

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st MAY 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

14/20 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
2 members of the public (1 part)

14/21 Apologies

PCSO L Paynter

14/22 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.

14/23 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report

PCSO Paynter had advised that there had been 6 crimes in the parish since the beginning of May - 2 x ABH, 1 x criminal damage (domestic), 1 x theft, 1 x possession of offensive weapon, 1 x display material with intent.

Public Questions

Steve Beresford had circulated details of a proposed road closure at Newtown from 26th July, which he had received from SW Water and concern was raised that this would have a huge impact on traffic entering the town at the busiest time of the year. The Clerk confirmed that FTC had not been consulted or informed of such a closure and Cllr Hughes stated that he had checked with Cornwall Council Streetworks and that no formal application for closure had been received.

14/24 Minutes of Meetings of 16th April, Annual Meeting of the Council & Mayor Making and Extraordinary Meeting held on 9th May 2014.

16th April. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Eardley and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Meeting & Mayor Making. It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

9th May. It was proposed by Cllr Gudmunsen, seconded Cllr Delves and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

14/25 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- Public Conveniences – The Mayor and Town Clerk had met with Cornwall Council officers the previous day to try to find a resolution that was acceptable to both FTC and CC. It had been confirmed that the transfer of Caffa Mill Car Park was not an option but that a surcharge could be put on parking charges at main car park and, possibly, Caffa Mill car park, which could be ring fenced for FTC to use towards operating the toilets. If CC refurbished the facilities, including the installation of charging equipment, this might make it financially possible for FTC to accept responsibility for the 4 toilet blocks, particularly if it was done on a leasehold basis with an option to take the freehold ownership, which would mean that the CC grant funding would stay in place. Figures and details of proposed refurbishments were awaited from CC and these should be available in the next 10 days. Both the Mayor and Town Clerk emphasised that this was the best deal on the table and members would need to finalise the matter one way or another, particularly as the Cornwall Council budget for refurbishments was dwindling.
- Squires Field – FTC had already resolved to progress this transfer but matters had been put on hold during discussions with Cornwall Council in respect of the public conveniences. As a result of the meeting the previous day between the Mayor, Town Clerk and Cornwall Council officers Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should now finalise the transfer to FTC from Cornwall Council.

Cllr Alexander left
Cllr Finlay arrived.

- Allotments – Cllr Finlay reported that one of the new allotment holders had contracted tics, which was worrying, although there was no certainty that this had any connection with the allotments. Cllr Eardley reported that she had almost finalised the provision of the parking permits. The Town Clerk reported that she was still unable to grant tenancies on some of the original plots, due either to the non-return of the tenancy agreements or no payment being received. The return of agreements and payment was also awaited on two of the new plots. Rebates from Cornwall Council due to the original allotment holders in respect of their old tenancies had now been received and been forwarded on to the recipients
- St Catherines Lights – no update
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hughes reported that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on 16th June in Fowey Town Hall.

14/26 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted

Town Hall – minutes noted. Cllr Willmore referred members to the minutes in respect of the Fowey Festival's use of the Hall in 2015. He had tried to book the Town Hall for next year's Festival which was to be held 9th to 16th May 2015 but had been unable to do so. Festival organisers had agreed with Troy Players, who had already booked the Hall for the period 8th to 17th May 2015 that a compromise could be reached and Troy Player's rehearsals and performances and Fowey Festival events could occur concurrently if necessary, although the Hall would be needed from 1st May. However, a Craft Fair had already booked in on the 4th May 2015 which put in jeopardy the Fowey Festival events. Is it appropriate that the Craft Fairs take precedence over the Festival considering the revenues due in comparison to the income from the Craft Fair on the 4th May? The Festival generates money for Fowey businesses but it

cannot take place without the use of the Town Hall. The Clerk clarified that the Craft Fair in question used the Hall on most Monday's between April and October, although she had historically not accepted a booking from them during the Du Maurier Festival or the Regatta. Following discussion it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the Clerk should cancel the Craft Fair booking on 4th May but not charge the group for their use of the Hall on 18th May to compensate them.

The Clerk confirmed that she held the Entertainment Licence on behalf of FTC for both the Town Hall and the Quay but queried what members wished to do about training somebody to hold a DPS licence for the Town Hall. Cllr Boosey stated that she considered that the candidate should be a member of the Town Hall Committee and she proposed, Cllr Gudmunson seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Eardley should undertake the training.

Environment – no report. It was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled.

Finance – no report. It was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled.

14/27 To receive the Mayors Report

No report

14/28 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

No report

14/29 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report

Forum – Cllr Willmore reported that he had attended the Forum AGM but that, sadly, only 3 people had been present. He would, however, attend the next meeting.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – no report.

14/30 To receive the Town Clerks Report

It was agreed that the Clerk should indicate FTC's approval in respect of the Polling Stations/Districts Review.

14/31 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Finlay was not satisfied with the invoice from R White for £380.00 for work in the OGS Garden so she proposed, Cllr Eardley seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £16933.04 be approved but that cheque 371 to R White be withheld.

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

14/32 Correspondence

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

14/33 Resolutions from Councillors

None

14/34 Questions under Standing Order 21

The Mayor queried what members wished to do about the suggestion that a bird of prey could possibly be used to control the increasing seagull problem in the town. It was agreed that the cost should be ascertained before this was debated.

The Mayor had been contacted about the difficulties of a severely disabled person navigating the streets of Fowey, particularly when using a motorised scooter. Cllr Boosey agreed to speak to Ron Bennett to ascertain how he and his wife manage, given that they both use one.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – 11th June 2014

Council – 11th June 2014

Meeting Closed 9.00pm