

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

13/234 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 Hughes, D Willmore

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
PCSO L Paynter
8 members of the public (part)

13/235 Apologies

None

13/236 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None
- 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.

13/237 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report

PCSO Lloyd Paynter introduced himself as the officer replacing PCSO Linda Thomas for the Fowey area. He explained that he had just completed 7 years as a PCSO in Bodmin and he was looking forward to working in Fowey as he had previously worked in the town in a different role.

PCSO Paynter reported

- There had been 2 crimes in Fowey in March – 1 x Communications Act, 1 x Harassment; both had been dealt by means of restorative justice.
- The Border Agency had requested that members of the public contact the Police on 101 if they saw any foreign national acting suspiciously
- He was hoping to set up a monthly 3 hour surgery in the town as this initiative had worked well for him in Bodmin

Public Questions

Clive Norris referred members to the Consultation on the Cornwall Local Plan – Strategic Policies - Proposed Submission Document and noted that items 5 and 6 had been deleted at the last moment. He was particularly concerned about item 6 as terms which had been used for many years in relation to the protection of the landscape had been replaced with much woolier definitions. Mr Norris considered that this would make it far easier for large, inappropriate developments to receive planning permission.

Cllr Hughes responded that this was the final consultation on the Plan, which was necessary to complete the procedure but that Cornwall Council would not modify any of the text as a result of any comments received. However, comments would be appended to the document and would be seen by the Inspector. Cllr Hughes emphasized that it was very important to have a Local Plan in place because otherwise all applications would be judged on national criteria, which would not be helpful for Cornwall.

John Barker (licensed boatman) voiced concern about the negative effect on town quay if the Polruan Ferry was permitted to extend the dates/times it was permitted to operate from there. The original agreement with Restormel had allowed the ferry to run from the quay from 15th October until 1st April or Easter, whichever was the sooner and mornings/evenings.

Nick Bancroft (licensed boatman) stated that with the good weather over the previous week the quay and steps had been very busy with large queues for the ferry causing disruption to the licensed boatmen's timetables and dangerous overcrowding on the steps.

A member of the public stated that there would be no logic in allowing the ferry to extend its operating season to the quay, which was already extremely busy and if people wanted to go to Polruan they would continue to do so from Whitehouse as they always had in the past.

13/238 Minutes of Meetings of 19th March 2014.

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

13/239 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- Public Conveniences – FTC was still awaiting updated figures from Cornwall Council
- Allotments – Cllr Finlay reported that Fowey in Bloom would be giving a prize for the best allotment. The Town Clerk reported that the majority of the agreements were now in place for the new allotments but that she was having difficulties with the original allotments. The Restormel numbering was inconsistent, which was causing some confusion and also some of the allotment holders were reluctant to pay FTC at all or had sent a cheque but had deducted what they considered they were owed by Cornwall Council. Consequently, as FTC was now issuing completely new agreements, she had been unable so far to grant tenancies on some of the plots.
- St Catherines Lights – no update
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hughes was still in the process of arranging a meeting. However, he was delighted that Juliet Rose, who had experience in training on the preparation of NP's wanted to get involved in the Castledore Plan.

13/240 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted. The Mayor asked members if they wished to comment on the points raised by Clive Norris in Public Questions on the Local Plan. Cllr Delves stated that he did not think that current designations should be watered down and that a stronger emphasis on their importance should be contained in the document. Members agreed with this view and the Mayor agreed to register FTC's concern in response to the consultation.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – no report

Finance – no report.

13/241 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported that

- He and the Mayoress had rolled the first wood at the Bowling Club
- He had received a letter of complaint that FTC had withdrawn bus passes for local people. He would visit the gentleman concerned and explain the true position to him.

13/242 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Hughes reported

- Cornwall Councillors would again have a Community Chest available but that this would be a reduced amount - £2,100.00 - in 2014/2015. Organisations were urged to submit applications in good time as this funding had to cover Fowey, Tywardreath and Golant.
- He was dismayed about a Government consultation, which was suggesting that 10 homes could be built without affordable provision being made. Whilst this may be appropriate for urban areas he considered that it would be disastrous for Cornwall.
- Lostwithiel Town Council were keen to get passenger trains running between Lostwithiel and Fowey

13/243 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – The Mayor reported that FHC was working on a plan to restore Brazen Island and, also, that Imerys was hoping to ship a lot more Grade 2 ballast from Fowey.

Forum –no report.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – no report.

13/244 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- Checks at the bank had revealed that the Clerks ability to move funds between accounts was no longer in place. Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Delves seconded and it was RESOLVED that a new mandate should be put in place to restore this function.
- She had arranged for the benches to be put back on the quay for the summer season but they were badly in need of maintenance. It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for the work to be done

13/245 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £8,176.39 be approved.

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

13/246 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left ‘on the table’ for Cllrs attention

13/247 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Delves proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that Standing Order No.18 requiring Members & the Town Clerk to stand to speak at Council Meetings should be suspended indefinitely. Cllr Boosey voted against the proposal and the Mayor abstained from voting.

13/248 Election of Committees 2014/2015

It was agreed that the following Cllrs should serve, although Cllr Eardley recorded her wish to join the planning Committee if a vacancy arose.

Planning – Cllrs Alexander, Boosey, Delves, Finlay, Willmore

Environment – Cllrs Alexander, Berryman, Eardley, Finlay

Town Hall – Cllrs Eardley, Gudmunsen, Willmore. Vacancy

Finance – Cllrs Berryman, Boosey, Delves, Willmore

Webmaster – Cllr Eardley

13/249 Election of Representatives 2014/2015

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that the following Cllrs should serve as representatives during 2014/2015.

Community Network – Cllr Boosey

FHC Consultative Group – Cllr Berryman

Forum - vacant

Chamber of Commerce – Cllr Alexander/ Cllr Berryman

Fowey Estuary Partnership – Cllr Hughes

13/250 Adoption of Annual Accounts to 31st March 2014

Cllr Willmore reported that he had checked the accounts produced by the Town Clerk and had found everything to be in order.

Cllr Delves raised the possible need to have an open market valuation of the freehold assets owned by FTC. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Finance Committee.

Cllr Hughes reminded members of the necessity to have an earmarked reserve for the Town Clerks emolument/gratuity. It was agreed that this should also be referred to the Finance Committee.

Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Gudmunsen seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Annual Accounts to 31st March 2014 should be adopted by FTC.

13/251 Adoption of Statement of Assurance to 31st March 2014

Members having replied in the affirmative to the questions in the Statement, it was proposed by Cllr Delves, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the Statement of Assurance to 31st March 2014 should be signed off by FTC.

13/252 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Finlay reported that work in the lower part of the OGS Garden would begin on 21st April and would take 8 days to complete. Cllr Finlay undertook to obtain risk assessment documentation from the contractors and also to undertake a risk assessment herself to ascertain if the garden should be closed completely while the work was in progress.

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Boosey 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

Annual Meeting of the Council/Mayor Making – 7th May 2014