

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2012 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

11/149 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, Mrs R Finlay, N Mason,
Miss K Sutherland, Mrs J Vincent

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
2 members of the public (1 part)
PCSO Linda Thomas and colleague (part)
1 member of the press

11/150 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gudmunsen (family business), Cllr T Vincent (unwell), Cornwall Cllr Mrs S Bain

11/151 Declaration of Interests

- a. In items on the agenda.
Cllr Boosey declared a personal interest in the Forum's grant request
- b. Of gifts to a value in excess of £25.00.
None

11/152 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report

Public Questions

Neil Hartwell representing the Town Forum advised that the Forum proposed to run a volunteer led survey to assess the flow of traffic through Fowey, including numbers of vehicles, although not the purpose of the journeys. It was intended to stage the surveys on a Thursday and a Saturday in March and July 2012.

Rev. Philip de Grey Warter noted that FTC would have received a letter from the Church advising that Cornwall Council would no longer be maintaining the clock on the Church tower. He also asked members to be aware that Cornwall Council was looking to take a similar stance with regard to the closed churchyard and would no longer be maintaining the flowerbeds and grassed areas. Philip then reminded the meeting that burial space in Fowey was running out and he understood that Cornwall Council was intending that Fowey residents should be buried in Charlestown cemetery. He was sure that this would be an unacceptable way forward for the Fowey community and he asked FTC to join with the Church to persuade Cornwall Council to provide an alternative site in Fowey.

Police Report PCSO Linda Thomas reported 10 crimes in Fowey during December - 1 x assault, 1 x (attempted) house burglary, 1 x other burglary, 3 x other theft, 1 x vehicle crime, 3 x criminal damage. PCSO Thomas also advised that she was organizing a 'Horsewatch' scheme

and had scheduled a meeting at the Fowey Community College at 7pm on 2nd February – all welcome.

11/153 Minutes of Meetings of 14th December 2011

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

11/154 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None.

11/155 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Finance – no report.

Planning - minutes noted. Cllr Boosey noted that, prior to the planning meeting earlier in the evening, a developer had briefed members on a proposed scheme to build a supermarket Lambs Barn.

FAC – no report.

Town Hall – no report. The minutes for 12th March 2010 were still outstanding.

11/156 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported that, together with the Mayoress, he would be attending the RNLI AGM the following day. He also advised that he had presented FTC's case for the transfer of the Rosehill Store from Cornwall Council but that he understood unofficially that it had been unsuccessful and that the building would be put back on the market and auctioned off before the end of the financial year.

11/157 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

No report.

11/158 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 traffic at its last meeting and had also touched briefly on the Localism Bill and the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Cornwall Towns Association – no report

Chamber of Commerce – The Mayor reported that he had attended the last meeting to advise the Chamber members of the details of the sewer repair work that was currently being undertaken in the town. The main disruption would begin on 31st January but work would be completed before Easter. The Chamber had requested that FTC investigate further the possibility of taking back the management of the Fowey car parks from Cornwall Council.

11/159 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that

- A Cornwall Council consultation 'Planning Future Cornwall, Our Preferred Approach for a Core Strategy' had been published. Views were being sought on this and 'Options and Preferred Options for Energy, Minerals and Waste' before 2nd March 2012. It was agreed that the documentation should be circulated among members and that they would respond to the Town Clerk with their views before the February council meeting in order for a FTC response to be agreed as an agenda item.

- It had been necessary to purchase a new computer as the FTC machine had suffered irreparable lightening damage.

11/160 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Mrs Vincent proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of 8497.30 be approved. Copies of the Budget Tracking Report and the Current Assets Report had been circulated before the meeting.

a. To consider a grant request from the Fowey Town Forum

The Town Clerk reported that the Fowey Town Forum had asked FTC to consider a grant request of £200, which would be used mainly to fund operating costs and the proposed traffic survey in the town. The Clerk confirmed that she had requested a copy of the Forum's accounts, which was normal FTC practice when considering grant requests, but these had not been received. It was noted that there was £200 in the budget for updating the Parish Plan, which had not been called upon and, after discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded Cllr Mrs Vincent and RESOLVED that a grant of £200 should be awarded but asking the Forum to note that the FTC budget was set in November/early December each year and that any future requests should be made before this date. Cllr Finlay abstained from voting.

11/161 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left 'on the table.'

11/162 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

11/163 St Catherines' Lights

The Mayor reported that he was delighted that the lights were now operational, with only a few cosmetic jobs still to be completed. Thanks were extended to Arthur Baker for overseeing the project. The Town Clerk reported that Arthur was prepared to retain the keys to the hut and the electricians to allow him continued access if this was the wish of FTC. It was agreed that this was acceptable but that a duplicate set of keys should be cut for the Town Clerk's master set. In response to a query from Cllr Mason, the Clerk confirmed that the project was currently running at approximately £3.5K over budget. It was agreed that an official switching on ceremony should be held on Friday 20th January at Fowey Yacht Club at 6pm.

11/164 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Mayor and the Town Clerk had met with the FTC solicitor the previous week and matters appeared to be almost finalised. Arrangements for the stopping up order on the quay were ongoing and the completion of this exercise, together with any ongoing involvement with the seawater pipe to the aquarium, would remain the responsibility of Cornwall Council and would be legally binding as part of the transfer documentation. One matter forming part of the preemption agreement was not agreed and discussions on this were ongoing, although Jonny Alford (CC Estate Services Manager) had indicated that he was sympathetic to FTC's point of view. The Mayor and Town Clerk had also met with the parishioner who had written to FTC advocating the necessity of a structural survey of the quay being carried out by a qualified marine surveyor. The parishioner had assured them that he just wanted to make sure that FTC was alert to the possibility of possible problems in the future. The Clerk reported that she had discussed the issue with the Fowey Harbourmaster and he had advised that he could recommend a company qualified to carry out such work but that a purely visual survey would cost in the region of £1000. Tim Jones, the Harbourmaster, had also offered to carry out such a survey

himself, as had Mike Sutherland, his predecessor, but he had emphasised that, whilst both of them were used to undertaking surveys as part of their employment, neither of them was a qualified marine surveyor. Cllr Mason noted that FTC had already commissioned a survey, which had been carried out by Jeffreys and he considered that FTC should accept the Harbourmaster's offer. Cllr Boosey agreed that it would be wise to accept the offer and she proposed, Cllr Mason seconded and it was RESOLVED that Tim Jones/Mike Sutherland should be asked to undertake a visual survey of the quay.

11/165 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Boosey reported that the bottom railing on the steps outside the Museum entrance was loose. On behalf of the Town Hall Committee, Cllr Mrs Vincent agreed to attend to this. On behalf of Mr Baker, the Clerk reported that the wall at Piggy Lane had been repaired but that the centre brick circle had sunk again. On behalf of the Environment Committee, Cllr Mrs Vincent agreed to attend to this.

Date of Next Meetings

Council – 15th February 2012
Planning – 15th February 2012

Meeting Closed 8.10pm