

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00pm IN PAVILION HOUSE, FOWEY**

**25/160 Present** The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms  
Councillors: Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr C Gibbon, Cllr Ms K Longman

**In Attendance** The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent  
Cornwall Cllr I Wilson (part)

**25/161 Apologies** Cllr A Dellow, Cllr I Fairweather

#### **25/162 Declaration of Interests**

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

#### **25/163 Public Participation & Questions**

None

#### **25/164 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

#### **25/165 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

25/159. Cllr Fairweather had met with Kayna at the town hall on 30<sup>th</sup> January and she had shown him where the debris had fallen. He had noted that it was clearly coming through the timber close boarding that lines the ceilings and thought that the recent strong winds had caused so didn't think that it warranted any immediate action. Kayna had also shown him around the Town Hall; there were no reports of leaks, which was good news considering the testing conditions of late. Cllr Fairweather had recorded that the Town Hall itself clearly needs looking after and he needed to catch up on how this is funded and what responsibility the FTC has. He considered that FTC should have short and long term plans for it, if they are not already in place.

25/158. Cllr Fairweather had submitted the following report:

The Roll of Honour is now registered with the War Memorials Trust and can now be found on their database and their map which shows the geo location of the Roll of Honour. I have submitted the Pre Grant Application which kicks off the process. This first stage can take 8 weeks to process. It all seems to be run by volunteers. The WMT has lots of information on restoration etc. and I would expect we will be able to have at least 50% of the cost of restoration funded.

#### **25/166 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees**

Planning – minutes noted

Finance – no report  
Environment – minutes noted

**25/167 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Longman, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £13,112.65 be approved.

Members considered the invoice issued for a new redial circuit installed in the Town Hall to power the Town Christmas lights and noted that the work had been undertaken without prior authorisation. Following discussion, it was agreed that the invoice should be settled but the supplier advised that any future work required must have prior approval. It was also noted that the lights were still operating even during daylight hours and the organisers must be asked to turn them off.

**25/168 Correspondence**

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

**25/169 Resolutions from Councillors**

None.

**25/170 To Receive the Mayor’s Report**

The Mayor reported:

On January 28<sup>th</sup> I attended the Cornwall South Community Area Partnership Meeting. The focus seemed mostly to be on St Austell in terms of healthcare and wellbeing. However Information about the Tor to Shore project run by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, presented by Dr Gwen Maggs, was of interest because it aims to create a Local Nature Recovery Network spanning land and sea bringing together rewilding principles, sustainable farming practices and protection for St Austell Bay’s subtidal seagrass and extensive maerl beds. This will therefore have positive impact on Fowey’s marine environment.

On the afternoon of February 7<sup>th</sup> the Mayor’s Consort and I attended the service of dedication and the presentation of awards for St John Ambulance Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly at Truro Cathedral. The presentation of awards were made by Rear Admiral Simon Williams and Geraint Richards, the High Sheriff of Cornwall. It was humbling to see so many dedicated volunteers being honoured including many young people and to find out about history and aims of the Charity.

Plans are being made in Binic Etables sur Mer for the Fowey’s Binic Twinning Visit in June. A well-attended meeting was held on the evening of February 12<sup>th</sup> at Gallants for those who intended to take part in the visit. This year the schools are involved in this project and links have been made with the Fowey Festival. It is not too late to join this exchange visit

I am pleased to report that the Library has a new weekly event - Knit, Stitch, Hooks and Books, starting on February 25<sup>th</sup> 10-12am. Hot drinks and cakes will be available. Bring your projects or just chat.

**25/171 To Receive the Town Clerk’s Report**

The Town Clerk reported

- Following the very sad passing of Russell Maclaren his daughter Kayne has been appointed as the new Town Hall Cleaner/Caretaker.
- Rachael Tatlow (Cormac) has confirmed that the road resurfacing/line marking at Readymoney previously scheduled for the autumn can be undertaken in June. The project will necessitate a road closure, which will not be ideal during the tourist season, but it will hopefully mean that

the parking problems currently being experienced there will not continue during the summer season as the restricted areas will be clearly marked out as part of the project.

- You will be aware that I have circulated the Lanlivery and Tywardreath & Par Emergency Plans and I will include this as an agenda item in March for your consideration.
- I have arranged for a new page on the FTC website for road closures in the parish to be listed
- The scaffolding around the KOP has not been removed as promised. I have been advised that work has taken longer because of the poor weather but it will be gone by 24<sup>th</sup> February

Cllr Wilson arrived.

- FTC had been consulted about the closure of Polruan surgery. However, members had been consulted individually as patients of Fowey River Practice and, following discussion, it was agreed not to respond as a Council given that Polruan is not in Fowey parish.
- A request had been received from Cornwall Council Community Services that Pavilion House be included on a mapping system to be used by CC on-foot staff who were finding it increasingly difficult to access welfare facilities following the closure of public toilets in many areas by Cornwall Council. Facilities sought were toilets, wifi, water refill and spaces for lunch breaks etc. Members considered this but concluded that Polvilion House was unsuitable because, *inter alia*, it is only manned and open to the public for limited hours, it is used at other times for meetings etc. when it would not be appropriate for random people to be accessing for the purposes described, staff are not employed for general cleaning at Polvilion House, it is not considered appropriate to share alarm codes and keys with anybody not employed by FTC. It was noted that there were public toilet facilities available in Fowey and that there was a water refill station in Caffa Mill car park

#### **25/172 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – Cllr I Wilson**

Cllr Wilson gave the following report

**Readymoney Cove.** Resurfacing work at Readymoney Cove has been scheduled in for the first week of June 2026. This means there will be some disruption in vehicular access during this time, but on completion, there will not only be a long overdue new surface, but also new unambiguous road markings which hopefully will resolve the long-standing issues of unauthorised parking. This is expected to take a full week, and is the result of a lengthy push to get the somewhat neglected Cove back into shape. I have been asked for an update about the Litter Bins at the Cove. I am expecting a decision soon, and negotiations have been ongoing for several months, but I take the view, that until the Bins are back, there is not really anything to report. I remain hopeful that something can be agreed.

**Transport.** First Bus have now terminated their Bus service in Cornwall and Go Cornwall Bus have taken Full control of their Routes with some alterations and changes. Complaints so far have been minimal, but I have been asked to have the Bus Timetables removed from Safe Harbour since there is now, no Bus service from there which might lead to confusion. The public Parking Consultation finished on the 4<sup>th</sup> February and I am waiting for the results to be released. I have asked for a meeting with senior CC management and the Transport Portfolio Holder to discuss the Car Parks relevant to our Ward.

**Par Beach** Although not directly related to Fowey per se, Par Beach which is used by many residents of Fowey has undergone a very controversial project of clearing invasive species. This has resulted in many angry complaints. Many, myself included, are happy to be convinced this work was necessary, but question the method used. The total destruction to untold other species of Plants, small Mammals, Amphibians and Insects seems completely at odds and

disproportionate to the stated aims of the project. I have started an investigation into how this Work was planned, approved and carried out. I am also calling for far greater transparency and public consultation before any similar work begins in future.

**25/173 OGS Garden**

No update

**25/174 Squires Field Car Park**

No update

**25/175 Town Quay**

Cllr Gibbon reported that he was meeting a potential contractor on site the following day at low tide to investigate the formulation of a work plan and a quote for repairs to Steve's Steps. .

**25/176 Main Car Park Toilets**

The Town Clerk would chase up the devolution with the FTC solicitor again.

**25/177 Town of Culture**

Cllr Fairweather had reported that he had been in conversation with Rachel Roberts regarding this and he had offered to help with a bid as far as he could; he would be back from holiday on 8<sup>th</sup> March, so a few weeks before the first deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Cllr Longman had been studying the process and application form for an EOI and reported that it was an extensive exercise and she had some reservations because of the timescales and the amount of work involved. If FTC were to submit an EOI Fowey would probably be the smallest town to put itself forward, much larger towns with far greater resources such as Falmouth and Redruth had already submitted applications. Also, there were specific questions in the EOI that she doubted could be successfully dealt with in the timeframes i.e. 'How would young people benefit?' Members concluded that FTC did not have the capacity to successfully complete and submit an EOI, but it was agreed that if Cllr Fairweather and Rachel Roberts felt that they could achieve a comprehensive application FTC would certainly be supportive in principle.

**25/178 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** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Meeting Closed** 8.06pm