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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN PAVILION HOUSE ON  
TUESDAY 30th JUNE 2026 @ 6.00pm.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

**Present:** The Mayor Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms, Cllr Mrs Frances Day, Cllr Ian Fairweather and Cllr Ms Kate Longman.

1} **Election of Chairman 2026/2027**

It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Longman and unanimously agreed that Cllr Simms should be re-elected as Chairman.

2} **To receive apologies for absence**

None.

3} **Declarations of interest**

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| <b>(a) Pecuniary:</b>     | None. |
| <b>(b) Non pecuniary:</b> | None. |
| <b>(c) Dispensations:</b> | None. |

4} **Public Participation/Questions**

None present.

5} **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2026**

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.

6} **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising.

7} **To receive the report of the Tree Warden (Cllr Day)**

*Cllr Day reported that:* It was pleasing that Cornwall Council's arboricultural expert had supported Fowey Town Council's reservations about the felling of three trees at Fowey Hall Hotel and turned down the application.

8} **Specific areas of responsibility**

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

- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Longman: This was looking good and new gardener Mark Place was working well.
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* Cllr Day: It had been redecorated recently and was up to its usual high standard.
- *Allotments:* Cllr Fairweather: An email had been received from Steve Rawlings who had taken over the office at Porcelain House in the Readymoney carpark expressing concern about the water supply situation. There had recently been a leak and at present there was just one water pipe serving both Porcelain House and the allotments. It was suggested that South West Water be asked to separate the supply by installing an extra outlet pipe so that both Porcelain House and the allotments had their own individual water supply. The issue was to be referred to Town Clerk Sally Vincent to ascertain the practicalities of the proposal and consider possible costs.
- *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 and Squires Field Children's playground:* See below.

9} **Squires Field & MUGA**

A meeting had been held between Cllr Simms, Cllr Longman and Andy Inglefield, who was responsible for the maintenance of the playground area. Complaints had been received from nearby residents about the noise emanating from the MUGA when balls hit the fence. It was hoped to borrow a special screwdriver from James Hadley to tighten up the fence fixings to reduce the noise. Andy Inglefield would measure the part of the fencing causing most problems and then consider the application of acoustic quilting to the area concerned. Cllr Longman would liaise with Andy and then seek a quote for the work required. Trees could be planted along the side of the MUGA and Paul Finlay would be asked to help with this.

10} **Cornwall National Landscape**

The Cornwall National Landscape team had expressed a wish to visit Squires Field as part of their environmental awareness programme. They might put on some displays and workshops at a further Environmental Awareness Day, following the success of the previous awareness day last October. A possible date for this was suggested as Saturday 26th September. Cllr Simms would liaise with the National Landscape team.

11} **South West Water**

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Fairweather, seconded by Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that a recommendation be made to full Council that Fowey Town Council supports the Dowl Gwan motion for a vote of no confidence in South West Water.

12} **Review Budget 2026/2027**

As the budget runs from April, only £5,547 had been spent so from a total of £20,187. Most of the outstanding amount was already allocated. £2,947 of unexpected expenditure had already had to be spent from this year's budget on fencing for the playground, damaged by Storm Goretti. Expenditure on noise reduction measures for the MUGA would also have to come out of contingency funds.

13} **Environmental Growth Plan**

- Trevor Jones, Environmental Manager for Cormac, had held a meeting with Cllr Simms and had been very helpful.
- He suggested letting the grass grow in areas under the trees and bushes to optimise conditions for insect life.
- Grass would have to be managed to facilitate the growth of wild flowers. Yellow rattle was one idea for a plant that might thrive once the grass was under control.
- Nettles were very beneficial to wildlife, but care would have to be taken with their location to avoid the danger of stinging members of the public.
- A shallow pool could be dug out and lined if necessary.
- Cllr Simms would ask Trevor Jones about tidying the two flowerbeds to the side of the Pavilion.
- The local Community should be kept fully informed about what we propose to do and why.
- Trevor Jones would return to Squires Field and help us to implement his suggestions.

14} **To Receive Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Simms had entered the Pavilion trough for 3 categories in the forthcoming Fowey in Bloom competition, to show FTC support for local initiatives.

15} **Proposed date of next meeting**

It was proposed that the next meeting should be held at the Pavilion on Monday 7th September @ 6.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 6.50pm.

