

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.00pm IN PAVILION HOUSE, FOWEY**

#### **25/62 Present**

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms  
Councillors: Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr A Dellow, Cllr C Gibbon,  
Cllr Ms K Longman

#### **In Attendance**

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Cllr I Wilson  
1 member of the public (part)

#### **25/63 Apologies**

None

#### **25/64 Declaration of Interests**

- α. Pecuniary – None.
- β. Non Registerable – None
- χ. Dispensations – None.

#### **25/65 Public Participation & Questions**

A member of the public indicated that he would like to address the Councillors about the Windmill in the future, following its devolution to FTC by Cornwall Council.

A member of the public voiced concern about the condition of the Roll of Honour in the Town Hall. He considered that it was an important historical record and was in a very poor state and should be restored and protected, possibly by depositing it with Kresen Kernow. A scanned copy could then be retained by FTC. The Town Clerk confirmed that the scroll had been thrown away by Fowey Museum many years before due to its poor state and the cost of restoration but she had thought it was worth saving so had kept it and stored it in the Town Hall office. Following the redecoration of the Hall it had then been hung on the wall inside the door. Restoration had not been possible because of the cost but if there was sufficient grant funding available this could certainly be an option. Members agreed that the scroll must be preserved and it was agreed that opportunities for grant funding for restoration should be investigated and also the suggestion of commissioning a quality scan, potentially from Kresen Kernow. Any final decisions were deferred until more information was available but it was agreed that in the meantime it would be better to display the scroll in Pavilion House where the atmosphere is not as damp as in the Town Hall.

#### **25/66 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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

#### **25/67 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

Cllr Longman queried the situation regarding the redecoration of the interiors of the Market Street phone boxes. The Town Clerk confirmed that the tenants were free to deal with this as they saw fit.

**25/68 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

**25/69 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Gibbon and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £24,107.38 be approved.

**25/70 Correspondence**

Correspondence was left ‘on the table’ for Councillors attention.

**25/71 Resolutions from Councillors**

None.

**25/72 To Receive the Mayor’s Report**

The Mayor reported:

I am pleased to report that this year’s Fowey Royal Regatta was a resounding success. I attended the Regatta service at Fowey church and along with the Mayor’s Consort and I represented the Council at the Crowning of the Queens ceremony, the flora dance and walked in the Carnival on the Wednesday evening.

I also presented the sailing prizes at the Yacht Club, certificates at the Fowey Classic Car Show and helped to judge the Traders Carnival. I would like to acknowledge my appreciation to Fowey Regatta Committee, the Port of Fowey Organising Committee and the many volunteers who have worked hard to create yet another Regatta Celebration.

The Quiller-Couch Collection has been in storage since the Library at Caffa Mill closed in 2019. Thanks to our administrative assistant Myriam Stirling and David and Ann Wilmore who unpacked and reshelfed the books, the collection is now housed in the new Fowey Library at Squires Field.

I am delighted to say that the MUGA is now open. The floor markings still need to be added and this will be done as soon as possible.

**25/73 To Receive the Town Clerk’s Report**

The Town Clerk reported

- I have finalised the Tenancy at Will with Lucy Daniel (on behalf of Fowey Chamber of Commerce) for the telephone boxes in Market Street
- I have issued a licence to the Directors of SFCC to install their notice board on FTC land
- There have been some further problems with vandalism in the Town Quay toilets.
- I have received some complaints about the lack of public toilet availability during Regatta Week. It appears that some licensed premises in the town were unwilling to allow access to their toilets, with only the Legion allowing general access.

- I have asked APS to put the benches on the quay into winter storage ready for the Pay & Display parking on the quay and also to transport the bench I have in storage at Colcerrow (removed from the OGS Garden) down to the quay.
- APS will check out the leak on the Town Hall roof as soon as the Regatta Committee have taken down their bunting.
- APS have taken over from Russell in respect of emptying the coinpays from the Town Quay toilets. They will deliver the cash to me for banking.

#### **25/74 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – Cllr I Wilson**

Cllr Wilson gave the following report

The Save Fowey Hospital Group have a fund raising appeal on "CrowdJustice.com with the aim of raising £2250. Currently around £2020 has been raised.

I would encourage the residents of Fowey to contribute in order to show Public support.

The fund raising Website is: [www.crowdjustice.com](http://www.crowdjustice.com) Go to menu, explore cases and use

Fowey as a search word to find "Challenging the decision to close Fowey Community Hospital"

FOI Requests FOI requests submitted for the income generated during the financial year

2024/25 by Fowey Main Car Park and Readymoney Cove Car Park have been received and are as follows:

Main Car Park - Income £346,852.61, Fines £5,510.00, Expenses/Maintenance £57,013.28

So a total profit of £295,349.33 but can't afford to keep the toilets open.

Readymoney Car Park - Total Income inc. fines £46,895.29, Expenses/Maintenance £6,080.61

So a total profit of £40,814.68 but can't afford to have litter bins for the beach.

Readymoney Cove, amongst many other places, experienced serious flooding during the night of August 29th. For Readymoney at least, Cornwall Council responded quickly to remove mud and debris from the road. I am arranging a meeting with the Countryside Team to review what can be done to avoid future flooding in the Cove, as it appears this is not unusual.

I have approached the Cornwall Council regarding the resurfacing work of Readymoney and have been given the date of the next financial year. I have asked for it to be at the front end rather than 2027

The petition to reinstate the Cove Litter Bins is in full swing and I have over 600 signatures to date. I am looking for 1,000 before I take this to Cornwall Council.

The subject of bins was raised during the Full Council Meeting today, in relation to a Motion being presented. I hope this will help my argument when I take my case to the Council.

There has been some unhappiness regarding the planned Road Closure in the Town Centre during Feb/March 2026. Due to the difficulties involved in coordinating many different parties carrying out the work, it is not viable to change the schedule. This work was always going to be a difficult challenge due to the nature of Fowey Town and this time of year was chosen as the least disruptive. Unfortunately, this has clashed with Food Week.

I have visited Hanson Drive to discuss the objected Planning Application and wait to see what Cornwall Council say. It is currently rejected by the Town Council, residents and the Cornwall Landscape Team.

I have the opportunity to spend Sunday evening with the Police on Patrol around the Ward, including Fowey and Readymoney. It was very interesting to see the challenges experienced by the local police.

I am in the process of arranging to meet the Firefighters at the Fowey Fire Station to discuss any local issues. This was instigated after meeting the crew at St Austell Fire Station on Monday and having an interesting chat on how things are running.

**25/75 Pavilion House**

Cllr Longman proposed, Cllr Day seconded and it was RESOLVED that the request to run Storytime session as part of the library should be granted. In relation to DBS checks, the members considered that the lady telling the stories would not require a DBS check on the basis that each child attending must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times and that a register of attendees be maintained.

**25/76 Squires Field Car Park**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the second yellow hatching marking the entrance/exit to the car park had been completed by APS.

Cllr Dellow reported that he had further investigated the option of pv panels in the car park but had reluctantly accepted that the area was just too small to support a viable scheme. This left the problem of how the resurfacing of the car park was going to be financed as the cost would be in excess of £100K. However, a solution must be found as the surface was in very poor condition.

**25/77 Town Quay**

Cllr Gibbon reported that he was still trying to get prices for the repairs to ‘Steve’s Steps.’

**25/78 Main Car Park Toilets**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the devolution was now being dealt with by the FTC/Cornwall Council solicitors. Cllr Dellow reported that he had obtained a price for the refurbishment of the toilets to incorporate a lettable open space and unisex toilet facilities. This was based on the plans that he had circulated prior to the last FTC meeting. Cllr Dellow agreed to investigate rental options before the October meeting.

**25/79 Environmental Awareness Day/ Formal Opening of the Squires Field MUGA and Pump Track**

The Mayor gave the following report:

The Environment Committee is planning an Environmental Awareness Event at Pavilion House on 25th October. It is a Saturday and the library will be open from 10.00am until 12.00 noon and my view is that we run the event between 1pm and 4pm.

We want to especially involve young people and so intend to provide some art activities for them, (a community drawing, ceramics, seed bomb making). There are lots of activities on the Wildlife What web site and I have emailed the Cornwall Wildlife Trust to ask them if we can use their resources and to see if they will send someone on the day. They are definitely sending me some information. I have emailed Hannah Smith the Environmental Officer from Fowey Harbour Commission with the same request and am awaiting a reply.

Rhianna Cooke has contacted us on behalf of the Squires Field Working Group about arranging a formal opening of the MUGA and the Pump Track. This would involve the individuals and businesses who made donations, the Town Crier and potentially the sale of cakes at the Pavilion. It could be possible to combine the events. The ceremony could be just before the Environmental Event starts (between 12 noon and 1pm). This would allow cake sales in the afternoon and a captive audience for the event. Because of the election we didn’t have a Mayor Making Ceremony this year and therefore didn’t get to present the Spirit of Fowey awards to the people nominated. Again, this could be part of the opening ceremony.

Cllr Longman agreed to follow up with the Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that light refreshments, teas, coffees and wine should be served at the event between 12 noon and 1pm.

**25/80 Town Quay**

It was noted that the resurfacing of the Town Quay was scheduled for February 2026 and would be done by Cormac in conjunction with the resurfacing of the streets throughout the old town. The work was scheduled to take up to 6 weeks to complete.

The Town Clerk reported that she had made arrangements for APS to remove the summer seating and put it in storage ready for the winter Pay & Display parking,

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Gibbon and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should arrange for APS to collect the OGS memorial seat from storage and site it on the Town Quay.

**25/81 Request for Funding**

It was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that £50.00 should be pledged to the Reopen Fowey Hospital Group subject to them meeting their funding target.

**25/82 Reports from Councillors – *at the discretion of the Mayor and including decisions on matters that the Mayor considers to be urgent***

None.

**Date of Next Meeting** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**Meeting Closed** 8.35pm