

Minutes of the Fowey Town Council Annual Parish Meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 28th April 2010

- 09/265 Present**
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| The Mayor | Cllr Mrs Anne Boosey |
| Deputy Mayor | Cllr J Berryman |
| Councillors | Cllr Mrs K Alexander
Cllr A Baker
Cllr Mrs R Finlay
Cllr Mrs S Gudmunsen
Cllr N Mason
Cllr J Penprase
Cllr Mrs J Vincent
Cllr T Vincent |
- 09/266 In attendance**
- CC Cllr Mrs S Bain
The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
PCSO Linda Thomas
1 member of the press
Members of the public
- 09/267 Apologies**
- Martin Eddy, Area Network Manager
- 09/268 Annual Report of the Town Council – full report appendix 1**
The Mayor gave her annual report.
- 09/269 Annual Report of the Planning Committee – full report appendix 2**
Cllr Penprase gave the annual report of the Planning Committee.
- 09/270 Annual Report of the Environment Committee – full report appendix 3**
Cllr Mrs Vincent gave the annual report of the Environment Committee
- 09/271 Annual Financial Report**
Cllr Mason was pleased to announce that the council had come in under budget in an era of financial cutbacks and doom & gloom. However, he emphasized that this was purely because monies earmarked for legal fees associated with the transfer of TH/TQ had not been called upon because the transfer had not progressed as quickly as had been hoped. He noted that he expected 2010/2011 to be an expensive year for the council due to the extra commitments associated with the transfer and ownership of TH/TQ.
- 09/272 Report of Fowey Asset Committee – full report appendix 4**
Cllr Berryman gave the annual report of FAC.
- 09/273 Report of the Town Hall Committee – full report appendix 5**

Cllr Gudmunsen gave the annual report of the Town Hall Committee

09/276 To receive the accounts of the Town Charities together with the comments of the Trustees and the Town Council thereon

No report.

09/277 The Police Report

PCSO Linda Thomas reported that there had been 110 recorded crimes in the year April 2009/April 2010, including 6 dwelling-house burglaries and 6 non dwelling (commercial) burglaries; 18 of these had been detected. She continued by noting that marine crime had ‘hit the roof’ since the beginning of the year and she had received complaints from farmers because walkers were not abiding by the Countryside Code and closing gates when walking footpaths in the parish.

09/278 Report of the Cornwall Councillor – full report appendix 6

Cornwall Cllr Bain told the meeting that she was well aware that the vast majority of Cornish electors had not wanted a Unitary Authority but she assured everybody that both members and officers were working flat out to solve the massive problems following on from the changeover.

09/279 Town Hall/Town Quay Transfer

The Town Clerk reported that the transfer was progressing, with matters currently in the hands of solicitors. Unfortunately, the whole process was taking far longer than anticipated, partly because of the huge turnaround of staff at the new unitary authority and partly because of issues coming to light in the searches associated with the transfer.

09/280 Traffic Management in Fowey Town

The Mayor reminded the meeting that, at the 2009 Annual Parish Meeting, she had undertaken to form a steering group to look into this problem comprising herself, a representative of the Forum and a representative of the Chamber of Commerce. Unfortunately little progress had been made but she had been trying for the last 15 years to find a solution and would not give up now. She had been disappointed that only 15 replies had been received to the traffic management survey in the Fowey News but she was delighted that children from the primary school had, earlier in the day, been in the town undertaking their own survey.

09/281 Public Questions

Mr Perry, the new head at the Community College undertook to follow up the idea of a traffic management survey undertaken by his pupils.

Mrs Molly King suggested that the bollards at the entrance to Albert Quay could be moved back 1 parking space each side to allow space for delivery vehicles to stop and unload. The Mayor responded that she suspected that it was unlikely that Cornwall Council would be prepared to relinquish the revenue from the parking spaces to accommodate this.

PCSO Thomas noted that the unloading bay outside the Globe was not wide enough and, if in use, vehicles had to mount the pavement to pass; this was illegal and very dangerous. Cllr Mason noted that some delivery vehicle drivers just ignored the bays and stopped in the road, causing huge tailbacks. The Mayor confirmed that the Mayor

of Looe had reported similar problems; the CEO's were completely ineffective and what was needed was a full time traffic warden.

Mrs King was concerned that, as a disabled driver, she now had to pay to park on the quay. The Clerk confirmed that currently this charging system applied throughout Cornwall as the new authority wanted to standardise charges throughout the county.

Mrs King queried the position with regard to the return of the Fowey Charter from Restormel. The Clerk confirmed that the Charter held by the new St Austell Town Council was a completely different document, which had been granted to Restormel in 1972 and the only privilege contained within it was the right to hold markets in the Buttermarket on Fowey Town Quay. Unfortunately, the Fowey Charter had lapsed and Communities and Local Government had advised that again granting borough status to Fowey was not possible under section 245 of the Local Government Act 1972

Mrs Elizabeth Wagstaff introduced herself as the new owner of 17, Esplanade and assured the meeting that she would ensure that the town was inconvenienced as little as possible during the renovation of the property.

Meeting Closed 8.35pm