

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 2026 AT 7.00pm IN PAVILION HOUSE, FOWEY

26/32 Present The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms
Deputy Mayor, Cllr C Gibbon
Councillors: Cllr A Dellow, Cllr Ms K Longman

In Attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr I Wilson

26/33 Apologies Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr I Fairweather

26/34 Declaration of Interests

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

26/35 Public Participation & Questions

None.

26/36 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st June 2026

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

26/37 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None.

26/38 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

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

26/39 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Gibbon and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £17,284.62 be approved.

26/40 Correspondence

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

26/41 Resolutions from Councillors

None

26/42 To Receive the Mayor’s Report

The Mayor reported.

I am pleased to report that the twinning visit to Binic-Etables sur Mer from 16th-21st June was very enjoyable. We were welcomed with great enthusiasm and enjoyed a full schedule of activities provided by the Binic-Etables sur Mer Twinning Committee. I would particularly like to commend the eight courageous young people from Fowey River Academy and the adults who supported them as they had their first sailing experience by traveling from Fowey to Binic. They also did a great job of public speaking and singing at the Civic Reception before at packed venue on the final evening. My thanks go to the Conseil Municipal and the Twinning Committee, Ken and Ali, all the volunteers who organised and supported our visit and most of all to our brilliant hosts.

On the morning of 22nd June, I attended the Flag Raising Ceremony at County Hall to mark the start of Armed Service Week. The event was attended by the Lord Lieutenant Edward Bolitho, the High Sheriff of Cornwall, Harriet Hill, dignitaries from the Armed Services and a number of Cornwall's Mayors. We also witnessed the signing of the Armed Forces Covenant by a number of Mayors on behalf of their Town Councils. By doing so they pledged their support for serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families within their communities. In time all of Cornwall's Town and Parish councils will be asked to sign this document.

The Town Clerk and I represented Fowey Town Council at the High Sheriff of Cornwall's garden Party at Trelawny Farm Bodmin on the 24th of June. It was a very pleasant occasion meeting with local civic and cultural leaders, public servants and volunteers. High Sheriff Harriet Hills explained to invitees that well as supporting the judiciary and law and she intends to work with charities and organisations to help young people in Cornwall to succeed. The weather that evening was extremely hot, so much so that the High Sheriff provided a padding pool for feet cooling, it was well used!

Gary and I attended a service of thanksgiving and celebration at the Parish Church of St Nun Pelynt on the 14th July for the presentation of the Trelawny Plate by the Lord Lieutenant Edward Bolitho to Ross Williams MBE in recognition his outstanding contribution to arts and culture in Cornwall. The service was a wonderful celebration of Cornwall and Cornish culture which included singing by the Pelynt Academy School Choir and the Trelawny Male Choir and a reading of Psalm 23 in Cornish by the Grand Bard Jenefer Lowe.

I am delighted to say that the Little Harbour Fun'Raisers Fete at the Fowey Harbour Hotel Garden on 25th May raised £1,111.26

I am also pleased to report that Fowey Town Council's entry to Fowey in Bloom's garden competition came 1st in the Community Garden class.

26/43 To Receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported:

- The new wallgate for the ladies TQ toilets has been delivered
- The launching ceremony for the new Fowey Lifeboat will be held on the Town Quay on Saturday 25th July.
- A Shanty Group will be singing on the quay during the evening of 28th July as part of Lifeboat Week.
- There have been serious issues with foul smells coming from the drains in Webb Street; Cllr Wilson has been very involved in this so I will leave it to him to update everybody in his report.
- I received a complaint that the Church (Town) clock is not striking and this was due to somebody complaining about the noise resulting in the chimes being turned off. The lady had been assured that FTC had not arranged for the chimes to be turned off and had not received a complaint about them. It was later clarified that the clock was still striking on the hour but not on quarter hours. Members agreed that this should be investigated.

26/44 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – Cllr I Wilson

Cllr Wilson reported

The requested safety barriers for the Fowey Main Car Park are due to be installed on the 20th/21st July. The style of barrier planned to be used are concrete blocks with hazard markings along the top to warn drivers whilst parking in the new slightly reduced sized spaces. Hopefully, this will allay fears of potential out of control vehicles traversing the fence line of the Car Park and entering into the adjoining road.

I have been approached by residents of Newtown for help in getting Cornwall Council to introduce a lower speed limit through the hamlet. This follows a recent serious accident in Newtown, the second in as many years. I am currently negotiating with Cornwall Council for measures to be put in place to try and avoid future accidents. This is a work in progress.

I am currently investigating complaints made about the drains in Webb Street, Fowey.

Having visited the location and spoken to Cornwall Council, there hopefully should be some further drain cleaning carried out shortly to resolve the problem of smells emanating from the drains.

26/45 Neighbourhood Priorities Statement

Members noted that the Steering Group needed to take this project forward must include non-Councillor members as well as Councillors. Given the short timescales involved Cllr Dellow proposed, Cllr Longman seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllrs Simms, Dellow, Fairweather, Gibbon and Longman would join the Steering Group immediately and members would canvass for non-Cllr members; their membership could be ratified at the September meeting. The Mayor agreed to set up an inaugural meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed that formal minutes would not be necessary but that meeting notes should be kept and filed with her.

26/46 South West Water

Members discussed this at some length and, *inter alia*, the following points were made

- SW Water has a new Board so going forward the situation could change. The new Board will need the opportunity to make changes. Undertakings had already been made to suggest that this could happen
- Climate Change is clearly a relevant factor. This is a global issue.
- Significant numbers of new housing developments are putting increased pressure on water authorities.
- What exactly is the petition trying to achieve?
- The point of the petition is to put pressure on the government and make them accept that change is needed. Government needs to step in if there is no notable improvement.
- The industry needs to change but this is not the right way to achieve this. The formal demand attached to the petition is not realistic or acceptable; the demand in its current format is not the way forward.

Cllr Dellow proposed, Cllr Gibbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that a decision on this matter should be deferred until September for a full Council vote. In the meantime members would consider if an amended demand would be an appropriate response from Fowey Town Council.

26/47 Steve's Steps

Cllr Gibbon reported that he had now received an amended specification for repairs and he was putting together a tender document. As soon as this was available applications would be invited

via the FTC website, the Mayors Column in Fowey News and the FTC notice boards. A short window for applications was anticipated, due to the urgent nature of the work and the need to work around tide times and weather conditions.

26/48 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 16th September 2026

Meeting Closed 8.07pm