

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

14/35 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Mrs L McCartney

14/36 Apologies

None

14/37 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.

14/38 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – no report

Public Questions – none

14/39 Minutes of the Meeting of 21ST May and, for accuracy, the APM held on 21st May 2014.

21st May. It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Eardley and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Annual Parish Meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed for accuracy

14/40 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- 14/26. Cllr Eardley reported that he would be undertaking the Personal Licence Holders course on 23rd June.
- 14/34. Cllr Boosey had checked the situation with regard to disabled motorized scooters using the public highway and the information had been passed on to the lady who had raised the query. Apparently the rules were dependent on the capacity of the motor on the machine.
- Squires Field – The Clerk confirmed that she had instructed CC legal to finalise the transfer.
- Allotments – The Clerk confirmed that all the tenancies were now in place apart from on two of the new plots. One of the prospective plot holders had indicated that he no longer wished to rent an allotment and nothing had been heard from the other. The environment

Committee was following up and would re-allocate them if appropriate. Cllr Finlay reported that volunteers had dug the trench for the piping to the standpipe and water should be connected by the end of the week.

- St Catherines Lights – The Mayor was meeting on site with a representative from English Heritage on 16th June.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hughes reported that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on 16th June in Fowey Town Hall. The Clerk confirmed that Lostwithiel had now formally requested to join the Castledore Group; a resolution from St Sampson was now all that was required to finalise their application.

14/41 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted

Town Hall – minutes noted

Environment – minutes noted.

Finance – minutes noted.

14/42 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- He and the Mayoress would be attending the rescheduled Lostwithiel Mayor Making on 14th June
- He would be opening the new Indian Restaurant in Fore Street on 19th June
- He and the Mayoress would be attending the event celebrating the refurbishment of the Yacht Club on 20th June
- He thanked Cllr Finlay for leading the D Day remembrance event on 6th June so capably. Cllr Hughes added that he wished to record all credit to everybody involved in organizing the excellent event.

14/43 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- That she had been contacted by a member of the public who had raised concerns about the poor state of the Whitehouse shelter. The gentleman had offered to contribute towards the cost of repair and had suggested that his donation could possibly serve to ‘kick start’ a fundraising appeal. Cllr Willmore confirmed that the lady who had organised the D Day lunch at Gallants had collected a surcharge on all the tickets sold and wished to use it towards such an appeal. It was agreed that FTC could hold the funds if an appeal was set up. Cllr Hughes considered that it would be sensible to start thinking about appropriate repair, given that the shelter was clearly prone to storm damage. The Clerk suggested that it would be sensible to consult with Cornwall Council in the first instance to ascertain what repairs they were intending to carry out as presumably the shelter had been insured; she had already tried to contact Jon James about this but so far had been unsuccessful. .
- Cllr Alexander noted that the storm damage at Readymoney also needed repair.

14/44 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report

Forum – Cllr Willmore reported that the scheduled meeting the previous evening had been cancelled

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – The Mayor reported that he had not attended the last meeting but that he understood that the only topic discussed had been the Musselfest

14/45 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore seconded Cllr Eardley and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £5485.80 be approved.

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

Application for funding for the Fowey Community Bus.

Members considered that the Community Bus was a great asset, particularly for the more elderly members of the community. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that a donation of £500 should be made to the Fowey Community Bus (£300 from the allocated GPC budget, £200 from the contingency budget) and that FTC would consider allowing for further donations on an annual basis when drawing up the budget in future years.

14/46 Correspondence

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

14/47 Resolutions from Councillors

None

14/48 Fowey Public Conveniences

The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation to full council

FTC requests the leasehold transfer of the toilets at Readymoney, Caffa Mill, Main Car Park but with an absolute option to acquire the freehold at any time and will permit CC to surrender its lease on the Town Hall toilets but on the basis that

- 1. CC installs charging mechanisms at Town Quay, Caffa Mill and Main car park as discussed with the Mayor and Town Clerk*
- 2. A 50p subsidy is applied to the first hour of parking charges at both Caffa Mill and Main car park and is ring fenced for allocation to FTC to use in maintaining the Fowey facilities*
- 3. CC refurbishes the facilities as follows.*
 - a. Town Quay - Facilities refurbished in accordance with Option B, but FTC will fund the difference between Option A and Option B*
 - b. Readymoney - Repair the storm damage in accordance with the insurance claim but transfer the allocated Option A refurbishment funding to Caffa Mill*
 - c. Caffa Mill - Refurbish to Option B using the transferred funds from Readymoney to supplement Option A allocation.*
 - d. Main Car Park - Refurbish to Option B using any remaining funds from Readymoney with FTC funding any shortfall.*

The Clerk had also had confirmation from the Cornwall Council Corporate Director for Economy, Enterprise and Environment that he had made the decision to devolve the toilets according to the Finance Committees recommendation, although the actual document did not mention the option for FTC to acquire the freehold. The Clerk had been assured, however, that this would be put in place..

Cllr Willmore then proposed, Cllr Eardley seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should endorse the Finance Committee’s recommendation and accept the transfer of the toilets in line with the content of the Corporate Directors Decision Document, subject to the option to acquire the freehold being put in place.

Cllr Hughes recorded thanks to both the Mayor and the Clerk for all the work they had put in to bring the matter to a successful conclusion.

14/49 Donation of Memorial Benches

A request had been received to donate a memorial bench for the town quay in memory of a young, local girl who had recently sadly passed away. Cllr Boosey stated that she considered that this would be entirely appropriate and she proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should accept the offer with pleasure. The Clerk asked members if they would adopt a policy in respect of such requests so that she would be able to deal with them more efficiently in the future. After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Gudmunsen and RESOLVED that the Environment Committee should ratify its own policy for areas under its control but should also make a recommendation for consideration by full council on the provision of street furniture, including memorial items, on any land owned or leased by FTC.

14/50 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Finlay stated that she considered it important to collect data from the public on the future use of the Town Quay. The children in Year 11 at the Fowey River Academy were currently doing project work on tourism and Cllr Finlay suggested that FTC donate a cash prize for a photographic display of the tourist use of the quay, plus the production of a questionnaire. Members considered that this would be an excellent initiative and fully endorsed the proposal. Cllr Hughes suggested that this could be an ideal call on funds from his Community Chest and invited Cllr Finlay to make an application. The Mayor also offered funding from his budget and suggested that he could sponsor the questionnaire, leaving the Community Fund to cover the photography.

It was proposed by Cllr Delves, seconded Cllr Alexander 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 Co-option of Councillor