

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th MARCH 2010 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

09/216 Present

The Mayor Cllr Mrs A Boosey
The Deputy Mayor Cllr J Berryman
Councillors A Baker, Mrs R Finlay, Mrs S Gudmunsen, N Mason,
J Penprase, Mrs J Vincent and T Vincent

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr Mrs S Bain
2 members of the public (part)
1 member of the press

09/217 Apologies

None

09/218 Declaration of Interests

a. In items on the agenda.

Cllr Penprase declared a prejudicial interest in 'Accounts for Approval' as his father had submitted an invoice to FTC

The Mayor, Cllr Boosey, declared a prejudicial interest in the agenda item for financial support of the Forum as she was a member of the organization.

b. Of gifts to a value in excess of £25.00.

None

09/219 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report

No police report

Steve Perrin queried if it would be possible to have a sign on the town quay advertising his mackerel fishing trips; he had asked Cornwall Council but had been unable to get a definitive answer. Failing this he wondered if he could sponsor a litter-bin and advertise on the bin. It was explained to him that any decisions were difficult at the present time because of the impending transfer of TH/TQ to FTC but it was agreed that the possibility of advertising on a litter bin should be an agenda item at the April meeting.

09/220 Minutes of Meeting of 17th February 2010

Proposed Cllr Penprase, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

09/221 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

09/207. The Clerk confirmed that a copy of the Food for Thought/Waterfront licence had been received.

09/212. The Clerk had written to St Austell Town Council asking for custody of the Charter but the request had been denied. Cllrs were disappointed that some of the St Austell Cllrs appeared

to have made their decision based on the incorrect assumption fact that several items had already been returned to FTC. In fact, they had been returned to the Museum. The Mayor agreed to write to the Cornish Guardian to set the record straight.

09/222 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

FAC – no report.

Environment – no report.

Town Hall – It was noted that only 1 tender for the redecoration of the Town Hall had been received, which had been accepted by the Town Hall Committee, subject to no others being received before the closing date.

Finance – no report.

09/223 To receive the Mayors Report – *report attached at appendix 1*

09/224 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Bain reported

- She had stepped down from the Cabinet for personal reasons. However, she was confident that her portfolio was in a better position than when she had taken up the post 9 months previously
- She was still waiting for a response in connection with the possible closure of Lostwithiel Street/Daglands Road between Easter and Whitsun for essential Western Power works.
- She was still waiting for a response from legal to Cllr Baker's query regarding the powers of Cornwall Council to remove unauthorised items from the Town Quay.
- Cllr Baker queried the position with regard to the devolution of services to town and parish councils promised in the run-up to the creation of a unitary authority for Cornwall and also if there was a policy in place for the return of assets. Cllr Bain agreed to ascertain. The Clerk reported that her understanding was that a policy for asset return was currently being formulated and any transfers apart from the few that had been agreed by Restormel before its demise had been put on hold.
- Cllr Mason noted that the service for contacting Cornwall Council by telephone was abysmal.

09/225 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

du Maurier – Cllr Gudmunson reported that she had booked 4 bands to play on the quay during the du Maurier Festival; sponsorship funds should be in place by 7th May. Cllr Finlay queried why so many events were held during the day when people were working. The Mayor confirmed that FTC had no influence over the running of the main Festival, which was organized by Cornwall Council. The Chamber of Commerce ran the events in the Town Hall and FTC's only involvement was the bands on the Town Quay.

Forum – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – no report

Community Network Panel – no report

Cornwall Towns Association – no report

09/226 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that:

- She had accompanied Teresa Frost and PCSO Linda Thomas around the town delivering letters advising businesses that any A-frames/signs/palm trees etc positioned on the highway and causing an obstruction would be removed by CC Highways. The action had been 'classified as a success' by Cornwall Council as 'the initiative had met with a very warm and positive response.'
- The Annual Parish meeting was scheduled for 28th April. The Clerk explained that this meeting was convened by the Mayor or any 2 Cllrs and not the Town Clerk. Apart from any annual reports, the meeting could discuss any public matter of a parochial nature and was not confined to the exercise of the statutory functions of the town council. The Clerk suggested that Cllrs might include items on the agenda to encourage members of the public to support the meeting.
- The Agency Agreement for 2010/2011 weed eradication and grass cutting had been issued and was passed to the Chairman of the Environment Committee for consideration. The Clerk emphasised that the contract must be returned to her promptly as it had been signed and forwarded to Cornwall Council before the end of March.

09/227 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Vincent proposed, Cllr Baker seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £2808.45 be approved. Copies of the Budget Tracking Report and the Current Assets Report had been circulated before the meeting.

a). Cllr Mason reported that he understood that the Forum had not budgeted for a minute taker, so now the group found itself in financial difficulty. He proposed that FTC give a donation of £40 to tide the organization over until the new financial year but the proposal failed to find a seconder. Cllr Mrs Vincent clarified that the Forum had previously relied on 2 grants from the County Council, which Cornwall Council was not continuing and, therefore, the group had no viable income. Cllr Mrs Vincent then proposed a grant to the Forum of £50, to be used specifically for general administration purposes. This was seconded by Cllr Vincent. Voting was 6 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention and it was, therefore, RESOLVED that a grant of £50 be made to the group.

09/228 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left 'on the table'

09/229 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

09/230 Election of Mayor Elect for 2010/2011

The Clerk reported that she had received 1 nomination for Mayor Elect by the closing date – Cllr Berryman proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded by Cllr Penprase. Cllr Berryman was, therefore, the Mayor Elect for 2010/2011. Cllr Berryman thanked members for their support and undertook to do his best to take the interests of Fowey forward during the coming year.

09/231 Election of Deputy Mayor Elect 2010/2011

The Clerk reported that she had received 1 nomination for Deputy Mayor Elect by the closing date – Cllr Boosey proposed by Cllr Penprase, seconded by Cllr Berryman. Cllr Boosey was, therefore, the Deputy Mayor Elect for 2010/2011. Cllr Boosey stated that she would be

delighted to serve as Deputy Mayor and thanked Cllr Berryman for acting as a stalwart Deputy for the past 4 years.

09/232 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Clerk reported that the transfer was now going ahead more swiftly. She had met with the FTC solicitor on the quay at his request as he wished to familiarise himself with the layout of the complex. The survey commissioned by FTC was due to be carried out on 23rd March and she was currently trying to organise access to the various parts of the property.

Cllr Baker noted that Cornwall Council workmen had simply stuffed fibre glass in the joints to address the safety risk posed by the void above the electric cupboard in the Town Hall; he questioned if this complied with fire regulations.

Cllr Baker queried 'When CC place the public seats outside The Waterfront will they place them 1) against the bollards where they always used to be or 2) where they were last year, thereby being complicit in allowing public property to be used without planning consent. The Clerk responded that she understood the licence would cover the same area as in 2009 but agreed to ascertain.

09/233 St Catherines Castle Lights

Cllr Baker reported that he had attended a site meeting with the lighting specialist the previous day and everything was looking promising; the idea was for the castle to be lit with 12 x 1 watt LED lights powered by a solar panel. He now had to write to English Heritage to gain consent but, hopefully, the scheme would be up and running by the season.

09/234 'What Fowey Means to You' Murals

Cllr Mrs Vincent reported that the project was progressing swiftly and the mural would include such things as the Mayors working chain, street sweeping, grass cutting, clay boats, the Church, pathways and tracks, the carnival, the town bus and the land train - all enclosed in a map of Fowey. The Mayor recorded thanks to Cllr Mrs Vincent for her hard work on the Fowey board.

09/235 FTC Website

Cllr Baker reported that the situation was unchanged.

09/236 Squires Field Play Area

Cllr Penprase reported that the scheme had now reached the consultation phase.

Questionnaires had been distributed to the Fowey schools and were due back on 19th March, with the results on display at the Leisure Centre on 27th March.

09/237 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Baker requested that the following questions to put to Cllr Bain.

1. The Parade. There was always a certain amount of dubiety about the ownership of the Parade. Restormel thought it had passed it all to the County Council but they in turn said they were only responsible for the 1.5m footpath. The result was that no-one seemed to be responsible for the borders, walls, trees and shrubs and, consequently, tree cutting and rubbish dumping could not be stopped. Could our Cornwall Councillor get confirmation in writing that Cornwall Council are now responsible for the whole of the Parade including all verges, walls and trees and shrubs and provide FTC with a map defining this as the edges of the property are rather vague in places.

2. Section 106 and Caffa Mill. In the planning consent for the apartments on the old gasworks site at Caffa Mill there was an agreement under S106 to provide £60,000 for public work at Caffa Mill. The apartments are now for sale. I know the Mayor has always maintained an interest in this but would our Cornwall Councillor tell us when this money will be released and what it will be spent on. It is an important issue and Cllr Bain should report on it each month until the money is passed over.

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Penprase 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 cooption of a Councillor to FTC.