

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL**

#### **10/59 Present**

The Mayor Cllr J Berryman  
Councillors K Alexander, A Baker, Mrs S Gudmunsen, N Mason,  
Mrs J Vincent and T Vincent

#### **In Attendance**

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

#### **10/60 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from The Deputy Mayor (out of country), Cllr Mrs R Finlay (unwell), Cllr J Penprase (personal reasons), C Cllr Mrs S Bain, and PC David Lea

#### **10/61 Declaration of Interests**

- a. In items on the agenda.  
Cllr Baker declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 11, application for funding – St John bus
- b. Of gifts to a value in excess of £25.00.  
None

#### **10/62 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report**

Police Report – full report attached at appendix 1.

On behalf of PC Lea PCSO Thomas reported 32 crimes and 86 incident logs in Fowey between 21<sup>st</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> September.

##### **Public Questions**

Mrs Marchant, a shop owner in the town, stated that she considered that the traffic in the town had been worse than ever during the summer months. She appreciated that it would not be easy to find a solution but urged FTC to work with the Forum and the Chamber of Commerce and try to find a way forward. Mrs Marchant considered that the delivery drivers were the main cause of the problems as they were stopping to deliver and blocking the road causing cars to queue behind them. Exhaust fumes were then filling the shops and pedestrians were forced to weave in and out of stationary traffic. Mrs Marchant suggested that it might help if the pavements were lowered, making it easier for cars to negotiate around stationary vans but, overall, she was worried that people would not return to Fowey because of the bad experience of trying to walk around the town.

Cllr Baker explained that, as Chairman of the St John Ambulance Management Committee, he had applied to FTC for funding towards a new St John Community bus for Fowey. A replacement bus would cost in the region of £20,000; the committee had received a generous gift of £15,000 and had £1,500 of its own funds, leaving a shortfall of £3,000. He was hopeful

of a contribution from the St John organisation itself but he hoped that FTC would consider a one-off grant towards the cost.

**10/63 Minutes of Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 & Extraordinary Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

21<sup>st</sup> July. It was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

9<sup>th</sup> August. It was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

**10/64 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

None.

**10/65 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees**

**Finance** – no report

**Planning** - minutes noted.

**FAC** – no report.

**Town Hall** – no report. The minutes for 12<sup>th</sup> March were still outstanding.

**Environment** – no report.

**10/66 To receive the Mayors Report – *report attached at appendix 2***

The Mayor gave his report and noted that 13 people had registered an interest in renting an allotment

**10/67 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – *report attached at appendix 3***

**10/68 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies**

**Fowey Estuary Partnership** – no report.

**du Maurier** – no report.

**Forum** – Cllr Boosey had submitted a report – *attached at appendix 4*

**Chamber of Commerce** – Cllr Gudmunsen reported that, on behalf of the Chamber, she had written to Gloria Hunnaford asking her to draw the raffle at the Christmas Fair. Mrs Hunnaford had agreed to do this, subject to her other commitments and had also promised a signed copy of her book for the raffle.

**Community Network Panel** – no report.

**Cornwall Towns Association** – no report

**CIC** – no report

**10/69 To receive the Town Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that:

- A letter had been received from Cornwall Council emphasising the importance for all precepting authorities, including local councils, of the government's proposals to introduce local referendums to veto excessive council tax increases. The proposed Devolution and Localism Bill includes giving residents the power to veto excessive rises and under the bill central government would set a limit beyond which it would consider council tax rises to be excessive. Should a council set an increase deemed to be excessive a referendum of local residents would decide by simple majority whether the increase was acceptable. Whilst no final decisions of directions had been made, Cornwall Council wished to make town and parish councils aware that they could very well find that they had to fund the cost of this process.

**10/70 Accounts for Approval**

Cllr Vincent proposed, the Mayor seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £8955.67 be approved. Copies of the Budget Tracking Report and the Current Assets Report had been circulated before the meeting.

Application for funding – St John Community Bus. It was noted that FTC was facing significant expenditure over the coming months associated with the transfer of Town Hall/Town Quay and this would possibly be compounded by the capping of precepts. Currently there was no provision in the budget for such a grant and it was, therefore, agreed that the matter should be referred to the Finance Committee.

**10/71 Correspondence**

The correspondence file was left ‘on the table’

**10/72 Resolutions from Councillors**

None.

**10/73 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex**

The Mayor reported that he and the Town Clerk had attended a meeting earlier in the day with SW Water and Tom Duncan to discuss the terms of a lease for the company’s use of the pump room in the Town Hall building. A draft lease would be drawn up and, subject to agreement by all parties, this would provide welcome additional income for the complex.

The Town Clerk reported that Stephens & Scown had now written to her at some length on the Land Registry search results, which had thrown up a host of registered titles affecting the Town Hall/Town Quay area. In the main Cllrs would already be aware of the issues, but all the paperwork was available for inspection.

Cllr Baker referred Cllrs to a letter sent by Mr Lavery (Cornwall Council) to Stephen Gilbert MP relating to property transfer and stating that in relation to Town Hall/Town Quay after a certain period any profits will be shared 40% Cornwall Council, 40% Fowey Community Network and 20% FTC. He stated that, although he had heard this mentioned by the Town Clerk, this was the first time he had seen it written down and he considered that this was not handing over the property to FTC but only handing over the management of it. He found this totally unacceptable and stated that he would never vote for any handover giving FTC less than 100%, nor would he be a member of a council which accepted such conditions. The Town Clerk pointed out that FTC had definitely been aware of this clause for some considerable time; the transfer had proceeded on this basis and, whilst it was not ideal, the complex was unlikely to run at a profit in any event. *(Note from Clerk: Confirmed after the meeting that minute 08/74 records a resolution to accept the terms in principle – Cllrs Boosey, Berryman, Baker, Dando, J Vincent and T Vincent present).*

Cllr Baker noted that Cornwall Council had adopted a ‘Corporate asset management plan 2010’ in July 2010 and asked the Clerk to secure a copy.

**10/74 St Catherines Castle Lights**

Cllr Baker reported that he was making good progress and he was hopeful that the project would soon be completed. An invitation to tender for the work would be published in the Fowey News and it would shortly be necessary to write to the benefactor.

#### **10/75 FTC Website**

Cllr Baker reported that he and the Town Clerk had attended a training session on the new Cornwall Council system, which was now up and running. However, there had been some teething problems and currently it was not possible to modify the FTC website.

#### **10/76 Squires Field Play Area**

No update.

#### **10/77 Campaign to Protect Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

Cllr Baker submitted a letter of support for the CPRE campaign highlighting some local issues and proposed that it should be sent on behalf of FTC. Cllr Mason disagreed and pointed out that CPRE was a pressure group; the things it was objecting to had gone through the full democratic process. The Mayor added that, whilst AONB's must be protected it was also important to strike a balance and allow local people to earn a living. After a general discussion Cllr Baker withdrew his original proposal and he proposed, Cllr Mrs Vincent seconded and it was RESOLVED that a general letter of support should be sent stating 'FTC welcomes and wholeheartedly supports the aims stated in the Campaign to Protect Rural Britain leaflet posted by Ted Venn. The council considers it of the utmost importance that the principle authority, in our case Cornwall Council, and its planning authority are made aware of their responsibilities in protecting sensitive areas.' Voting was 4 in favour, 1 against with 2 abstentions.

#### **10/78 Du Maurier Festival 2011/2012**

The Mayor reported that following the FTC meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> August the Chamber of Commerce had been approached about the possibility of running the Festival from Fowey. The group had been extremely supportive and had considered that it was imperative that the Festival should continue. Draft Terms of Reference for a Du Maurier Committee had subsequently been drawn up for agreement. Cllr Baker considered that the Terms of Reference put too many constraints on the group and considered that the Festival should be run by a working party and not a committee, which would be hampered by council bureaucracy. He accepted that CALC had advised that this was not possible but suggested that this advice had been incorrect.

- a. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Vincent, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that FTC should accept the 95K grant funding from Cornwall Council to run the 2011 Festival in partnership with Cornwall Council and the Chamber of Commerce.
- b. It was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the draft Terms of Reference should be amended to show Committee membership of 4 FTC members, 4 Chamber of Commerce members and 1 Cornwall Councillor (Fowey Division). With that amendment it was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference should be adopted.
- c. It was proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the Committee should be: Cllr Berryman, Cllr Boosey, Cllr Gudmunsen, Cllr Finlay, David Wilmore (Chamber), Lynn Goold (Chamber/Forum), Steve Beresford (Chamber), Andrea Callis (Chamber), Cllr Bain (CC), Martin Eddy (Area Network Manager) ex officio

Cllr Mason noted that some provision for the hours worked by the Town Clerk in dealing with the financial side of the Festival must be made when producing the Du Maurier budget.

#### **10/79 Access to Coombe and Pridmouth Beach**

Deferred

#### **10/80 Traffic Management in Fowey Town**

The Mayor referred to numerous complaints about the traffic in the town over the summer months and asked members for suggestions that he could take to a joint meeting between the Forum, the Chamber of Commerce and FTC. The following ideas were put forward

- CEO's with increased powers
- Controlled delivery times
- Use of Albert Quay for delivery vehicles
- Wardens to control parking
- Voluntary restriction of delivery times
- A Park and Ride system
- Involvement of local MP before the local bus service was forced to cease operating because of congestion

The Mayor thanked members for their suggestions and undertook to set up a meeting to move things forward. Cllr Mason stressed that the FTC minutes would show that traffic in the town had been an issue for the last 15 years and unless there was a will among the people of Fowey to improve the situation the problem would never be resolved.

#### **10/81 Parish Plan Update**

The following additions/deletions to the draft were suggested

- Page 1. Community Services. Add *Provide a community bus.*
- Page 2. Heritage & Tourism. Add *Investigate case for banning all vehicles on Town Quay during summer months*
- Page 2. Community Services. Delete *Improve footpaths* change to *Link footpaths to local transport where appropriate*
- Page 3. Traffic. Add. *Rationalise all traffic and other signage*
- Page 3. Transport. *Investigate the possibility of reopening the railway line to Lostwithiel*
- Page 4. Sustainability. Delete statement about 'closing the energy gap,' which is unhelpful and harmful to the credibility of the document
- Page 4. Sustainability. Add *Tidal/wave power*
- Page 4. Waste Management. Add *Incineration.*
- Page 5. Food. Add *Investigate the possibility of a (weekly?) market in the town*
- Page 5. Water. Add *Investigate the possibility of water sumps in houses*

#### **10/82 Fowey Sports Centre**

The Mayor advised that this issue had now been resolved and the Centre would remain open to the public during the day.

#### **10/83 Questions under Standing Order 21**

The Clerk reminded members of the Forum invitation to see the renewable energy schemes at Woodland Valley Farm, Ladock on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Planning – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Council – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**Meeting Closed**      9.10pm