

Minutes of the Fowey Town Council Mayor Making Ceremony held in St Fimbarrus Church on Wednesday 11th May 2011

11/01 Present	The Mayor	Cllr John Berryman Esq
	Deputy Mayor	Cllr Mrs Anne Boosey
	Councillors	Cllr Mrs K Alexander Cllr A Baker Cllr Mrs R Finlay Cllr Mrs S Gudmunson Cllr Mrs J Vincent Cllr T Vincent
	The Town Clerk	Mrs S Vincent
	Mayor's Chaplain	Revd P de Grey-Warter
	The Town Crier	Michael Penprase
	The Mace Bearers	Andy and Lesley Mc Cartney

Civic Guests and members of the public

- The Town Crier announced the arrival of the Mayor, Town Clerk and Council of Fowey.
- The Mayor, Cllr Berryman, opened the proceedings by inviting his Chaplain, Revd Philip de Grey-Warter, to lead the prayers.
- The Mayor took the Chair.
- The Mayor appointed the Clerk, Mrs Sally Vincent, to take the minutes.

Welcome by the Mayor, Cllr John Berryman

The Mayor welcomed everybody present and thanked Reverend Philip de Grey Warter for allowing the Mayor Making Ceremony to be held in the Church.

The Clerk announced that the first item of business was the election of the Mayor for the next civic year.

11/02 Election of Mayor of Fowey for the Civic Year 2011/2012 – *appendix a & b.*
Cllr Boosey proposed Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr John Berryman would be the Mayor of Fowey for the 2011/2012 civic year.

The Town Clerk declared that Cllr Mr John Berryman had been duly elected as the Mayor of Fowey.

The Mayor returned thanks for his election – *appendix c.*

The Mayor appointed Revd Phillip de Grey-Warter to be his Chaplain.

The Mayor appointed his wife Mrs Maureen Berryman to be his Mayoress

11/03 Apologies Cllr Norman Mason. Cornwall Cllr Mrs Sally Bain.

11/04 Election of Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2011/2012 – *appendix d & e*

Cllr Mrs Vincent proposed Cllr Mrs Boosey as Deputy Mayor. Cllr Vincent seconded the proposal and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Anne Boosey would be Deputy Mayor of Fowey for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

The Town Clerk declared that Cllr Mrs Anne Boosey had been duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Fowey for the Civic Year 2011/2012.

Cllr Boosey returned thanks for her election and thanked her fellow Councillors for their support and pledged to serve the parish of Fowey as Deputy Mayor.

11/05 To appoint Members to serve on the under-mentioned Committees

Cllr Baker proposed, Cllr Gudmunsen seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following members would serve on FTC committees for 2011/2012.

- 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

11/06 Announcements

The Town Clerk announced that:

- The Civic Service would be held at St Fimbarrus Church on Sunday May 22nd at 11 am.
- The Statutory Meetings of the Council would be held on 20th July 2011, 19th October 2011 and 18th January 2012.
- Meetings were also held on most of the third Wednesdays of other months and were always advertised on the Notice Board outside the Town Hall and on the website www.foweytowncouncil.gov.uk. Members of the public were very welcome to attend any of these meetings and there was always an opportunity for public questions at the beginning of the session.

On behalf of the Mayor the Town Clerk thanked everybody for attending and invited all present to join him and the Mayoress for canapés and a glass of wine after the closure of the ceremony.

11/07 Closure of the Ceremony

The Town Clerk called upon the Town Crier, Mr Michael Penprase, to close the ceremony.

MAYOR MAKING 11TH MAY 2011

Appendix A, Cllr Boosey

I am truly delighted to propose Cllr. John Berryman to be Mayor of Fowey for the second year running. He has proved to be a tremendous Mayor, although I think the workload took him somewhat by surprise! But this has been an exceptionally busy year, with the added responsibility of Du Maurer Festival to head up, as well as the ongoing negotiations over the return of the Town/Hall/Town Quay assets. I was tempted to use the word 'farce' instead of negotiations, as we are now entering our 5th year of trying to get these back. Still, everything comes to he who waits, or so they say!

I wish Cllr. Berryman a trouble-free and enjoyable second term as Mayor of Fowey and, as I said, I am delighted to propose him for this office.

Appendix B, Cllr Alexander

I am pleased to be able to support John Berryman as Mayor for a second year in office and am delighted to second Cllr Boosey's proposal. As a recent recruit to Fowey Town Council I have found his knowledge support and guidance invaluable and most importantly his skills in diplomacy. I look forward to working with John during the next 12 months and supporting him in achieving the many challenges that Fowey Town Council has to face.

Appendix C, The Mayor

There I guess I have been made again and ready to go.

I would quickly like to go through what your Council has achieved during the last year.

There that didn't take long did it?

BUT honestly your council has worked tirelessly in pursuit of several major benefits for Fowey, it is so frustrating having to deal with so many other organisation leading to long delays that as new cllrs join us it takes a long time for them to settle into 'council time'.

The TH/TQ is still sat in the legal department at CC - they are trying to put into legally binding terms the ideas of the officers involved. Not if but when it is finally transferred we will have a celebration on the quay if this summer, or in the Hall if it's this winter or another Mayor can organise if next year.

The return of the Town allotments and joining 1 acre meadow progresses, when this is returned to the Council it intends to increase the number of available allotments, money is in place to achieve this.

Some of you may have seen the new lights at St. Catherines' Castle, after many years of discussion and having plans checked and changed by several other organisations Cllr Baker has finally had the lights on for a trial period, still awaiting an adaptation to widen the light beam. When complete we plan an official switch on when I will be inviting as Mayor, Cllr Baker to do the honours, little reward for the many hours he

has devoted to this endeavour.

A little more serious thought as I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the people concerned that the sooner the Localism Bill comes into force or is adopted within this county the better. We would then have more control over routine planning applications, as we have had 2/3 applications go against the wishes of FTC. In those cases our sitting and neighbouring CC member has agreed with us, but when it has gone to the CC committee they, the councillors who know very little or nothing about Fowey have voted against all local opinion. They have based their decision on the recommendation of the officers involved and not on local knowledge as supplied by the parish council and sitting member. Perhaps the officers should advise on and not recommend decisions on planning applications but allow elected members to make up their own minds as to the suitability of applications. In for a penny in for a pound---it is very frustrating for non-paid parish councillors to accept decision taken by paid councillors when they appear not to consider our reasoning's on planning applications. That's enough serious stuff for this evening.

Just remains for me to remind the people of Fowey that our monthly meetings are open to all and there is a spot when anyone can have their say.

I can assure you that your Mayor and Council will work to the best of my and their ability in the forthcoming 12 months

Appendix D, Cllr Mrs Vincent

I wish to propose Cllr Mrs Anne Boosey as Deputy Mayor. Councillor Boosey has represented Fowey both as a Town Councillor and as a Restormel Borough Councillor, and has been Mayor of Fowey. The posts she has held at each level of Local Government have been carried out with hard work and a desire to fight for the interests of the Town of Fowey.

As Councillor and Mayor, she has never stinted in the time she has given to attend meetings, training sessions, consultations and debates, and in spite of bouts of ill health has never failed in her promise to represent Fowey both at Town Council meetings and all other venues.

In view, therefore, of her continuing commitment to the Town of Fowey, I have no hesitation in proposing her as Deputy Mayor.

Appendix E, Cllr Vincent

In seconding this proposal that Cllr Anne Boosey be re-elected Deputy Mayor of Fowey I wholeheartedly agree with all that Cllr Jane Vincent has said.