

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2011 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

11/131 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, , Mrs R Finlay, Mrs S Gudmunsen, Miss
K Sutherland, Mrs J Vincent, T Vincent

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
2 members of the public

11/132 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mason, Cllr Mrs S Bain, PCSO Linda Thomas
The Mayor reported that, sadly, Cllr Arthur Baker had decided to resign from FTC.

11/133 Declaration of Interests

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

11/134 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report

Police Report

No report.

Public Questions

Richard Ward, the owner of 2 shops in the town, stated that he was very disturbed that Cornwall Council was going to close some of the public toilets in Fowey. He explained that he had organized a petition, which had attracted 400 signatures and this had been sent to CC.

Additionally he understood that 80 individual letters had also been sent. Mr Ward wanted FTC to know how strong the opposition to any closures was and urged the council to make robust representations to CC that all the toilets in the parish should be retained. The Mayor responded that FTC would do all it could to ensure that CC continued to operate all of the toilets but that he was afraid that this was very unlikely to happen. In the meantime, a working group had been set up to investigate whether it would be possible for FTC to take over responsibility for the facilities, although he was very aware that this could prove to be an unacceptable burden on Fowey council tax payers.

Jenny Marchant advised that she had noticed that the shrubs in the flower beds at the New Road Hill/Hanson Drive junction were obstructing the sightlines of motorists. The Chairman of the Environment Committee undertook to speak to the Chairman of Fowey in Bloom about the issue.

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It was proposed by Cllr Vincent, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

11/136 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

11/117. The Town Clerk reported that Jan Philp had carried out the repairs to the guttering above the Trafalgar Square entrance to the Town Hall.

11/137 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Finance – minutes noted.

Planning - minutes noted

FAC – minutes noted.

Town Hall – minutes noted. The minutes for 12th March 2010 were still outstanding.

11/138 To receive the Mayors Report

No report

11/139 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Full Report attached at appendix 1.

11/140 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 Forum had discussed the issue of affordable housing at its last meeting. It had been agreed to set up a sub committee to investigate whether there were any sites in Fowey suitable for small developments. A questionnaire would also be produced to ascertain need.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Cornwall Towns Association – no report

Chamber of Commerce – Cllr Alexander reported that the last meeting had largely been a debriefing on the Christmas Market, which had been a great success. The Chamber members had also asked that the car parks in the town be a future FTC agenda item. Cllr Alexander agreed to clarify the Chambers exact position with regard to the possible future management of the car parks if they were leased back to the town.

11/141 To receive the Town Clerks Report

No report

11/142 Accounts for Approval

The accounts were unavailable for approval due to the failure of the Town Clerk's computer.

- a. To consider a request from the SW Coast Path Team for a contribution towards improvements to the Fowey to Pridmouth footpath.** Cllr Mrs Vincent noted that this walk was in Fowey parish but as there was no available funding in the Environment Committee budget, any contribution would have to come from elsewhere. The Mayor clarified that the path was on National Trust land and as such it was not a FTC responsibility. Cllr Alexander stated that it was a very well used walk by both locals and visitors. Cllr Boosey reminded the meeting of the current, very difficult economic climate. Cllr Mrs Vincent proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded that a contribution of £100.00 should be made towards the project. Voting was 4 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions and it was, therefore, RESOLVED that a contribution of £100.00 should be made.

11/143 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left 'on the table.'

11/144 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

11/145 Budget 2012/2013

The Mayor referred members to the recommendations of the Finance Committee. He then proposed, Cllr Mrs Vincent seconded and it was RESOLVED that the draft budget be adopted by FTC and a precept requirement of £42,175.00 be submitted to Cornwall Council. Cllr Mrs Vincent then proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee in respect of the Town Hall Cleaner and the Town Hall Caretaker.

11/146 To receive a report from the Chairman of FAC
Rosehill Store

The Mayor reported that he had obtained a quote for the stripping out of the gents toilets, which was £1036.00. He assumed a similar figure would be required for the ladies. He undertook to add the figures to the business case adopted by FTC and submit it to Cornwall Council.

Alldays Fields

Deferred.

Squires Field

Deferred.

Allotments

No update.

11/147 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Mayor and the Town Clerk had met with Cornwall Council Legal representatives on Tuesday 6th December. It had been clarified that the quay was currently public highway and so it was, therefore, not possible to restrict traffic movements in any way. Discussions had taken place about the possibility of a stopping up order on parts of the quay, which would allow parking and using the quay for the stationing of the Boatmen's hut, for example. The Mayor and Town Clerk would continue to monitor the situation and would also reply to a letter received from a member of the public about the future of Town Hall/Town Quay.

11/148 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Boosey queried who had organised a meeting at the Library attended by Peter Wyper, who was a member of a parish council which had led a group of parishioners who had successfully prevented a Wainhomes development in their parish. Cllr Gudmunsen confirmed that she had organised the meeting, but as a member of the public and not a Councillor.

The Mayor wished all present a Happy Christmas

Date of Next Meetings

Council – 18th January 2012

Planning – 18th January 2012

Meeting Closed 8.17pm

Appendix 1

Cornwall Councillor's Report

to Fowey Town Council
Meeting on 14th December 2011

I attended a briefing on the Localism Bill on 6th January which received Royal Assent on 15th November. I sent you a report prior to the last meeting. The main message coming out of the briefing is that Cornwall Council would welcome comments and suggestions from Parish Councils on how they could take over and manage its own affairs in the future. Town and Parish Councils are being asked to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan – how local people would like to see their area develop over the next decade or so. None of the changes can be managed in quick time; it could take some years to get everything sorted to the satisfaction of all partners.

Parish precepts are being set at this time, but it is recommended that they could delay any decision until, say, the end of January.

Hopefully, you have received a report from the Leader of the Council, and so are informed of news from the Council. But here is a bit more news that is right up to date.

Cornwall Council is inviting views on the proposed changes to the Performing Arts Library. Proposals include: Relocating all back-up and reserve stock, including orchestral sets, which is not browsed regularly, to the Central Library Facility at Threemilestone in Truro. Keeping a comprehensive browsing collection at St Austell Library. The collection held at the St Austell library will continue to be available to browse whenever the library is open, although the hours when the Arts Specialist is available will be reduced. All telephone calls for the Performing Arts Library service will be directed to the enquiry specialist officers, who already deal with Reference Library enquiries. Working with local groups that have expressed an interest in supporting the Performing Arts Library in a variety of ways. Contact Cornwall Library Service on 0300 1234 111 or email libraries@cornwall.gov.uk. The survey and consultation document will be found on <https://engagespace.co.uk/cornwall/default.aspx>.

I attended an extraordinary meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny committee yesterday, when members of the committee were invited to question the Chief Exec and Leader on any aspect of the council's performance.

A scheme to fit around 70 homes in Penwithick with energy efficient and renewable energy technologies over the next twelve months has moved a step closer with the appointment of Ocean Services (SW) Ltd by Cornwall Council to deliver the Domestic Retrofit Pilot. The pilot is due to begin in spring 2012.

Cornwall's Safe Places scheme has been named winner of the Tackling Disability Hate Crime category of Breakthrough UK's National Independent Living Awards in December.

Cornwall Council's Tremorvah Industries is celebrating, after picking up a prestigious award from the British Healthcare Trades Association. The award was Highly Commended in the Mobility Retailer category.

People with Autism and Asperger syndrome will be helped into work thanks to a £40,000 grant from the Strategic Health Authority. The money is being provided by its Employment Fund, following a successful bid from the Cornwall Autism Partnership.

A reminder, however, that Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service need to recruit on call firefighters. Fowey is on the list of those stations needing to fill places.

Website www.cornwall.gov.uk/firerecruitment; or Human Resources on 01872 323500.

Sally Bain