

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER AT 7.00pm IN PAVILION HOUSE, FOWEY

26/67 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

26/68 Apologies None

26/69 Declaration of Interests

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

26/70 Public Participation & Questions

None.

26/71 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 2026

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

26/72 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

26/73 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

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

26/74 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £12,354.65 be approved.

26/75 Correspondence

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

26/76 Resolutions from Councillors

None

26/77 To Receive the Mayor’s Report

The Mayor reported.

It was my pleasure to officially open a new business in the town at the beginning of October. Evergreen Chiropractic will be a very welcome addition to the facilities available to the people of Fowey.

Fowey in Bloom held their Garden Competition winner's presentation on Saturday October 3rd at the Squires Field Community Centre. Judges Leigh and Richard Woods presented the awards. I had the honour of receiving the award for the Community Garden on behalf of Fowey Town Council and library. I was also pleased to see Des Thomas receiving the Outstanding Contribution Award for his exceptional contribution to Fowey in Bloom presented by Barbara Orchard. Des also received a Spirit of Fowey Award from FTC last October for his exceptional volunteering spirit.

On the afternoon of Sunday October 4th, the Mayor's Consort and I represented Fowey Town Council at the Mayor of Launceston's Civic Service held at St Stephen the Martyr Church Launceston. It was a very musical occasion as the Town band welcomed in the congregation and the Launceston Male Voice choir performed during the service. Young people were the focus of the service and took an active part in the proceedings.

26/78 To Receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported:

- Myriam has asked if we could pay a window cleaner for Pavilion House and has suggested a quarterly clean. This was agreed.
- I have received a quote of £1,071.98 for the repair of the TQ festive lights. Cllr Dellow suggested that LED lights would be more environmentally friendly and cheaper to run. It was agreed that a quote should be sought for this option.
- I have received a request that the Town Christmas lights are run from the electricity supply at the Town Hall. This has in fact been the case for a few years but without formal authorisation. It was agreed that permission should be given.
- In respect to the Local Plan Scoping Survey, members considered that there was an overlap with the NPS and that a formal response from FTC was unnecessary at this stage.
- A request had been received that FTC benches be removed from the store under the Town Hall. The store is currently let to the Brewery on a yearly basis and there is an agreement in place that the benches can be stored there and the store retained, rather than it be returned to FTC. The lady had been informed of this and had withdrawn her request. It was agreed that the store would be very useful for winter storage for all of the TQ seating, rather than paying for storage in Par, and that it may be necessary to terminate the agreement with the Brewery in the future. However, it was agreed that the invoice for the use of the property between 1st July 2026 and the end of June 2027 should be issued.

26/79 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – Cllr I Wilson

Cllr Wilson reported

First off this month, I have some good news for the Residents of Newtown. Cornwall Council have finally agreed that the speed limit in Newtown on the B3269 should be reduced to 30mph. After several months of negotiation, and presenting Cornwall Council with the evidence of the dangers in keeping the section through Newtown as an unrestricted roadway, they have conceded that this is the right course of action to take. The change in speed limit is planned to be done in conjunction with new road marking and signage. Cormac have been tasked with producing a full proposal, and this will be shown to the Town Council and residents of

Newtown as part of the required consultation period in advance of any work being carried out, so that any questions or concerns can be addressed.

After having several meetings regarding our Bus Network, it has transpired, that the summer only service to Polkerris (24B) is actually the worst performing bus route in terms of cost and return. Although there is no suggestion that this route will face termination, if everybody can help in promoting this bus route in advance of the next summer season, this could certainly help with increasing the footfall next year.

With winter approaching, the National Government and Cornwall Council have been promoting Emergency Winter Preparedness. And by coincidence, we have the first named Storm of the Year, "Austen" due to make landfall in Cornwall in two days time. The main aim is to encourage residents to take basic precautions in advance to mitigate the effects of any extended power outages. Advice can be found on National Government Websites and the Internet in general. In the event such an outage occurs, please check on elderly neighbours who may not have friends or family nearby to help them.

This year, I will be attending the November Remembrance Service in Tywardreath having attended in Fowey last year.

26/80 Neighbourhood Priorities Statement

The notes from the Steering Group meeting held on 14th October 2026 were noted.

26/81 Christmas Market

Members noted that Festive Fowey are planning several events for Christmas 2026, but agreed that the last minute cancellation by LESW of the TQ Christmas Market was not very helpful or professional. The Mayor was still organising the usual Christmas Market in the Town Hall on the weekend of 5th & 6th December and Festive Fowey were holding a Market there the previous weekend..

26/82 OGS Garden

It was noted that the Trustees were continuing with their demand for excessive dilapidations of over £60K following the ending of the FTC lease. The Trustees had now confirmed that they were not prepared to consider selling the property to FTC so that it could be protected as a public amenity.

26/83 Steve's Steps

The Town Clerk confirmed that to date there had been no response from the tender advert in Fowey News. Cllr Gibbon would now follow up on a quote from his previous contact.

26/84 Co-option of Councillor

It was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Gibbon and RESOLVED that Yvette Patterson should be co-opted to fill a vacant seat on FTC.

26/85 Town Hall

Cllr Fairweather hoped to have prices for scaffolding etc. for the November meeting.

26/86 Reports from Councillors – *at the discretion of the Mayor and including decisions on matters that the Mayor considers to be urgent*

Cllr Fairweather reported that he had been advised that permit holders were having problems with people parking in their spaces at Caffa Mill and he considered that it would be helpful if the area was tidied up and the markings repainted. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had

already arranged for the lines to be repainted but that she would follow up on this; she also advised that the spaces were enforced by Alliance Parking, the same enforcement company that carried out the enforcement on the TQ and for FHC.

Cllr Fairweather reported that he had been approached by a parishioner to see if anything can be done about the long term vacant property which was once Fitzroy Restaurant; there had been a suggestion that High Street Retail Auctions may be a solution. It was noted that this would be an issue for Cornwall Council and not FTC to consider.

Date of Next Meeting 18th November 2026

Meeting Closed 7.58pm