

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.00pm IN PAVILION HOUSE, FOWEY

25/83 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
6 members of the public (4 part)

25/84 Apologies

None

25/85 Declaration of Interests

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

25/86 Public Participation & Questions

Members of the public had attended the meeting to explain that they had been exploring options for an alternative Christmas Market to the one staged by LESW as they felt that the current format was not meeting the needs of the Town. They were looking to consult with residents and businesses in the town to see if there was any appetite for this, particularly as businesses felt that Andrew Weaver was putting excessive pressure on them to support the Market financially. The Group reported that they would be prepared to work with LESW to achieve a more acceptable result, but that this did not appear to be an option.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a licence to use the Town Quay had been issued to Andrew Weaver for the weekend of 14th – 16th November 2025 and this was FTC's only active involvement in the Market. Andrew had been advised at the time that the Councillors considered the date was too early given it was before Advent and, particularly, as the Church had withdrawn its support due to the early date, but Andrew had confirmed that it was the only date he could operate due to tides and his other commitments.

Some discussion followed, including a suggestion that the Group could expand the existing North Street Market or create a second Market that could be held later in December, which would be more attuned to the Christmas festivities. It was agreed that FTC would consider a licence for the Town Quay if some firm proposals were put forward.

25/87 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16th September 2025

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

25/88 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

25/89 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Finance – no report. It was agreed that the budget setting Finance meeting would be held at 12 noon on 20th November in Pavilion House.

Environment – minutes noted

25/90 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Longman, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £20,539.25 be approved.

25/91 Correspondence

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

25/92 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

25/93 To Receive the Mayor’s Report

The Mayor reported:

In my role as Mayor I represented Fowey Town Council at the High Sheriff of Cornwall’s Autumn Gathering on September 18th and at the Mayor of Launceston’s Civic Service on 28th September. In addition, over the past weeks I have been helping to organise a Civic reception to celebrate the formal opening of Pavilion House and the new facilities at Squires Field on 25th October at 12 noon followed by an Environmental Awareness Event from 1pm until 4pm

25/94 To Receive the Town Clerk’s Report

The Town Clerk reported

- APS have put the benches on the quay into winter storage and the Pay & Display parking system is now operational. I still have a bench in storage at Colcerrow waiting to be transported to the quay and secured outside the RBL
- APS have checked out the leak in the Town Hall and removed 6 bags of rubbish from the roof valley and gutters. Hopefully this will have solved the problem.
- I have been trying to ascertain the position relating to a footpath that runs from Readymoney to Lawhyre and which is being referred to as ‘Ediths Path.’ I have been told by Cornwall Council that path 403/7/3 is a recognized footpath, although it is not included in the list of Gold and Silver public footpaths that feature in the Local Maintenance Partnership. I have been given a reference number by Cornwall Council (101007878975) and they have undertaken to let me know why this has happened.
- I have been contacted by somebody asking to be considered for co-option and am arranging an interview.
- I have been told that there has been a suggestion on Facebook that the Town Council is involved in the operation of the Town Bus service. For the record, this is completely unfounded; FTC has no influence whatsoever in the licensing or operation of the service and is not even a consultee in the process. Applications for a licence to operate the service or to cancel an existing licence to operate the service are initially made to Cornwall Council, but Cornwall Council is not the Licensing or Regulatory Authority and simply facilitates the process; Licensing is managed nationally by the Traffic Commissioner from the Leeds office and it is this office that awards the contract.

- Members agreed that they would prefer to respond to the CC Dogs on Beaches consultation as private individuals, rather than as FTC.

25/95 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – Cllr I Wilson

Cllr Wilson gave the following report

The “Save Fowey Hospital Group” have successfully raised the required £2,250 via the Crowd Justice.com website, in order to start the initial legal proceedings. The matter is now in the process of being presented to a High Court Judge to determine if the Judicial Review is qualified and can go ahead. Can I request that all residents of Fowey and surrounding areas, support this Group as much as possible? This is a small Team of very dedicated people working very hard behind the scenes for the benefit of the community.

The issue of the lack of litter bins at Readymoney Cove has now been escalated by me to senior members of the Council. My first attempt was pushed back unsurprisingly, but I have responded with a more forceful approach and await a response. I remain hopeful we will win this argument, but it may take time.

25/96 Notice of Completion of Audit

The Town Clerk confirmed that BDO LLP had completed the 2024/2025 audit and had reported that FTC does not have a gov.uk email system. The Town Clerk had advised that BDO LLP was mistaken and they had corrected their records. BDO LLP had also advised that the previous 3 years figures must be restated on the AGAR record to reflect a different way of dealing with vat recording, although this does not change the accounts in any material way. The Town Clerk confirmed that all relevant documentation had been published in line with regulations.

25/97 Squires Field Car Park

Members noted the very poor state of the surface of the car park and agreed that regular risk assessments must be carried out. Unfortunately, it was likely that this would lead to the reality that a sequence of work must be undertaken if the car park was to remain open. It was agreed that the risk assessments should be started and options for covering the repair costs involved, which were likely to be significant, must be explored.

25/98 Town Quay

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

25/99 Main Car Park Toilets

The devolution process was ongoing. Cllr Dellow reported that he was still investigating rental options following refurbishment, although it was unlikely that rents would justify the costs involved; the justification would be that public toilets would remain available. Cllr Day reported that she had been approached by somebody who had expressed interest in leasing the property post refurbishment.

25/100 Environmental Awareness Day/ Formal Opening of the Squires Field MUGA and Pump Track

The Mayor gave the following report:

On Saturday 25th October Fowey Town Council is holding a Civic Reception to celebrate the formal opening of Pavilion House and the new play facilities at Squires Field. Invited guests include members of the Council, volunteers from Squires Field Working Group, representatives

of Cornwall Library Service and Fowey Library Volunteers along with members of the public who donated money and/or time to support these projects. The culmination of this event will be the official opening of the MUGA and Pump Track Complex by the Mayor at 1pm followed by Fun competitions for children.

An Environmental Awareness will take place at the Pavilion between 1pm and 4pm. Focused particularly for families and young people, art, ceramics and environmental activities will offer enjoyable opportunities to consider the importance of protecting our wildlife and environment. The Wildlife Trust and 'Our Only World' Charity will be in attendance, and the Bird Lady of Fowey will be bringing some of her owls and hawks.

25/101 Reports from Councillors – *at the discretion of the Mayor and including decisions on matters that the Mayor considers to be urgent*

Cllr Day suggested that the portrait of the King should be hung in the Town Hall, rather than Pavilion House. This was agreed.

Date of Next Meeting 19th November 2025

Meeting Closed 8.11pm