

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWN HALL AT 7.00 p.m. ON THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Cllr Jane Vincent (Chairman), Cllr John Berryman (The Mayor, ex-officio), Cllr Katherine Alexander, Cllr Ruth Finlay, Cllr Tony Vincent

In Attendance: Cllr Arthur Baker

There were no members of the public present

1. To receive apologies for absence None

2. Declaration of Interests

1. In items on the Agenda None
2. Of gifts to a value in excess of £25 None

3. Public Questions None

4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded by Cllr Alexander and
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th June 2011 be
approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Budget 2011/2012

a. Review expenditure to date.

Cllr Finlay reported that about £2,000 remained in the Budget. There was a large unexpected expenditure as £600 went to the solicitors as fee for the renewal of the lease for the OGS Garden.

b. Review commitments until the end of the financial year.

Cllr Finlay was asked to contact the Town Clerk for an update on the expenditure. From the current records it appeared that Nigel Retallick had not presented invoices every month.

6. OGS Garden

Purpose: To consider quotes for the repair/renewal of the entrance steps and to agree a recommendation to full council.

Cllr Jane Vincent was to contact Chris Biggs to get an update on his estimate with an assurance this would be a firm figure with no additions.

She was also to contact the Town Clerk to find out how much money was in the account relating to 'Donations'.

Cllr Alexander was to contact a local “tree surgeon” to find out how practical it would be to remove the elm(?) saplings which had been reported by some as obscuring the view from the lower terrace. All additions and improvements to the OGS should of course be subject to budget and financial considerations.

7. Grass Cutting/Weed Control/Footpaths

Purpose: To receive a report from Cllr Alexander on the current situation

There had been no signs of weedkilling in the Town.

Cllr Alexander had not received any reply from Tim Rhodes despite leaving messages by phone as well emailing him, his preferred method of contact.

Cllr Jane Vincent said that she would contact the Clerk to obtain the current agency agreement financial totals to aid budgeting.

8. Piggy Lane Triangle

Purpose: To agree the winter planting schedule and repairs to the adjacent stone wall

Cllr Jane Vincent was to contact Nigel Retallick as there was still uncertainty as to whether he had resigned from his contract in relation to OGS Garden, Piggy Lane Triangle and Hydrangea Row.

Cllr Alexander was asked to contact Sally Wilkinson of Fowey in Bloom in regard to planting.

9. Hydrangea Row

Purpose: To consider the future of hydrangea row, including the planting of bulbs

Cllr Jane Vincent said that she had received information from a number of local sources but still had to contact Duchy Nurseries before deciding on which bulbs to plant. Cornish Chuckles were planted last year, and would be continued, and hopefully miniatures planted in the OGS subject to budget.

10. Budget 2012/2013

Purpose: To consider inviting tenders for grass cutting, weed spraying, footpaths and maintenance of Piggy Lane Triangle, Hydrangea Row, OGS Garden prior to submitting budget requirements. Agreeing full specifications of work required

Cllr Jane Vincent to ask the Town Clerk to arrange for tendering for the next Financial Year and to ask her to request that Cornwall Council pay more for the Agency Agreements.

11. New Road Hill Embankment

Purpose: To consider taking over the maintenance of this area, including requesting grant funding from Cllr Bain, possible sponsorship and assistance from Groundwork

After discussion it was decided that this would be too dangerous an undertaking due to slope of the bank at this point.

12. Apple Tree

Purpose: To consider planting an apple tree to replace the dead tree on FTC land

As it had been specified that the apple tree was to be planted in the OGS Garden no further action could be taken. This item was to be removed from future agendas.

13. Status of Right of Way

Purpose: To receive a report on the status of a possible right of way running parallel to New Road Hill and leading to the side of 26, Vicarage Meadow

Permission had been given for the public to cross this land subject to the legislation on Rights of Way

14. Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed