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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN PAVILION HOUSE ON
MONDAY 28TH JULY 2025 @ 6.00pm.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

Present: The Mayor Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms, Cllr Mrs Frances Day and Cllr Ms Kate Longman.

1} To receive apologies for absence

None.

2} Declarations of interest

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| (a) Pecuniary: | None. |
| (b) Non pecuniary: | None. |
| (c) Dispensations: | None. |

3} Public Participation/Questions

None present.

4} Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Longman 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 Day)

Cllr Day reported that: No local news. But happy to report: More than 1.6m trees in nearly 1,000 locations have been planted as part of the Forest for Cornwall which is celebrating its fifth anniversary. Residents, farmers, landholders, community groups and organisations have all contributed by growing tree saplings in fields, farms, towns, villages, schools, parks and gardens. Not only has this scheme brought benefits for nature recovery, absorbed carbon emissions and improved flooding resilience in many locations across Cornwall, it has also had a tangible effect on improving the immediate environment where people live with many trees being planted near people's homes and in amenity spaces, including Readymoney carpark.

7} Specific areas of responsibility

The following specific areas of responsibility were reported on as detailed below:

- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Longman: Nothing to report, but see below.
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* Cllr Day: It was looking good and had recently been repainted.
- *Allotments:* Cllr Day: Fowey Town Council had supplied a skip for allotment holders to deposit rubbish. Several allotments had changed hands this season which it was hoped would overcome previous complaints about poor standards of maintenance of several plots.
- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths):* Cllr Simms: Nothing to report at present.
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting:* Cllr Simms: A wildflower meadow might be grown in part of Squires Field. Cormac had recently accidentally cut down two of the new trees, and had offered to replace them.
- *Squires Field green areas:* Cllr Day: See below.
- *Squires Field Children's playground:* Cllr Longman: See below.

8} **Squires Field Management**

It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Longman, and RESOLVED to confirm the specific responsibility of Cllr Day for Squires open spaces and approve her contact with Sandra Crawford (Cormac).

It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Day and RESOLVED to confirm the specific responsibility of Cllr Longman for the Squires Field play area and approve her contact with Andy Inglefield (playground equipment).

Cllr Simms would forward appropriate contact details to Cllrs Day and Longman.

Andy Inglefield would be asked to extend his safety monitoring role to the new pump track and MUGA once they were up and running.

9} **Piggy Lane Triangle**

Following the retirement of gardener Sally Pearce, the appointment of someone to garden at Piggy Lane was required. Sally's role had included completing risk assessments of the area and passing them to the Council. Cllr Longman offered to contact Ruth Finlay to ascertain exactly what duties Sally had carried out. It was thought 30 hours per annum had been needed. Once Cllr Longman had concluded her investigations, the Committee members would try to find someone to take on the role.

10} **Squires Field MUGA and Pump Track**

Cllr Simms had been in contact with Jasper Flashman, who had not yet completed the work needed. The rubber surface needed laying, which would take several days. Mr Flashman was due to finalise the work shortly. He had done an excellent job on the pump track at PAR and it was disappointing that our MUGA and pump track had not been completed when promised. Cllr Simms would keep in contact with him and would ascertain what the exact specification of the MUGA would be once it was finished. Basket ball goalposts had been installed and looked good.

11} **Review Budget 2025/26**

From April to the end of June £8,359 had been spent from the budget for the year of £23,937. Cllr Simms circulated a spreadsheet detailing the proposed and expected expenditure. She would keep this up to date.

12} **Environmental Growth Plan**

- The meeting was keen to gain greater awareness and involvement of the people of Fowey in environmental initiatives.
- Following the very successful Environmental Awareness Day last autumn, another was proposed and a suitable date identified was Saturday 25th October 2025, which was during the autumn half-term. This would be held at the Pavilion, which would give access to the green areas at Squires Field.
- There was provision in the budget for this plan.
- Cllr Simms was particularly keen to involve the schools and the day would be organised to be child-friendly.
- Various areas around the edges of Squires Field might be transformed into wildlife meadows incorporating a wildlife pond. A small rigid pond outline could be easily acquired, and would then require installation at an appropriate place in Squires Field.
- Bird and bat boxes could be erected at Squires Field prior to the Environmental Awareness Day.
- Organisations who might be invited to participate and bring stands included Forest for Cornwall, Cornwall Wildlife, Prickles and Paws, Marine Conservation, Fowey Harbour Heritage Society and Cornwall Libraries, who would be asked to supply a display of appropriate books.
- Cllr Longman offered to produce some posters and perhaps Myriam Stirling could be asked to provide publicity on social media and the Council website.
- Refreshments could be offered as an extra incentive for people to support the day.
- Cllr Simms would bring some more of her pottery fish to be decorated.
- Cllr Simms would contact the person who had produced tiles for harbours and see if she would come again. Her input had been very well received previously.
- Seed bombs could be made by children from materials provided to take away and plant.

12} **To Receive Reports from Members**

There were no reports from members.

13} **Proposed date of next meeting**

It was proposed that this should take place on **Monday 6th October 2025** at 6.00pm in Pavilion House.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 7.12pm.