

Minutes of the Meeting of Fowey Town Council Environment Committee held in the Town Hall Office on Monday 6th August 2012 at 6.30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Cllr Tony Vincent

Present:- Cllr Jane Vincent (Chairman), Cllr Katharine Alexander, Cllr Ruth Finlay, Cllr Tony Vincent (Minute Secretary)

1. **Apologies for absence** None

2. **Declaration of Interests**
 - a. Pecuniary None
 - b. Non Pecuniary None

3. **Public Questions** None

4. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2012**

Proposed by Cllr Alexander and seconded by Cllr Mrs Vincent it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd June 2012 were approved.

5. **Matters Arising – for report only** None

6. **Budget**

Purpose: To review the 2012/2013 budget

Cllr Finlay reported that expenditure to the end of July was £1192 for Mr White's services and £770 for Lanhydrock Garden Services.

There would be an exceptional payment made to Mr Staples for the two days spent in removing the unwanted saplings and shrubs on the water's edge of Grammar School Gardens

7. **To receive Reports on**

Grass Cutting/Weed Killing – Cllr Alexander

Cllr Alexander had reported to Lanhydrock Garden Services in regard to clearing the footpaths, which had been reported to the Town Clerk and Councillors by the public as being overgrown. It was of the opinion of the Environment Committee that the weather conditions had caused exceptional growth. Councillor Alexander had spoken to the contractors to do the second cut for the paths .

OGS Garden/Piggy Lane Triangle – Cllr Mrs Vincent

Cllr Mrs Vincent reported that Mr Staples had now removed the growth on the waterside of the OGS Gardens. The W.I. wished to replace a commemorative shrub, which had died. Cllr Vincent said that she had been in contact with Mr White who had suggested Echanacea butterfly hybrids, which should attract butterflies and bees to the Gardens. In relation to Piggy Lane Triangle and Hydrangea Row Mr White was to be asked to plant Snowdrops and additional Daffodils

8. To receive Reports (if any) from Members of the Committee

Purpose: To receive reports (if any) on matters not covered in the agenda

Cllr Finlay reported that she had been in touch with Mrs Orchard of “Fowey in Bloom”. The members were concerned that help was needed to care of the current areas for which they took responsibility. It was felt that an informal meeting should occur to discuss this further.

Cllr Finlay said that she may be able to get students from Fowey Community College to help

Councillor Alexander reported that she had experienced the same problem as before in getting the contractors to state in their invoice exactly the location and length of time taken for weeding, brush cutting and grass cutting.

Councillor Tony Vincent reported that he was in the process of wire brushing the OGS Garden gate, and it would be painted in the near future.

9. Date of Next Meeting

In the Town Hall on Thursday 13th September 2012 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Office.

The Meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.