

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL**

#### **14/52 Present**

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman  
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay  
Councillors Mrs A Boosey, T Delves, D Hughes (arrived late)  
Mrs L McCartney, D Willmore

#### **In Attendance**

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent  
8 members of the public (6 part)

#### **14/53 Apologies**

Cllr Mrs K Alexander (family commitment), Cllr Mrs C Eardley (unwell),  
Cllr Mrs S Gudmunsen (medical appointment), PCSO L Paynter

#### **14/54 Declaration of Interests**

- α. Pecuniary – None
- β. Non Registerable – None
- χ. Dispensations – The Clerk had extended a dispensation to Cllr Delves to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey Wainhomes development for a further 12 months.

#### **14/55 Public Questions/Police Report**

**Police Report** – There had been 4 recorded crimes in Fowey since 11<sup>th</sup> June; 2 x assault/ABH, 1 x racially aggravated harassment, 1 x criminal damage

##### **Public Questions**

In response to a request for an update on the proposed closure of the Newtown road for essential maintenance, the Mayor confirmed the proposal was now to postpone this until November

In response to a query relating to a summer embargo on scaffolding in the town, Cllr Boosey reported that this had been in force in the past but was no longer in place.

In connection with the debate that FTC was to have later in the meeting on whether to support Chacewater Parish Council, Clive Norris reported that he had had occasion to write to the Head of Cornwall Council planning but had not received a satisfactory answer, particularly as the matter had been delegated for response. Stephen Gilbert MP had had a similar experience when he had written about the same matter. Mr Norris had then tried to lodge a formal complaint and had been amazed to find that Cornwall Council had no policy for complaints against staff, only against elected members.

Bob Lewis asked FTC to consider supporting 'Protect Our Valley' in its fight to prevent the erection of a 77m wind turbine at Polharmon Farm, Par. He stated that the turbine would be built on the same gradient as the South Torfrey turbine but would be 128 feet taller, making it visible from many places in Fowey parish. This could be a significant consideration to an area so dependent on tourism

The Mayor directed that the turbine should be moved up the agenda and discussed immediately

**14/56 PA14/05070. A single wind turbine of max 77m to tip, along with associated infrastructure including an access track and electrical housing. Polharmon Farm, Par**

Cllr Boosey stated that she was upset about the ethics of supporting Save Our Valley or commenting on this application; she had not seen any plans, it was not in Fowey parish and it would not affect Fowey.

Cllr Hughes arrived.

The Mayor noted that FTC had commented on both the Trevenning turbine and the South Torfrey turbine, neither of which were in Fowey parish but were in adjoining parishes as was this application.

Cllr Finlay considered that it would be easy to give an emotive response and she was inclined to agree with Cllr Boosey as the plans had not been made available to FTC.

The Town Clerk cautioned that whatever members decided to do, it would be preferable not to base the decision on the unavailability of the plans as this had been an agenda item and the plans were available on the CC website or she could have been asked to obtain hard copies.

Cllr Delves stated that wind turbines were a big issue for local people, whether they supported them or were opposed to them, and FTC should consider adopting a policy on how it would deal with future applications.

Cllr Willmore considered that FTC should support Save Our Valley to be consistent with decisions made in the past.

Cllr Hughes advised that the key thing for FTC to consider was if there were any planning reasons for support or objection. He also confirmed that Tywardreath & Par parish council had unanimously objected to the application.

After further discussion Cllr Delves proposed that FTC should support Save Our Valley and Tywardreath & Par parish council and register an objection to the application. Reasons; 1. The impact on the historic battlefield at Castledore. 2. The impact on the World Heritage Site and Austens Shaft. 3. The impact on registered historic monuments. 4. The negative impact on tourism. 5. The negative impact on the AGLV and the AONB. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Willmore. Voting was 4 in favour with 3 abstentions and it was, therefore, RESOLVED that FTC's objection be registered with Cornwall Council. Cllr Boosey, Cllr Finlay and Cllr Hughes requested that their abstentions be recorded in the minutes.

**14/57 Minutes of the Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**

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

**14/58 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)**

- Squires Field – The Mayor confirmed that, together with the Town Clerk, he had met the FTC solicitor who would progress the transfer.
- Allotments – Cllr Finlay reported that the last plot had been allocated, making 35 allotments in all and the Town Clerk would now keep a waiting list. Two new taps had been plumbed in on the one acre field and the parking arrangements were working well.
- St Catherines Lights – The Mayor was waiting for a response from Chris Biggs on when the lights would be functional; he would chase him up again the following day.

- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hughes reported on a very constructive meeting the previous week, when Jon Smith from the Roseland had been available to offer help and advice. Sue Reardon was now driving things forward with the next meeting planned for early September when it was hoped that a representative from each parish would be present to discuss exactly what the Plan would be trying to achieve. Funding of up to 7K was available for each NP. Cllr Finlay voiced concern that the Castledore group was too big – printing costs for questionnaires would be huge and it would be difficult to make things happen with so many people involved. Cllr Boosey also recorded concern about this.

**14/59 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees**

**Planning** - minutes noted. Cllr Boosey asked Cllr Hughes to support FTC's decision on 55/57, North Street.

**Town Hall** – no report

**Environment** – no report.

**Finance** – minutes noted.

**14/60 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 next scheduled meeting was 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Community Network Panel** – no report.

**Chamber of Commerce** – no report.

**CC Flood Forum** – Cllr Willmore reported that he was now a member of this group

**Imery's Liaison Group** – Cllr Boosey reported that she had been on an interesting trip to a clay dry in Bugle. Cllr Hughes noted that this group oversee Imerys charitable donations and could be a useful source of funding for local groups

**14/61 To receive the Mayors Report**

The Mayor reported

- He and the Mayoress would be attending 'Cornwall Remembers' on the 4<sup>th</sup> August at the invitation of the Chairman of Cornwall Council.
- At the invitation of Cllr Bert Biscoe he had attended an event in Penzance organized by Network Rail and SW Trains to outline their future plans. David Cameron MP had also been present. Cllr Hughes noted that a steam locomotive had recently been turned manually on the turntable at Par and ideas were being discussed about the possibility of turning the site into a regional steam centre with the roundhouse housing a museum.

**14/62 To receive the Town Clerks Report**

No report.

**14/63 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Delves seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4738.79 be approved.

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

Consider opening Caffa Mill toilets for Regatta Week

The Clerk reported that, following a discussion with Jon James, it was possible that the renovations to the Caffa Mill toilets might be started before Regatta Week, which would make opening the facility impossible. Cllrs agreed that postponing this work was not an option but

that portaloos could be a possible alternative. As the situation was uncertain, it was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £500 for toilet provision at the site, possibly working together with the Regatta Committee.

**14/64 Correspondence**

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

**14/65 Resolutions from Councillors**

None

**14/66 The Performance of Cornwall Council**

Cllrs discussed a letter from Chasewater parish council criticising many aspects of Cornwall Council's performance and requesting the support of all the town and parish councils in the county.

Cllr Boosey stated that she was extremely dissatisfied with many aspects of CC's performance and wished to support Chacewater. She was also willing to attend the meeting in September to represent FTC's views.

Cllr Delves agreed that he felt very let down by CC and would also be prepared to attend the meeting.

Cllr Finlay queried if CALC had a view on the letter. Although she was also concerned about CC's performance she was also very aware that every authority was making desperate decisions because of budgetary restraints.

Cllr Hughes stated that he found the letter deeply offensive and political. Cornwall Councillors were being faced with very hard choices.

Cllr Finlay was in favour of the principle of the letter and said that parish and town councils should be more involved in the democratic process.

The Mayor was not in agreement with everything stated in the letter and considered that too much was being done on officer decision and not that of elected members.

After further discussion it was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Delves and RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to Chacewater parish council stating that FTC agreed in principle to the general theme of the letter and would like to send representatives to the September meeting.

**14/67 Fowey Public Conveniences**

The Mayor and Town Clerk had issued instructions to the FTC solicitor to progress the transfer. A draft copy of the instructions would shortly be available to all members.

**14/68 Street Furniture**

Cllr Finlay had prepared a draft document and members agreed that it was a very sound basis for a set of objectives. It was decided that FTC should consider adopting it as a working document to allow more flexibility and that this could be an agenda item in September. In the meantime Cllrs would consider further additions/amendments to the document. The Clerk noted that as a result of the resolution at the June council meeting, the environment committee could adopt its own policy for areas under its control.

**14/69 Seagull Nuisance in Fowey**

Cllr Willmore reported that he had seen a newspaper article about Treliske hospital employing somebody with a bird of prey to deter seagulls and that it was working quite well. The Mayor pointed out that Treliske was inland and so it was likely that the problem there was not as great

as in Fowey. Other suggestions for tackling the problem were discussed 1. Kites in the shape of a bird of prey (as used in the Fens). 2. Coloured bunting across the quay 3. Inflated birds of prey.

Cllr McCartney agreed to ask the Regatta Committee to put up its bunting for the whole of August, rather than just for Regatta Week. The Mayor agreed to investigate the possibility of inflated birds of prey and kites.

**14/70 Questions under Standing Order 21**

None.

**Date of Next Meetings**

Council        17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Planning       to be confirmed

**Meeting Closed**       8.46pm