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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN PAVILION HOUSE ON
MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 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 28th July 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 arboreal news. It was pleasing to receive a copy of the National Trust Woodland Management Plan, which was extremely detailed. Fowey was fortunate that the National Trust agreed to take over the management of Alldays Field.

7} **Specific areas of responsibility**

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

- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Longman: See below.
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* Cllr Day: It was looking good.
- *Allotments:* Cllr Day: Paul Finlay had recently shown some cub Scouts (Beavers and Squirrels) round the orchard at the allotments and given them some apples.
- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths):* Cllr Simms: Nothing to report at present.
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting:* Cllr Simms: All running smoothly.
- *Squires Field green areas:* Cllr Day: Nothing to report.
- *Squires Field Children's playground:* Cllr Longman: See below.

8} **Piggy Lane Triangle**

Sally Pearce had spent 30 hours per year gardening at Piggy Lane before her retirement. It was thought it might be possible to reduce this figure by cutting the number of hours in the winter. Cllr Day stated that Fowey Town Council must be prepared for a significant increase in hourly costs. She would ask Cornwall Landscapes if they would be able to take on Piggy Lane. They charge £26 per hour including VAT. Cllr Longman would contact Ollie's Gardens to see if they would be prepared to do the required gardening and, if so, what they would charge.

9} **MUGA and Pump track**

Work on the MUGA was almost complete except for some white lining. Cllr Simms had been in contact with Jasper Flashman to ask him to carry this out. Stones had been thrown onto the Pump track by vandals and Mr Flashman had fixed them down around the perimeter where they were supposed to be. He had added a layer of resin. Cllr Longman would ask Andy Inglefield to carry out risk assessments on the Pump track as well as the playground and the MUGA.

10} **Application for Funding**

Funding was required for tree guards and stakes for new trees at Squires Field and elsewhere in the Town for which Fowey Town Council was responsible. It was suggested that £400 was needed and it was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Day and RESOLVED that this sum be approved.

11} **Review Budget 2025/26**

Cllr Simms circulated budget summary sheets. It was estimated that £17,500 had been spent or allocated year to date. This left £5,699 available in the budget until financial year end at the end of March 2026. This included contingency funds for playground repairs, bench repairs and environmental projects. The total budget was £23,199.

12} **Budget 2026/27**

Cllr Simms passed round a proposal for the budget for the following year, for submission to the Finance Committee. Following earlier discussions about gardening at Piggy Lane, the sum allocated for that was increased to £780 from £390. This brought the total recommended budget to £22,060, which was actually less than the budget for the current year. This reflected the loss of the management of the Old Grammar School Gardens.

Cllr Simms handed round a copy of the Environmental Risk Assessments. She proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Day and the meeting RESOLVED that the current risk assessments be approved. However, it was emphasised that risk assessments for the Squires Field carpark should be revised to reflect the poor state of the surface and the hazards potentially encountered there.

13} **Environmental Growth Plan**

- The Environmental Awareness Day would take place on Saturday 25th October. It would be entitled "Wildlife at the Library". It would run from 1pm until 4pm.
- Cllr Simms was particularly keen to involve the schools and the day would be organised to be predominately child-friendly.
- Parents would be requested to accompany their offspring.
- Cllr Longman had contacted Stuart Matheson, from East Cornwall Reserves. He was responsible for reserves such as Helman Tor and had agreed to attend on the day. He would do some tours of the outside areas of Squires Field, and would produce a questionnaire for children, asking them to find and identify objects. The tours would last around 15 minutes.
- Wet weather provision would be considered for all outside activities.
- A programme of timings for the day would be produced to ensure not too many events were happening at the same time.
- A projector would run wildlife films inside the Pavilion.
- Simple refreshments would be provided. Cllr Day would bring some paper cups.
- Cllr Simms would contact the Bird Lady of Fowey to see if she was free that day to bring some of her birds up to Squires Field.
- Materials for making seed bombs would be acquired. Seed bombs could be made by children from materials provided to take away and plant.
- Cllr Simms would organise some art projects for children, including colouring sheets and stencils and some pottery fish.
- Tina, who had come to the previous Environment Awareness Day, would be asked to bring her virtual reality pond.

- Sarah Marsh from Cornwall Libraries would be asked to bring some suitable environmentally based books. There were some already in Fowey Library which could be displayed.
- Activity sheets would be downloaded from the Wildlife Trust website.
- Dawn Hope would run a wildlife-themed story time.
- Information about environmentally friendly topics would be displayed, eg hedgehog routes in gardens, recycling, bird boxes, bat provision.

14} To Receive Reports from Councillors

There were no reports from members.

15} Proposed date of next meeting

To be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 7.45pm.