

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.00pm IN PAVILION HOUSE, FOWEY**

#### **Ian Fairweather made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a member of Fowey Town Council by the Mayor**

##### **25/121 Present**

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

##### **In Attendance**

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Cllr I Wilson

##### **25/122 Apologies**

Cllr Mrs F Day

##### **25/123 Declaration of Interests**

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

##### **25/124 Public Participation & Questions**

None

##### **25/125 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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

##### **25/126 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

None

##### **25/127 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees**

Planning – minutes noted  
Finance – minutes noted.  
Environment – no report

##### **25/128 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Longman, seconded Cllr Gibbon and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £28,814.01 be approved.

##### **25/129 Correspondence**

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

## **25/130 Resolutions from Councillors**

None.

## **25/131 To Receive the Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported:

In August Paul Chauvin, Mayor of Binic Etables sur Mer, contacted me about opening the benefits of the Town Twinning to our children and young people. As a result, we discussed the idea of setting up a collaborative short story project between Fowey Primary School and Binic Etables sur Mer's four primary schools.

Recently I asked the Fowey Festival, through one of its Trustees if it would be possible that the project could be linked with the Festival's Short Story competition. I am pleased to say that although they are unable to open the competition to Binic's schools, the festival committee is willing to share the theme, rules, and timescale so that they can run own competition.

I have given this information to Fowey Primary School and the Mayor of Binic Etables sur Mer who will pass it on to the schools and the Twinning committee. I look forward to seeing the project progress.

I represented FTC for the light switch on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and the Advent Service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks go to Vincent for donating the impressive Christmas tree.

I was sad to hear that Carol Edleston is leaving her post as Vicar of Fowey in February and will be replaced by Shona Hoad who is currently the Vicar of Tywardreath and Golant. She has been an asset to the town both as the Vicar and as a Councillor. We wish her all the best for the future.

## **25/132 To Receive the Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk reported

- I would like to record condolences from FTC and from myself personally to the family of Russell Maclaren, who has sadly passed away. Russell has been a long-standing employee of FTC and always went beyond the call of duty in his role of Town Hall Caretaker/Cleaner. Even when his health was declining he wanted to continue with the job and never failed to do it justice.
- I am in contact with a conservator in Harrowgate about the war scroll. His name is Richard Hawkes and he is the Director of Artworks Conservation. Richard has given a ballpark figure of £1,000.00 for the restoration work but is unable to be completely accurate without a full visual examination. Members agreed in principle that the restoration should be carried out and that a decision should be made at the January Council meeting. In the meantime, Cllr Fairweather agreed to investigate alternate quotes.
- I am continuing to liaise with Kirsty and the FTC solicitor regarding the dilapidations claim made by the OGS Trustees. The initial figure of over £130,000.00 has been reduced to just under £70,000.00 and the Trustees have now made a Calderbank offer. A meeting with the FTC solicitor and Kirsty Worden will now be scheduled.
- Arrangements for my updated IT system are ongoing.

## **25/133 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – Cllr I Wilson**

Cllr Wilson gave the following report

I have approached the Fowey Harbour Authority, Readymoney Beach Shop and the Town Council to ask if all parties would be willing to contribute towards the emptying of the Readymoney Bins if I can get them put back.

The Christmas Waste Collection schedule has now been published, and details can be found on the Cornwall Council Website [www.cornwall.gov.uk/myarea](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/myarea)

A notice to everybody who may not have heard, Imery's have announced plans to close Par Docks in February 2026. It is currently unclear how this will affect Fowey but Imery's do have an access road to/from Fowey.

**25/134 Readymoney Waste Bins**

Members noted that Cllr Wilson was hopeful that an acceptable solution could be found to the problem with the Readymoney bins if a small donation to the cost was made by FTC, FHC and Readymoney shop. It was proposed by Cllr Gibbon, seconded Cllr Fairweather and RESOLVED that FTC should offer a donation in the suggested sum to Cornwall Council. This could potentially continue at the same level year-on-year, subject to budget decisions.

**25/135 Squires Field Car Park**

It was agreed that surfacing options must be investigated. Cllr Dellow suggested that a scope of works should be followed up in the New Year.

**25/136 Town Quay**

Cllr Gibbon reported that he had heard from the identified contractor in relation to a quote but, unfortunately, he had now confirmed that he considered the Health & Safety risks were too great for him to deal with so had decided not to quote for the job. Cllr Gibbon would now canvass alternate contractors.

**25/137 Main Car Park Toilets**

The FTC solicitor was still chasing Cornwall Council to progress the devolution. In the meantime, the meeting with the company interested in maintaining a toilet facility at the site in exchange for the use of some space had taken place and a positive outcome was looking promising.

**25/138 Precept 2026/2027**

Cllr Dellow referred members to the recommendations of the Finance Committee and invited any questions colleagues may have. He then proposed, Cllr Gibbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that a precept requirement of £204,679.00 should be submitted to Cornwall Council for 2026/2027.

**25/139 Fowey Christmas Market**

Members discussed arrangements for the 2026 Christmas Market and noted the various input from members of the public, businesses and people advocating alternate arrangements. It was agreed once more that the 2025 Market, although busy, had been held far too early in November. However, LESW had offered much more suitable dates for 2026. Members also considered that firm arrangements for 2026 needed to be agreed so that everybody concerned could make appropriate arrangements. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that LESW should be offered a licence for the Town Quay and Webb Street for 2nd - 7th December 2026 at the non-negotiable cost of £600, but on the basis that LESW accepted and signed the licence within 28 days of it being issued. FTC would not make any separate donation to LESW and would continue to run the Town Hall Market as in previous years.

**25/140 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** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

**Meeting Closed**

8.04pm