

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY 2011 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

10/153 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey
Councillors K Alexander, A Baker, Mrs R Finlay,
Mrs S Gudmunsen, Mrs J Vincent and T Vincent

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
PC Barnecutt (part)
PCSO Linda Thomas (part)
1 member of the press
1 member of the public

10/154 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Penprase (personal reasons) and Cornwall
Cllr Mrs Sally Bain

10/155 Declaration of Interests

- a. In items on the agenda.
None
- b. Of gifts to a value in excess of £25.00.
None

10/156 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report

Police Report

PCSO Linda Thomas introduced PC Barnecutt who had replaced PS Dave Lea as the Neighbourhood Beat Officer. She also reported that there had been 4 crimes recorded in Fowey during December (1 x assault, 2 x vehicle crime and 1 x criminal damage), all of which were currently undetected – *full report appendix 1*.

Public Questions –

Jenny Marchant clarified that although the Chamber might have 60 members, there were only 21 members between The Safe Harbour and Caffa Mill. Any traffic restriction would have the most impact on business' in this area and she believed that there were 74 businesses directly effected in this area who could join the chamber or may have a view on any traffic restriction in the town.

10/157 Minutes of Meeting of 8th December 2010

10/148. It was agreed that, for clarification, the wording on the third line should be changed from 'came in over budget' to 'made a profit.' With this amendment it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Vincent, seconded Cllr Boosey and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

10/158 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

10/134. Cllr Baker queried if Cllr Bain had confirmed that she had included the implementation of double yellow lines in Polvillion Road (outside the home of Mr & Mrs Millbank) in her TRO application. The Clerk did not know the current position; Cllr Bain to be asked to clarify.

10/159 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Finance – no report.

Planning - minutes noted. The Mayor reported that Cllr Penprase had tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Planning Committee and Cllr Boosey had been elected to serve as Chairman for the remainder of the 2010/2011 Civic Year

FAC – no report.

Town Hall – no report. The minutes for 12th March were still outstanding.

Environment – Minutes noted. Cllr Mrs Vincent reported that the Environment Committee had resolved to extend the tender period for the maintenance of the OGS Garden, Piggy Lane Triangle and Hydrangea Row until 31st January.

10/160 To receive the Mayors Report – appendix 2

10/161 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

No report.

10/162 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

du Maurier – The Mayor reported that the evening shows for the 2011 Festival were all secured and were listed on the Du Maurier website. Sadly, Kate Mackrell, who had been working closely with Jonathan Aberdeen, had been made redundant by Cornwall Council and the Du Maurier Committee would like to offer her a 3-week temporary post to finalise the 2011 programme. The Mayor apologized for asking Cllrs for a decision at such short notice but explained that the timescales had been out of his control. Cllrs accepted that the Du Maurier Committee considered Kate's employment to be very important and Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Gudmunsen seconded and it was RESOLVED that funding should be made available from the Du Maurier budget for Cornwall Council to employ her for a further 3 weeks.

Forum – Cllr Boosey reported that the last Forum meeting had been taken up with preparations for the planned exhibition on traffic management and the Parish Plan on 4th February. The Forum Energy Group had also presented various ideas to the meeting.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Cornwall Towns Association – no report

Chamber of Commerce – no report

10/163 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that

- She had written a strong letter to Cornwall Council planning department highlighting that parishes were either not receiving planning applications in time to respond in the timescales allowed or not receiving them at all. Consequently applications were being decided on delegated powers on a regular basis, which was unacceptable and undemocratic.
- She had written to the OGS Exhibition Foundation requesting clarification of the ownership of the boundary walls and advising them that the wall between the garden and the Esplanade was bulging.

- Two invitations had been received for an exhibition preview at the Tate St Ives on 4th February

10/164 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4610.13 be approved. Copies of the Budget Tracking Report and the Current Assets Report had been circulated before the meeting.

Provision of summer traffic manager by the Chamber of Commerce.

Further to minute 10/150 (9th December) the Clerk confirmed that the Chamber wished to employ a 'Traffic Manager Type' figure for maybe 200 hours (4 x hours x 5 days for 10 weeks) with the remit of keeping the traffic moving in the town during the summer months and had asked FTC to consider a grant towards the cost. Cllr Finlay expressed concern about the concept of employing an untrained person for such a responsibility and it was noted that such a person would have no legal standing. The Clerk confirmed that St Ives employ a Traffic Control Officer under powers conferred to the town by the Chief Constable. He could not issue tickets for moving vehicles or deal with parking issues; his role was to direct moving traffic. However, St Ives had a traffic order - The County of Cornwall (St Ives)(Restrictions on Access) (Consolidation) Order 1990 - which requires that only authorized vehicles are supposed to enter the town centre in specified periods. Both Cllr Baker and Cllr Gudmunsen were of the opinion that any traffic control measures were better than nothing at all but after further discussion it was agreed that the Chamber should be asked for further details about payscales, proposed hours of work and exactly what the employee would be expected to do before a decision could be made.

10/165 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left 'on the table.'

Item 5. Cllr Mrs Vincent expressed an interest in attending the Traffic Management training. Cllr Baker undertook to pass details on to the Regatta Committee.

10/166 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

10/167 Allotments

The Mayor reported that he was currently working on costings for pathways, laying water, erecting taps etc. and he had secured a copy of the UK Allotments Group draft agreement. He was hopeful that the initial start up cost would be in the region of £500 and he estimated that approximately 26 half-size plots could be provided on the site. In response to a question from Cllr Baker, the Mayor confirmed that Cornwall Council was awaiting instructions from FTC about a possible lease on the site.

10/168 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Clerk confirmed that the terms of a lease to Cornwall Council for the TH toilets had been agreed in principle. The transfer was now dependent on the Cornwall Council legal department; it was disappointing to note that, despite written reminders, the FTC solicitor was still awaiting a response to a letter to Cornwall Council dated 15th October 2010. It was agreed that the Clerk should speak to both Cllr Bain and Cllr Hughes and ask them for assistance to finalise the transfer.

The Clerk confirmed that she was still pushing Cornwall Council to clear the gutters and carry out woodworm treatment in the Hall. She had enlisted the help of the Conservation

Officer, who had met her at the Hall and had been horrified at the state of the wall by the Trafalgar Square entrance, which, as had already been reported, was soaking wet, mainly because of a blocked gutter. Cllr Mrs Vincent noted that she was disgusted that neither Restormel nor Cornwall Council had ever shown any urgency to attend to defects in the (listed) building.

Cllr Baker noted that there was a mass of information in the Clerks files that should be collated to give Cllrs a fuller picture of what FTC would be expected to manage after transfer.

10/169 St Catherines Castle Lights

Cllr Baker reported that the lights had now been delivered. He had also received a revised quotation for the installation work, which was more expensive because an archaeological officer had visited the site and made additional recommendations. However, Cllr Baker was still confident that the project could be brought in on budget. It was possible that the flagpole would have to be moved, which would actually be an advantage as the new site should be exposed to more wind to operate the turbine.

10/170 FTC Website

Cllr Baker reported that the new website was now up and running, albeit currently with only basic content and the domain name www.foweytowncouncil.gov.uk had been transferred earlier in the day. He and the Clerk were due to meet with Westernweb the following day to agree the permanent layout of the site.

10/171 Squires Field Play Area

The Mayor reported that tenders were now in and the contract would soon be allocated.

10/172 Section 106, Caffa Mill Development

Cllr Boosey reported that she was due to meet with the planning officer the following day and would report back to the February meeting. Currently her understanding was that a percentage of the apartments had to be sold before any money became due. However, the situation had become more complicated because the original developer had sold the site, the purchasing company had gone into liquidation and there was now a new owner.

10/173 Royal Wedding.

The Mayor reported that he had emailed the Chamber of Commerce and the Regatta Committee in the hope that both organizations would join with FTC to organize celebrations to mark the event. However, he had yet to hear back from them. Cllr Boosey noted that the Library was planning to stage a children's party. Cllr Baker reminded members that 2012 would be the year of HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

10/174 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Alexander reported that she had joined the Forum Energy Group, Fowey Renewable Energy Enterprise (FREE) and had been asked to circulate details of a meeting due to be held at 4pm on 21st January. This would be a question and answer session with Julian German, Cornwall Council cabinet member for the environment and renewable energy, and Cllrs were encouraged to attend. Cllr Alexander explained that FREE was looking into community renewable schemes.

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Vincent RESOLVED that members of the press and public should be excluded under section 1(2) of the Press & Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in connection with the position of Town Hall Caretaker.