

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2011 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

10/241 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey (part)
Councillors A Baker, Mrs R Finlay, Mrs S Gudmunsen, N Mason,
Mrs J Vincent, Cllr T Vincent

In Attendance

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

10/242 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs K Alexander (personal reasons), Cllr J Penprase (personal reasons)

10/243 Declaration of Interests

- a. In items on the agenda.
None
- b. Of gifts to a value in excess of £25.00.
None

10/244 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report

No Police Report - No report

Public Questions – Tony Ryde advised the meeting on the that he had been asked by the Du Maurier Committee to look at the long term sustainability of the Festival. His understanding was that neither FTC nor the Chamber of Commerce were in a position to take on the responsibility after the 2011 Festival and it was necessary to set up a structure to take over the future management. This needed to be done as a matter of urgency to ensure the continuity. Tony advised that he had looked at various options but had concluded that the best option would be to register as a charity to secure the tax breaks. Further research and consideration would be needed before any formal application could be made and the society would need to adopt a proper constitution to ensure credibility. Tony concluded by asking FTC to support the principle of setting up a Du Maurier Festival Society, possibly towards the end of May 2011.

10/245 Minutes of Meeting of 16th March 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Baker and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Mrs Vincent and Cllr Vincent abstained from voting.

10/246 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None.

10/247 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 12th March 2010 were still outstanding.

Du Maurier – minutes noted. The Mayor reported that ticket sales had been running behind the previous year totals but things were beginning to pick up and it was anticipated that the Festival would break even. He thanked Tony Ryde for his extremely helpful suggestions on the way forward for the Festival and asked for Cllrs views. There was general agreement that this appeared to be the only possible way of securing the future of the Festival and Cllr Baker proposed, Cllr Mrs Vincent seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC support Tony Ryde's recommendations in principle, based on the information currently available.

Environment – no report

10/248 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported that he had attended the celebrations for Eira Webb's 100th birthday and that, as an additional treat, he and his wife would be taking her to lunch at the Fowey Hotel. He had also attended a meeting with Imerys, following rumours that the company would be reclaiming the overspill car park to store non toxic waste. The company had explained that it was planning to ship refuse for recycling but that they had now identified a storage site within the dock so there were no immediate plans for the commercial use of the car park. Cllr Bain added that her understanding was that the waste would probably be shipped from Plymouth in any event.

10/249 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – full report appendix 1

10/250 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

Forum – no report.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Cornwall Towns Association – no report

Chamber of Commerce – no report

10/251 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that

- The Highways surveyor had yet to report his findings on the condition of the OGS wall.
- An invitation had been received from Western Power to attend Stakeholder Workshops
- She had not yet ordered a Guest Book as the ones readily available were all in the format of the one already supplied by Lynn Gould; a leather bound one would have to be ordered from a specialist firm. After discussion, it was agreed that FTC should use Lynn's book, which could always be leather bound in the future if it was felt to be appropriate.
- A letter had been received from Tim Rhodes identifying areas requiring work. It was agreed that the Environment Committee would look into this. Cllr Alexander was due to meet with Tim in the near future so she would give him instructions and also ensure that he presented his invoices with all the information required by FTC clearly itemised.

Cllr Boosey arrived.

10/252 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Vincent proposed, Cllr Mrs Vincent seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £2,983.97 be approved. Copies of the Budget Tracking Report and the Current Assets Report had been circulated before the meeting.

Provision of summer traffic manager by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor reported that he understood that there was one person in the town possibly interested in the post. Cllr Boosey considered that the time had passed to accept that the Chamber could employ a Traffic Manager; her understanding was that such a person would have to be employed by FTC. Cllr Mason noted that this would be a considerable expense for FTC.

10/253 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left 'on the table.'

Item 10. The Clerk clarified that she had received a request from one of the craft fair organizers to include a specialist food stall. She confirmed that she had checked with Cornwall Council Licensing and been advised that this would be in order so she had given permission (subject to Cllrs approval) provided the stallholder had the relevant licences and PAT certification and paid for electricity.

10/254 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

10/255 Adoption of Annual Accounts to 31st March 2011

Cllr Mason confirmed that he had carried out an internal audit and scrutinized the year-end accounts prepared by the Town Clerk and circulated to all members. He then proposed, Cllr Mrs Vincent seconded and it was RESOLVED that the accounts to 31st March 2011 be adopted by FTC. Cllr Baker abstained from voting.

10/256 Adoption of the Statement of Assurance to 31st March 2011

Members having responded to all the questions in the affirmative, Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Mrs Vincent seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Statement of Assurance to 31st March 2011 should be adopted by FTC.

10/257 Nominations for Committees for the Civic Year 2011/2012 (for ratification at the Annual Meeting of the Council)

The following nominations were made for Committees

- Planning – Cllrs Alexander, Berryman, Boosey, Gudmunsen, Mrs Vincent
- Environment – Cllrs Alexander, Finlay, Mrs Vincent, Vincent
- Finance – Cllrs Boosey, Gudmunsen, Mason, vacancy
- Fowey Assets Committee – Cllrs Alexander, Baker, Berryman, Vincent
- Town Hall – Cllrs Gudmunsen, Mrs Vincent, Vincent, vacancy
- Webmaster – Cllr Baker

10/258 Allotments

The Mayor reported that he would write to the holders of the 2 unused allotments asking them to relinquish their sites and accept an alternative allotment in the 1-acre Meadow to allow access to the new plots.

10/259 St Catherines Castle Lights

Cllr Baker reported everything was now in place, although 1 light had proved to be defective and had been returned to the supplier. He hoped that he would soon be in a position to have a test run.

10/260 FTC Website

Cllr Baker reported that Westernweb was now in a position to give him and the Town Clerk access to the site.

10/261 Squires Field Play Area

No report.

10/262 Section 106, Caffa Mill Development

No report.

10/263 OGS Garden

No report.

10/264 Arrangements for Mayor Making 2011

The Mayor reported that everything was in hand for the ceremony to be held on 11th May in St Fimbarrus Church.

10/265 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Mayor reported that SW Water had replaced a pump on 14th April and notification had now been received that another must be replaced on 21st April. The situation was very unsatisfactory and boded ill for the summer season.

The Clerk reported that she had received the rebuild figures for the Town Hall from the surveyors; she would submit them to the insurance company to enable them to supply a quote.

10/266 Cornwall Core Strategy

The Mayor explained that the consultation basically required answers to two questions.

1. Preferred levels of housing growth over the next 20 years
2. Where development should take place

Various viewpoints were put forward and, in particular, Cllr Boosey noted that the proposed eco towns would provide a good proportion of the anticipated housing needs. Cllrs, having agreed to communicate any further thoughts to the Mayor, agreed that he and Cllr Boosey, as Chairman of the Planning Committee, should submit a response from FTC.

10/267 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Baker asked for the following statement to be included in the minutes.

'You will remember that the Council kindly voted to make a donation towards the cost of a replacement vehicle for the ageing St John bus. We have now ordered the bus, a new 15 seat Ford Transit with facilities for carrying 2 wheelchairs. We were able to buy a new bus by getting a generous discount but also from the generous donations. In all and assuming the taxman will hand over his bit from the gift-aided donations we raised over £28000, a sum which far surpassed our ambitions. This was all obtained without recourse to appealing to any national charities so it all came from the people of Fowey and those closely associated with the Town. I would like to thank publicly all those who gave to this cause. We expect to be on the road in September.'

Cllr Boosey reported that, sadly, Cllr Bain had failed to attend the planning meeting earlier in the evening as she had gone to St Austell and not to the correct venue, Truro. The Truro meeting had been informed that she was making her way to Truro immediately so the 43/45, Passage Street application had been put down the agenda in anticipation of her arrival. However, Cllr Bain had not turned up and although Cllr Hughes had fought valiantly for FTC it was a lost cause because he could not request a site meeting for an application outside his ward. Consequently, Cllrs who did not know Fowey and had not visited the site had considered the application and had granted it. Cllr Boosey stated that she was absolutely furious about the whole situation.

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Boosey 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 employment of an additional support officer to the Du Maurier Committee.