

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

13/54 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey
Councillors T Delves, Mrs C Eardley, Cllr Mrs R Finlay, Cllr Mrs S Gudmunsen, D Hughes, D Willmore

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
PCSO Linda Thomas (part)
1 member of the press (part)
Members of the public

13/55 Apologies

Mrs K Alexander (family commitment).

13/56 Declaration of Interests

- a. Pecuniary - None
- b. Non Registerable – The Mayor and Cllr Eardley both declared a non registerable interest in agenda item 14, to consider PA13/06802. Installation of a small community owned E-3120 wind turbine. Penhale Farm
- c. Dispensations – None. Under this item Cllr Hughes noted that he would remain in the room during the consideration of item 14, PA13/06802, but that he would not speak on the issue and would abstain from voting as he was a member of the CC Planning Committee.

13/57 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – PCSO Thomas reported 7 crimes in the parish during May 2013, 8 in June, 3 in July and 21 in August.
Public Questions - None

13/58 Minutes of Meetings of 17th July 2013.

It was proposed by Cllr Eardley seconded Cllr Willmore RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Finlay and Cllr Gudmunsen abstained from voting.

13/59 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

13/49. The Clerk confirmed that ‘Please Do Not Feed the Seagulls’ stickers had been purchased for the quay.

The Mayor proposed and it was RESOLVED that agenda item 14, to consider PA13/06802. Installation of a small community owned E-3120 wind turbine. Penhale Farm should be brought forward and be the next item on the agenda.

The Mayor and Cllr Eardley left the room and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey, took the Chair for this item.

13/60 Planning

PA13/06802. Installation of a small community owned E-3120 wind turbine. Penhale Farm.

Cllr Hughes clarified that the 2011 survey had been submitted with the application as being the situation at that time.

Cllr Boosey asked members for their thoughts on the application.

Cllr Delves stated that he accepted the need for renewable energy but that he could not make the link between this and wind turbines; he would argue that there were much better ways to produce green energy. He had also listened to FREE's argument that the group had consulted widely with the community but he considered that you could 'consult until the cows come home' but that did not mean that everybody then agreed with your views. So-called consultations had taken place with the recent Wainhomes application but, similarly, that did not mean that the community was in favour of the development. The turbine would be intrusive and he would be voting against the proposal.

Cllr Willmore stated that he was not against renewables but that he would also be voting against as he objected strongly to the visual impact the turbine would have on the adjacent AONB.

Cllr Finlay stated that renewables must be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan as FTC could not ignore sustainability and must protect our wonderful environment. She did not think turbines would affect the area as badly as people believed and she would be voting in support of the application.

Cllr Gudmunsen stated that she had done some research on wind turbines; they were not good and she would be voting against the proposal.

The Town Clerk noted that Cornwall Council had only displayed the site notice the previous day, which was not particularly helpful in informing the public about applications in general if this is the usual practice; are notices always displayed so late on in the process? Cllr Hughes confirmed that it was not a statutory duty for CC to display site notices at all, merely to inform immediate neighbours. The Clerk responded that this must then beg the question 'why display notices at all then and why some and not others?'

Cllr Boosey then asked for a proposal.

Cllr Delves proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection should be made to Cornwall Council. *Reason: 1. The visual impact on the adjacent AONB from this prominent site 2. Precedent.* Voting was 4 in favour, 1 against. Cllr Hughes abstained from voting.

The Mayor and Cllr Eardley rejoined the meeting. The Mayor took the Chair.

13/61 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

Town Hall – no report.

Environment – no report.

Finance – minutes noted.

13/62 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- He had arranged for the seats on the quay to be removed on 30th September as the winter car park would reopen on 1st October.

- SW Water would be carrying out pump repair work on the quay during October.

13/63 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Hughes reported

- There had been a joint Lib Dem/Independent Members meeting at County Hall earlier in the day. It was recognised that the authority was in for a very 'lean' time and there had been much debate about council tax. Three options had been on the table - a freeze, which would attract a government levy, an increase of 1.97%, which could be imposed without a referendum or an increase of 5/6%. Opinion had been much divided but virtually nobody had been in favour of a freeze; currently members were equally divided between 1.97% and 5/6% but whatever the outcome it would have a significant impact on town and parish councils.
- Cllr Boosey noted that a significant amount of money appeared to be being wasted by Cornwall Council on consultancy and agency staff.
- Cllr Delves asked if there was any significance behind the removal of the Wainhomes sign by the Tristan Stone. Cllr Hughes responded that he thought not; to the best of his knowledge the conditions in the planning consent had not yet been met.

13/64 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

Forum – Cllr Hughes reported that the Forum meeting had discussed who would pay for the reinstallation of the Heritage Board on the quay.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – no report

13/65 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that

- She had received a letter from Cllr Eardley confirming that she had resigned from FLAG.
- The highway and footway between Longmeadow View and Tavern Barn had become maintainable at public expense from 3rd September 2013.

13/66 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Finlay seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £15,516.39 be approved.

Copies of the Current Assets Report and the Budget Tracking Report would be circulated to members after the meeting.

13/67 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left 'on the table' for Cllrs attention.

13/68 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

13/69 Public Conveniences in Fowey Parish

A breakdown of the costs for the Town Quay, Main Car Park and Readymoney toilets from April 2013 had been received from Cornwall Council., although it was noted that these figures differed significantly from those originally supplied. However, a breakdown of the refurbishment costs was still awaited as was a breakdown of the outgoings for the Caffa Mill

car park. The next meeting to discuss the transfer had been scheduled for 5th November rather than late September because of people's availability. Members expressed their frustration about the time slippage but accepted that there was little they could do about it, although it was suggested that the Mayor should write to the Chief Executive voicing FTC's dissatisfaction. It was considered imperative that all the necessary financial information was available well before the 5th November meeting; the Clerk was asked to chase this up. .

13/70 Squires Field and Car Park

It was noted that the figures for Caffa Mill Car Park and the toilets were required in support of the proposed transfer package, which would include Squires Field. The next finance meeting would include them in the business plan when they were received.

13/71 Allotments

The transfer was nearing completion, although it was noted that Cornwall Council had not supplied the correct documentation to the FTC solicitors, which would add to the legal costs.

13/72 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Clerk reported that

- The Brewery lease had been finalized.
- She was continuing to receive bills for electricity for various toilet blocks in and out of Fowey in spite of notifying both British Gas and Cornwall Council of the mistake.
- The Chamber of Commerce had contacted her to request the use of the quay between 28th November and 2nd December inclusive for the Christmas Market. Members noted that this would result in a considerable loss of revenue from the car park, which would need to be taken into account if any other requests were considered. The Clerk was instructed to issue the licence.
- The SW Water lease had not yet been finalised.
- She had received a significant number of complaints about the marquee around Food for Thought; this would clearly need to be addressed in considering any application for a lease in 2014.

The Mayor confirmed that he would respond to Mr Baker's email.

13/73 St Catherines Castle Lights

The Mayor reported that the lights should now be working again.

13/74 Election of Committees

- a. Town Hall Committee. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Gudmunsen and RESOLVED that Mrs Lesley McCartney should serve on this committee. The Caretaker, Caroline Lewis, could be asked to give a report to the Committee at each meeting.
- b. Webmaster - It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that Cllr Eardley should be the Webmaster

13/75 Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Hughes reported that he was in the process of setting up another meeting of the Core Group to organise a Public Meeting to identify people to take the lead on the various topics that would be covered in the Plan.

13/76 Questions under Standing Order 21

The Town Hall Committee would organise an audit of the furniture in the Hall and arrange for the disposal of any damaged items that were beyond repair. It was recognised that it may be necessary to purchase some new tables.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – 16th October 2013

Council – 16th October 2013

Meeting Closed 8.48pm