proceed with the closures, subject to the successful outcome of the further meeting that had been requested. It was also suggested that FTC approach Cornwall Council to see if more disabled spaces could be made available on Albert Quay, if only for the summer months.

23/193 Questions/Reports from Members

None.

Date of Next Meeting Annual Meeting/Mayor Making, 22nd May 2024

Meeting Closed 8.25pm

