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*The past few years have been full of change and new responsibilities, and the end is not in sight yet. John has played a crucial part in all these negotiations and battles, and has a strong knowledge of all the pitfalls and landmarks associated with them with great diplomacy and tact. But then he is the son of a Councillor from 'down West' so it must be an inherent skill. I did try to suggest to eldest daughter that she gave some thought to standing for her local Council, but the look of horror that took over seems to suggest that this ambition does not run in the genes! This is also a new council, although I use the term fairly loosely, as I think we were all disappointed that only one person actually put their name forward for election, thank you Cllr. Delves! Obviously the expression 'if you can't beat them, join them' doesn't have many believers locally! So once again we did not have an election for the Town Council which I think is very sad, and leaves me as the only Member who has actually been elected and that was so long ago I can't remember the year!*

*It seems more important than ever to have a knowledgeable Councillor to lead us through various ongoing battles, and I imagine that after 3 years he has gained a very good idea of what is going on.*

*I would also like to thank, most sincerely, Mrs. Berryman. Being the Mayoress has its own problems, like seeing your husband a lot less than you should, and getting 'suggested' to stand on a very cold and windy day counting the people who use the Town Hall toilets! Over and above the call of duty, that one, and very useful to us. So, Mo, I really appreciate the fact that you have agreed to be Mayoress again. And we will try to ease the burden as much as we can.*

*In conclusion, I would like to formally propose that Cllr. John Berryman be duly elected to be Mayor of Fowey for the 2013/2014 year*

Cllr Finlay seconded the proposal.

*It is with great pleasure that I second John Berryman as Mayor of Fowey for a fourth year in office.*

*In my time on the Town Council, John has worked diligently at whatever issue has arisen, and over the past three years issues have appeared thick and fast.*

*John has been involved in the formal handing over of the Town Hall and Town Quay into the ownership of the people of Fowey. Other assets, of Fowey in the ownership of Cornwall Council will hopefully follow without all the trials and tribulations of the Town Quay.*

*As a relative newcomer to the Town Council, it has been an education to find out exactly what the Town Council do and the role of councillors on the various committees. The amount of time my fellow councillors give voluntarily to spend debating in draughty halls, usually with dodgy heating, or the joys of "Council Training", which can shake the resolve of even the most enthusiastic on a cold, Tuesday night in November.*

*We are also inundated with emails, with titles such as Toilets or toilets again or my favourite – "positively the last word on Toilets".*

*I have personally been on a steep learning curve since I joined the Town Council, everything seems to take so long especially when a certain Cornwall Council is involved. Yet there has to be someone who has the last say, whom the buck stops with*

*and that is the position of Mayor- John Berryman literally puts in hours on a whole variety of meetings, he is persuading, encouraging; finding out details, and with the exceptional support of our Town Clerk, to do with parking, toilets, allotments, planning issues. He then chairs the Town Council meetings and is able to guide councillors from a position of knowledge and understanding.*

*He makes the plea at most council meetings for more people from Fowey to get involved and to have a say, as this is the only way the Town Council can truly be able to represent their views. As Mayor, John Berryman endeavours to represent the people of Fowey and to achieve the best for the people of Fowey. I heartily endorse and second John Berryman as Mayor of Fowey.*

There being no further nominations the Town Clerk called for a vote, which was unanimous and it was RESOLVED that Cllr John Berryman would be the Mayor of Fowey for the 2013/2014 civic year.

The Mayor recited and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and swore the Oath of Allegiance.

The Mayor returned thanks for his election.

*I would like to thank my proposer and seconder for their kind words and also to the council for my election.*

*When asked if I would accept the nomination as mayor, for the 4<sup>th</sup> term, I remembered the advice given to anyone before signing or accepting anything - READ the small print, so I did and in very small print in our councils standing orders I found this under clause 22 'If a Councillor serves more than 3 consecutive terms ALL this is his or hers to keep' (indicated the Chain of Office) or did I dream that part? But being a councillor is not a dream or a doddle as we all know, it entails hard devoted work and getting more intense as CC look to pass more responsibility down to our level under the banner of Localism but failing to pass down any finance or means of raising finance other than through the precept.*

*Last year I spoke of the return of the TH and quay to FTC now I speak of the imminent return of Squires Field, the Allotments, the adjoining 1ac meadow and the Loos. We have a meeting with Cormac set for the 23<sup>rd</sup> May when the discussion starts on the refurbishment plans for the 5 public conveniences. We will keep the towns people informed as to the outcome. As to the 1ac meadow, our plans for this have always been to increase the number off allotments on offer to interested people from Fowey. Squires field will remain as a recreational area as present, bowling club, football club, children's play area and the pavilion. The future of the car parking area will be under serious discussion within council at first.*

*I am not yet, I hope, turning into a grumpy old man but only a grumpy old Mayor--- we as a Council have had to face a certain level of criticism recently, this I do not mind as long as it is **NOT** done in ignorance of the facts, open and accurate debate is welcomed. With criticism, one would have thought, would come the desire to do better or help to change whatever is considered not right but as recently shown in Local council nominations only 7 people appear prepared to undertake council responsibilities and 6 of these were previous councillors. I welcome Tony to our small group.*

*The townsfolk will now have to accept that the 3 remaining council seats will be filled by our choosing. We will advertise the vacancies, and of the people who apply, the*

*sitting Cllrs can either choose or not to fill the 3 seats. As individuals the townsfolk have had their elected chance to join and decided for whatever reason not to get involved. We need the 3 Cllrs as the level of work is more than the 7 can comfortably manage.*

*I accept that some people within the town also give of their time to their organisations and we must all work together for the benefit of the town and parish. We as a council must not forget we also serve the parish and not just Fowey, sometimes decisions cannot be taken in isolation but must reflect on our wider responsibilities. Before I sit down I must take this opportunity of publically thanking our town clerk on my and the councils behalf for all the hard work Sally has put in over the past year*

The Mayor appointed Revd Phillip de Grey-Warter to be his Chaplain.

The Mayor appointed his wife Mrs Maureen Berryman to be his Mayoress

### **13/03 Apologies**

The Town Clerk reported apologies from 7 invited guests.

### **13/04 Election of Deputy Mayor for the Civic Year 2013/2014**

The Town Clerk invited nominations for Deputy Mayor

Cllr Alexander proposed Cllr Mrs Boosey as Deputy Mayor.

*I would like to propose that Councillor Boosey be elected as Deputy Mayor for the coming year. She has worked tirelessly for Fowey Town Council in all its roles for many, many years and is loyal and committed to the town and council alike. She has a wealth of experience and knowledge of planning which has been greatly needed and valued during the last 12 months and I know will be put to great use in the future. Standing up for what she believes to be right in difficult circumstances is something you can rely upon Councillor Boosey to do.*

*On a personal note I value her humour and ability to walk away smiling and being friends following heated discussion or disagreement. That is an essential quality required by all of us. I look forward to working together for the next 12 months.*

Cllr Willmore seconded the proposal

*I would like to second Cllr Alexander's proposal, in all the years I have known Cllr Boosey she never fails to amaze me, her knowledge of local and Cornwall Council workings is second to none and her list of contacts is endless. Along with the Mayor, we will have in place a strong leadership team to guide us through the next difficult 12 months on the Town Council.*

There being no further nominations the Town Clerk called for a vote, which was unanimous and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Anne Boosey would be Deputy Mayor of Fowey for the Civic Year 2013/2014.

Cllr Boosey returned thanks for her election and thanked her fellow Councillors for their support and pledged to serve the parish of Fowey as Deputy Mayor.

### **13/05 To appoint Members to serve on the under-mentioned Committees**

Cllr Gudmunsen proposed, the Mayor seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following members would serve on the Planning Committee for a 4 month term of office. Cllrs Alexander, Boosey, Delves, Finlay and Willmore.

Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Delves seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following members would serve on the Environment Committee for 2013/2014. Cllrs Alexander and Finlay.

Cllr Finlay proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that the following members would serve on the Finance Committee for 2013/2014. Cllrs Berryman, Boosey, Delves, Willmore.

### **13/06 The General Power of Competence**

The Town Clerk explained that all councils in England had been given a 'general power of competence' in the Localism Act 2011. This power basically gave councils *'the power to do anything that individuals generally may do.'* However, whilst the power was automatic for principle authorities, town and parish councils must formally resolve at every Annual Meeting following an ordinary election that they are eligible to use the power if they wish to do so. The criteria for eligibility was, firstly, that the number of Councillors elected must equal or exceed two thirds of the total number of seats and, secondly, that the Clerk holds the CILCA qualification, including section 7, 2012.

The Town Clerk confirmed that with 7 members standing for election for 10 seats on 2<sup>nd</sup> May the first criteria was met and that she did hold the CILCA qualification, including section 7, 2012.

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that Fowey Town Council meets the criteria for eligibility to use the General Power of Competence.

### **13/07 Announcements**

The Town Clerk announced that:

- The Civic Service would be held at St Fimbarrus Church on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.
- The Statutory Meetings of the Council would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014
- Meetings were also held on most of the third Wednesdays of other months and were always advertised on the Notice Board outside the Town Hall and on the website [www.foweytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.foweytowncouncil.gov.uk). Members of the public were very welcome to attend any of these meetings and there was always an opportunity for public questions at the beginning of the session.

On behalf of the Mayor the Town Clerk thanked everybody for attending and invited all present to join him and the Mayoress for canapés and a glass of wine after the closure of the ceremony.

### **13/08 Closure of the Ceremony**

The Town Clerk called upon the Town Crier, Mr Michael Penprase, to close the ceremony.