

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

13/191 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
1 member of the press
3 members of the public (part)

13/192 Apologies

Cllr D Hughes (holiday)

13/193 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – The Mayor declared a pecuniary interest in Accounts for Approval and the consideration of the grant request from the du Maurier Festival. Cllr Willmore declared a pecuniary interest in the consideration of a grant request from the du Maurier Festival and part of the business relating to leases and licenses on the Town Quay
- β. Non Registerable – None
- χ. Dispensations – The Clerk had granted a dispensation to Cllr Delves to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey Wainhomes development for a period of 6 months.

13/194 Public Questions/Police Report

Public Questions

Bryan Boothby

- Queried the situation in respect of the Fowey Borough status. The Mayor confirmed that this was no longer in existence.
- Queried the progress of the Castledore Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Willmore and Cllr Alexander advised that about 5 meetings had taken place and various groups were getting together to put together questionnaires. The next meeting would take place in early March and it was essential that more members of the public joined the Group if it was going to succeed.
- Stated that he was dismayed about the possibility of the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Fowey as it would be unenforceable and extremely expensive to implement. He had downloaded some costings for traffic calming schemes from the internet, which he handed to the Town Clerk.

Jenny Marchant

- Agreed that spending money on a 20mph scheme in Fowey was 'a nonsense' when Cornwall Council was supposedly short of money; the geography of the town meant that the speed of traffic was self-limiting.

- Noted that Wainhomes had constructed a new entrance to their estate extension but that the Tristan Stone had not been moved and queried if this meant that it would now remain in its current position. Cllr Delves explained that he understood that Wainhomes were going to consult with Fowey residents on the future of the Stone but that planning permission would be required if it were to be moved. The general feeling among the Hillhay residents was that the most important thing was that the new entrance was operational and that construction traffic ceased using the roads in the existing estate.

Police Report – It was noted that a new PCSO would be working in the Fowey area and would hopefully attend the March council meeting.

13/195 Minutes of Meetings of 15th February 2014.

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

13/196 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

13/187. The Town Clerk reported that FHC would install the new fendering on the quay as soon as possible. Clearly the recent terrible weather conditions had held up any work.

13/187. The Town Clerk confirmed that Steve Bayley (Cornwall Council Highways) had agreed to deal with the dangerous gas pipe

13/197 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

Town Hall – Cllr Gudmunsen recorded that the Town Hall Committee had accepted a quote for work in the hall and this would start shortly. The Committee had also compiled a list of keys and keyholders.

Environment – no report.

Finance – no report.

13/198 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported that

- He had accepted invitations to both the St Austell Town Council Civic Service and the St Columb Hurling Day.
- He intended to put a statement in the Fowey News correcting the developers claim of FTC support for the Island Fields scheme, which was included in his pre-application documentation.

13/199 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

No report.

13/200 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

Forum – Cllr Boosey stated that, sadly, she must tender her resignation as the FTC representative on the Forum, due to personal circumstances.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – Cllr Gudmunsen reported that there had been no meeting in February but an open meeting was scheduled in early March to consider the future of the organisation

13/201 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk apologised that she had been unable to communicate effectively with both Councillors and parishioners over the previous 2 weeks because her phone and internet connection had been out of order. Hopefully the problems would soon be rectified.

13/202 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Eardley proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £6,513.03 be approved.

Copies of the Current Assets Report and the Budget Tracking Report had been circulated to members before the meeting.

Request for grant funding, du Maurier Festival Society

The Town Clerk explained the background behind this application and noted in particular that Cornwall Council was no longer giving any grant funding to the Society. Members considered that FTC should support the Festival, particularly in its first year, and Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Delves seconded and it was RESOLVED that a grant of £300.00 should be awarded..

13/203 Correspondence

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

13/204 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

13/205 Cornwall Council 20mph Consultation

The Mayor reported that he had submitted the official FTC response to CC due to time constraints. This had been the statement submitted to the Cornish Guardian by the Town Clerk but had also included the suggestion that the money being wasted on this scheme would be better spent on the signage improvements agreed with Teresa Frost (CC Highways) that were unlikely to be implemented due to lack of funding.

13/206 Mayor Making 2014

Cllr Boosey stated that she felt very strongly that Mayor Making should take place in the Town Hall, although she was very grateful to Revd Philip de Grey Warter for allowing FTC to use the Church in recent years when the Town Hall had been unavailable. Cllr Boosey then proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that Mayor Making 2014 should be held in the Town Hall.

13/207 Public Conveniences/Squires Field/Caffa Mill Car Park

The Mayor reported that he and the Town Clerk would be attending a meeting at County Hall on 5th March to progress this project. However, currently CC was suggesting that FTC would need to take over more services than had so far been identified to justify the transfer of the car park.

The Mayor was pleased to report that the Polkerris toilets had been refurbished and were ready to be handed over to the Rashleigh Estate.

13/208 Allotments

Cllr Finlay reported that, together with Cllr Eardley, she had attended an informal meeting with the new officers of the Readymoney Allotment Association. It had been agreed that all existing and new allotment holders would be invited to a meeting to be held in the Town Hall at 7pm on 3rd March to discuss the way forward.

13/209 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Mayor and Town Clerk had met with SW Water representatives on the quay to discuss some urgent works that the company was proposing. This would entail changing the pumps and also replacing 3 cables that run beneath the quay inside ducting. The work would inevitably cause some disruption and SW Water had been advised that it must be completed before Easter.

13/210 St Catherines Castle Lights

The Mayor reported that Chris Biggs would undertake repairs as soon as the weather allowed.

13/211 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that if Lostwithiel Town Council formally applied to join then Castledore Neighbourhood Plan they should be invited to do so.

13/212 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Willmore noted that the 2 girls in Barclays Bank would be leaving on 31st March, which would be a great loss for the town. Members agreed that they had been extremely helpful and had 'gone the extra mile' to support both FTC and the Fowey community. It was decided that a letter should be sent to them in recognition of their dedication.

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Gudmunsen 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 Quay Leases & Licences

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – 19th March 2014

Council – 19th March 2014