

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1st JUNE 2026 AT 5.00pm IN PAVILION HOUSE, FOWEY

26/13 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr I Wilson
1 member of the public

26/14 Apologies

None

26/15 Declaration of Interests

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

26/16 Public Participation & Questions

A member of the public raised concerns about Cornwall Council's decision to allow overnight parking of camper vans in Main Car Park and stated that residents had not been consulted about this change of policy. Cllr Wilson confirmed that these proposals had been included in the Car Park charging consultation; he was confident that the information had been publicly available as there had been a significant public response to the consultation. The lady considered that this decision would result in the likelihood of significant public nuisance, particularly to residents of Saffron Close, and queried how this would be dealt with. Cllr Wilson confirmed that Cornwall Council would be using their Civil Enforcement Officers for this and members should report any contraventions in the usual way. The lady then queried the situation regarding repairs/upgrading to the barriers, which had been damaged by a run-away vehicle. Cllr Wilson confirmed that this was in hand.

26/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April 2026, the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th April 2026 (for accuracy) and the Annual Meeting of the Council/Mayor Making held on 20th May 2026

8th April 2026. It was proposed by Cllr Gibbon, seconded Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting, 15th April 2026 It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Dellow and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed for accuracy.

Annual Meeting of the Council/Mayor Making, 20th May 2026. It was proposed by Cllr Longman, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

26/18 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Cllr Gibbon reported that the specification for the repairs to Steve's Steps had been received and he was dealing with 3 issues within it.

26/19 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted

Finance – no report

Environment – no report

26/20 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Day and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £40,330.75 be approved.

26/21 Correspondence

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

26/22 Resolutions from Councillors

None

26/23 To Receive the Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that she had attended an excellent fete in the Fowey Harbour Hotel Garden that was held in aid of Little Harbour Childrens Hospice at Porthpean.

26/24 To Receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported:

- Gary A'Lee has repaired the damaged floor inside the Town Hall door and will deal with the loose floorboard in the Hall reported by the Caretaker.
- The seven new seats have been sited on the quay by APS Construction. One of the seats removed from the OGS Garden has also been sited in front of the RBL building.
- Bob Pasmore has planted up the Town Quay planters again.
- The Welcome to Fowey signage has been replaced to include 'Twinned with Binic sur Etables.'
- The wallgate in the ladies TQ toilets has failed and cannot be repaired again. Quotes for replacement have been sought. Members agreed that this must be sorted out immediately; it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should share the quote details with Cllrs via email and to purchase a new wallgate in line with their emailed authorisation.

26/25 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – Cllr I Wilson

Cornwall Council have announced plans to withdraw the Cash Payment option from some of their Car Parks. In our division, this is planned to be Par Beach and Fowey Main Car Park. I am opposed to this measure, because although it may theoretically save money on fee collection (although the saving would be minimal in the grand scheme), it removes choice from our residents and penalises those who for whatever reason prefers to use cash. Currently, the latest figures show 10% of payments are still made by cash which shows that despite Government pressure to remove cash from the system, there is still significant demand for a cash option.

26/26 Designation of Neighbourhood Area

Members discussed this issue at some length as it would entail a considerable amount of work but concluded that FTC must produce a NPS to ensure that Fowey residents have some say in the planning process/development of the new Cornwall Local Plan. Cllr Dellow proposed, Cllr Fairweather seconded and it was RESOLVED that Fowey Town Council should make an application for the designation of Fowey Parish for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement. The Town Clerk advised that a Working Group would need to be put together to involve non-Councillors in the process; all members expressed their commitment to be involved as well.

26/27 Internal Auditor

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Gibbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that SG Accountancy be appointed as the FTC Internal Auditors for 2025/2026

26/28 Conflict of Interest

Cllr Day proposed, Cllr Longman seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC has no conflict of Interest with BDO LLP.

26/29 Statement of Assurance

Having responded to the questions in the affirmative, Cllr Day proposed, Cllr Longman seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Statement of Assurance to 31st March 2026 should be adopted

26/30 Annual Accounts

Cllr Dellow reported that he had studied the accounts presented by the Town Clerk and that they were a true reflection of FTC's finances. The Town Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts had been signed off by the FTC Internal Auditors. Cllr Dellow then proposed, Cllr Fairweather seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2026 should be adopted..

26/31 Reports from Councillors – *at the discretion of the Mayor and including decisions on matters that the Mayor considers to be urgent*

Cllr Day reported that she had received complaints from residents in Tavern Barn about the loud noises that balls hitting the MUGA fence were making. Cllr Longman confirmed that she was in discussions with Andy Iglefield about finding a way to at least mitigate this noise to a more acceptable level by, *inter alia*, tightening the wire, potentially erecting some type of barrier. It had also already been agreed to plant trees between the MUGA fence and the boundary fence to Tavern Barn, although she accepted that this would not be a quick solution.

Date of Next Meeting 17th June 2026

Meeting Closed 6.00pm