

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2011 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

11/08 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, A Baker, N Mason,
Mrs J Vincent, Cllr T Vincent

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
1 member of the public

11/09 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs R Finlay (work commitments), Mrs S Gudmunsen (unwell), Cllr Mrs S Bain

11/10 Declaration of Interests

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

11/11 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report

Police Report - No report

Public Questions – Mrs Marchant asked if anything could be done to prevent people putting out rubbish both uncovered and days before collection day. She advised that the same properties appeared to be involved week after week and seagulls were spreading the contents over the streets, which was unsightly and making life very difficult for Colin, the street cleaner. Cllrs noted that this was an ongoing issue and instructed the Town Clerk to ask Cllr Bain to look into the problem. Mrs Marchant also queried the position with regard to the employment of a traffic manager. The Mayor responded that he was still awaiting information from the police following advice given at the PACT meeting but confirmed that FTC was not in a position to employ anybody unless they were properly trained. He understood, however, that the Chamber would not be bound by the same constraints as it was not a public body. Mrs Marchant responded that the Chamber's understanding was that FTC was the only body able to take things forward and urged Cllrs not to let the project drop, although she appreciated that nothing would now be done until summer 2012.

11/12 Minutes of Meeting of 20th April 2011 and Mayor Making Ceremony, 11th May 2011

20th April. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Vincent, seconded Cllr Baker and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Mrs Alexander and Cllr Boosey abstained from voting.

Mayor Making Ceremony. It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

11/13 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None.

11/14 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 the Festival would break even or even make a small profit, although that was after the inclusion of the Cornwall Council grant monies. The Committee had now been disbanded and a skeleton group formed (chaired by Tony Ryde) to investigate the feasibility of the 2012 Festival. The Town Clerk had circulated a financial breakdown of FTC's involvement in the Festival prior to the meeting.

Environment – no report

11/15 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported that he and the Mayoress had attended both the St Austell and the St Columb Mayor Making ceremonies.

11/16 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

No report.

11/17 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

Forum – Cllr Boosey reported that the Heritage Trail project was nearing completion and the Forum Chairman was keen to give a report to FTC at the July meeting. It was agreed that she should be invited to the meeting and a 10 minute time slot be allocated. The Parish Plan was also well advanced and the final document should be on the Forum website and in hard copy at the library by the end of the week.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Cornwall Towns Association – no report

Chamber of Commerce – no report

11/18 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that

- The Cornwall Council Constituency Lead had advised that the required 14 day period had passed and FTC was now free to co-opt a replacement for Cllr Penprase
- A letter had been received from Tommy Bray advising that he was calling it a day after 30 years of charity fundraising in the county and thanking FTC for support over the years.

11/19 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Mrs Vincent proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £9858.20 be approved. Copies of the Budget Tracking Report and the Current Assets Report had been circulated before the meeting.

Town Council Insurance

Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Mrs Vincent seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should commit to a 5 year Long Term Agreement with Zurich Insurance.

11/20 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left 'on the table.'

11/21 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

11/22 Cemetery Extension

Cllr Mrs Vincent advised that Fowey cemetery had served the town well for over 100 years but that space was running out. When the site was full Fowey residents would have to be buried in Carlyon Bay unless additional land could be identified for an extension and she believed that some adjacent land could be purchased for such a purpose. Cllr Boosey asked for more details about this land but Cllr Mrs Vincent was unable to be specific, although she confirmed that the issue was on the PCC agenda for the meeting scheduled for 4th July. It was generally felt that this matter should be investigated further before any decisions could be made and that FTC should be working to support the PCC, rather than getting involved prematurely. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item in July.

11/23 Allotments

The Mayor reported that little progress had been made on this project..

11/24 St Catherines Castle Lights

Cllr Baker reported that the castle had been lit up for Easter but, as the result had not been entirely successful, he was working on some refinements. The lights had been at too sharp an angle and he had more lights to fit and was hopeful that the turbine was capable of powering them. A further site meeting with English Heritage was scheduled, which Cllr Boosey would attend to support him. Cllr Baker had also instructed the contractor to supply a quotation for the remainder of the work required and confirmed that he was hopeful he could complete the project within his £7500.00 estimated budget.

11/25 FTC Website

Cllr Baker reported that the website was up and running and both he and the Town Clerk had access. His view was that the site should be kept simple and used solely to cover FTC business.

11/26 Squires Field Play Area

No report.

11/27 Section 106, Caffa Mill Development

No report.

11/28 OGS Garden

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that FTC should renew the lease on the garden for a further 7 years.

11/29 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Town Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had finally supplied FTC's solicitor with the necessary paperwork to progress the transfer. She also distributed a document 'Thoughts for Management – A Working Document,' although she stressed the content was entirely her own initial thoughts and the paper was simply meant as a starting point and a driver for discussion.

Cllr Baker stated that a business plan was required and that the 36 defects the Town Hall Committee had recorded should be addressed. The Mayor responded that they could be added to the document for consideration and the document used as a basis for a business plan. Cllr Mrs Vincent once again recorded her anger that Cornwall Council was not maintaining the listed building and enlarged on some of the defects. The Mayor responded that rather than continual negativity, FTC should take a positive stance and hope to bring the building up to standard post transfer. It was unlikely that Cornwall Council would have the budget to address all the problems, although the Town Clerk was continually chasing them to do repairs. He directed Cllrs to read the document and to come to the July meeting with suggested amendments/additions etc.

11/30 Windmill House

The Mayor read a statement from Lynne Patterson, the Ocean Housing officer responsible for Fowey. *'There are currently empty units at Windmill. They have been advertised through Home Watch, but to date there have been no takers. I have held weekly surgeries at Windmill over the last 2 months but there has been very little response or participation from residents.'* Cllr Baker stated that he would like a statement from Cllr Bain on Cornwall Council's policy for Windmill and asked for this to be an agenda item in July. Cllr Alexander clarified that there had been a massive change in national legislation in supported housing over the last few years and organizations could no longer pick and choose residents, places were open to all people in need generally. Cllr Mrs Vincent stated that people with mental health problems were living at Windmill and they were not receiving support.

11/31 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Boosey confirmed acceptance of the invitation to meet with Alec Robinson and members of the Cornwall Council Cabinet at Truro. Cllr Baker confirmed that he would addend the Bodmin event. Remaining members undertook to confirm attendance with the Town Clerk within 7 days.

Date of Next Meeting 20th July 2011

Meeting Closed 8.40pm