

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2012 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

12/93 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, Cllr Mrs R Finlay, N Mason, Mrs J
Vincent, T Vincent, D Willmore

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
2 representatives from Ocean Housing
3 members of the public

12/94 Apologies

Cllr Mrs K Sutherland, Cllr Mrs S Bain

12/95 Declaration of Interests

- a. Pecuniary.
None
- b. Non Pecuniary.
Cllr Mason declared a non pecuniary interest in any matters involving the Fowey Chamber of Commerce

12/96 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report

Public Questions

Mr Ivor Johns reported that the footpath between Windmill Industrial Estate and Fowey Community College was badly in need of attention. The surface was damaged, due to the root structure of an adjacent Scots Pine and there was a serious problem with litter, which was not being cleared. Mr Johns confirmed that Restormel Borough Council had installed a light and bollards to restrict vehicular entry to the footpath some years previously. The Clerk noted that this path was not included on the LMP and must, therefore, be the responsibility of Cornwall Council. It was agreed that Cllr Bain should be asked to investigate the matter and liaise with both FTC and Mr Johns.

Mrs Jenny Marchant noted that Cllrs were due to discuss the issue of busking later in the agenda and, on behalf of the Chamber, asked members to be mindful that any decision to stop busking in the town might impact on people playing in the streets as part of the Christmas Fair.

Jo Tulley and Jason Giles (Ocean Housing) addressed the meeting in respect of Windmill House and explained that.

- There were currently 9 residents living at Windmill and their welfare was paramount to Ocean. However, the current building was not fit for purpose and Ocean was finding it increasingly difficult to let the empty flats. It was hoped, therefore, that the site could be redeveloped. The plan was to move all the existing residents into the flats on the car

park side of the building and demolish and rebuild the other side to provide 12 state of the art, senior citizens apartments, plus a community room and gardens. When the residents had been rehoused into these new apartments the car park side of the complex would be demolished and 8 open market houses built to cross finance the project. Jo confirmed that the proposal was currently at the pre application stage and that there would be a community consultation in due course.

Police Report

There had been 12 crimes in Fowey during August – 1 x other vehicle crime, 3 x other theft, 5 x drugs/drink/misc. (4 detected) and 3 x criminal damage and 7 crimes during September – 1 x house burglary, 2 x theft of conveyance, 1 x other theft, 4 x drink, drugs/misc. (2 detected).

12/97 Minutes of Meeting of 5th September 2012,

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

12/98 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

12/99 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Finance – no report.

Planning - minutes noted.

FAC – no report.

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

Environment – minutes noted.

12/100 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported that

- The RN ship HMS Dragon would be in Fowey from 9th – 11th November.
- A Councillor and three race officials from Pornichet would be visiting Fowey over the coming weekend.
- Cllr Sutherland had sadly tendered her resignation for personal reasons, effective from the end of the current meeting. He recorded thanks to Cllr Sutherland for all she had done for the community during her time as a Cllr.

12/101 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Bain had emailed the Clerk advising that there would be a meeting at County Hall on 23rd October about the out sourcing of services, following the vote of no confidence in the Leader and the resignation of several members of the Cabinet.

12/102 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

Forum – no report

Community Network Panel – no report.

Cornwall Towns Association – no report

Chamber of Commerce – no report.

12/103 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that

- The Harbourmaster had queried whether the council wished to host a reception for HMS Dragon when she was in port. Cllrs were in favour of this in principle to demonstrate Fowey's appreciation of the Royal Navy but considered that it should be on a modest scale given the current economic climate. It was generally felt that an appropriate time might be after the Remembrance Day Service, possibly in the Royal British Legion. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Vincent, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be given delegated power to investigate this, reporting back to Cllr Mason and other members in due course.
- SW Water would be working on the quay during November to replace the covers and work on the pumps. It had been agreed that the Clerk should invoice them for any loss in car park revenue.
- The 2011/2012 audit had been completed and signed off by the auditor.
- She had passed Section 7, General Power of Competence, CiLCA 2012, which fulfilled the eligibility criteria for a qualified Clerk as prescribed in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
- For business reasons the Town Hall Caretaker had advised that she would be unable to continue in the role, although the Cleaner wished to carry on. It was agreed that the Mayor and Clerk should meet with her to discuss the way forward.
- A letter had been sent by Stephens & Scown to Jim Fisher in respect of illegal trading from the quay.

12/104 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4743.95 be approved.

Cllr Mason proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that a cheque for £100 should be paid to Lesley McCartney towards the payment of the Jubilee Band, Fine Whines. Copies of the Budget Tracking Report and the Current Assets Report had been circulated before the meeting.

12/105 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left 'on the table.'

Item 12. The Clerk was asked to contact the PCC, the Working Mens Institute and Fowey Cottage Hospital to ask for their thoughts about the proposal to bring the Beale Trust to an end for the reasons given in the letter from Lawrence Graham LLP.

Item 14. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to English Heritage about the problems Mr & Mrs Read were experiencing when raising and lowering the flag since the installation of the new floodlighting at St Catherines Castle. It had been agreed that representatives of English Heritage would meet with FTC on site over the winter months to discuss possible solutions.

12/106 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

12/107 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that Cllr David Hughes was still waiting to hear if St Sampson wished to join with the other parishes in the production of a Plan but that, in the meantime, he had asked for the names of the FTC representatives to enable him to canvass a suitable date for the inaugural meeting. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Mrs Vincent and RESOLVED

that Cllr Alexander and Cllr Willmore would be the FTC representatives, with Cllr Boosey as reserve.

12/108 Fowey Public Conveniences

No update.

12/109 Allotments

The Mayor reported that he had officially registered FTC's wish to acquire the allotments/Parade Gardens, preferably on a freehold basis, with the Area Network Manager.

12/110 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Town Clerk reported that the Pay and Display meter on the quay was not working but that she had arranged for an engineer to look at it. Members noted that the machine was very old and that it might be prudent to replace it. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of a new machine.

12/111 CC Car Parking Charging Framework

The Town Clerk referred members to circulated emails from Mr Carson about parking charges on Albert Quay and reported that she had also spoken to Kate Dixon about the situation. It appeared that work on an On Street Order had been finalized some time previously and it was due to go before Cabinet, who she suspected might recommend a countywide consultation. If this happened it would probably be in November and FTC would be notified in due course. In the meantime it was noted that Mr Carson would be attending the Cabinet meeting to put his question to members.

12/112 Busking in Fowey

Cllr Willmore reported that shopkeepers were experiencing problems with buskers during the summer months, particularly outside Lloyds Bank. PCSO Thomas had advised that she thought that there used to be a bylaw preventing busking in the streets but that she was now unable to trace it. Cllr Willmore agreed to investigate further.

12/113 Questions under Standing Order 21

None.

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that the Press & Public should be excluded under Section 1(2) of the Press & Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be conducted under the agenda item 'Town Hall/Town Quay – matters involving SW Water.'