

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

Before the meeting began all present stood in silence in memory of Mrs Hilda Court MBE, a former Mayor of Fowey

14/71 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
Councillors Mrs A Boosey, T Delves, Mrs C Eardley
Mrs S Gudmunsen, Mrs L McCartney, D Willmore

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
PCSO Lloyd Paynter (part)
2 members of the public

14/72 Apologies

Cllr Mrs K Alexander (holiday), Cllr D Hughes (PCC commitment)

14/73 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.

14/74 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – There had been 13 recorded crimes in Fowey since the July figures; 2 x theft by finding, 1 x abduction of child (subsequently no-crimes), 3 x theft, 4 x assault/ABH, 1 x theft from MV, 1 x drugs, 1 x criminal damage.

PCSO Paynter also confirmed that he would be holding surgeries in the library, starting in the autumn

Public Questions

Jenny Marchant queried whether town and parish councils were responsible for clearing the Saints Way. The Clerk responded that it would depend if the individual councils had signed up to the LMP and if the lengths of Saints Way in its parish were included in the schedule; otherwise it was the responsibility of Cornwall Council.

Jenny Marchant suggested that it would be helpful to publicise the dates of council meetings in the Mayors Column in the Fowey News, particularly if they were not going to be held on the usual 3rd Wednesday of the month.

14/75 Minutes of the Meeting of 16th July 2014.

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

14/76 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- Squires Field – The transfer was progressing.
- Allotments – Cllr Finlay reported that the holder of allotment 8A had indicated that he was going to serve notice on FTC as he wished to terminate his tenancy. The Clerk confirmed that she had received notification and that, subject to the his confirmation that he was content for her to reallocate the plot without regard to the 12 month notice clause in his tenancy agreement, she would re-let it to the person at the top of the waiting list..
- St Catherines Lights – The Mayor confirmed that the turbine was in place and was running well and the new flag had been erected. Chris Biggs had undertaken to complete the electrical work later in the week, after which the lights should be working.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Finlay confirmed that the next meeting would be held in Fowey Town Hall at 7pm on 11th September. A discussion was planned as to the viability of the Castledore Plan, given how the Group had increased drastically in size since its inception. John Smith, the author of the Roseland Plan, had suggested that the size of the Group would make the production of a Plan unworkable. In view of this it was agreed that a decision on the request from St Veep & St Winnow to join the Group should be postponed until the October meeting.

14/77 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – no report.

Finance – no report. The Clerk noted that a pre-budget meeting was needed in October; she would circulate possible dates to Committee members.

14/78 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report

Forum – no report

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – no report.

CC Flood Forum – no report.

Imery's Liaison Group – no report.

14/79 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- He had received a letter from a Fowey resident expressing concern about unruly and unacceptable behavior during Regatta Week. The gentleman considered this was partly caused by the type of music played by the groups on the quay, which was encouraging youngsters to come into Fowey just to drink and not to contribute anything to the Regatta or the town. He had sent a copy of the letter to the Regatta Committee.
- He had received a letter from Commander Parkyn, HMS Montrose advising that the vessel would be in Devonport until the end of 2015 for a complete refit.
- He had accepted an invitation to the re-naming ceremony of the Fowey tug and dredger.

14/80 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- She had received the Notice of the Stopping Up of the Highway at Windmill House, Windmill
- She had received reports of unacceptable noise and disruption being caused by the builders working at Albert Place, although the problem appeared to have been resolved.
- The new memorial bench for the Town Quay had arrived and was awaiting installation by Coast2Coast.

14/81 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £12,244.73 be approved.

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

14/82 Correspondence

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

14/83 Resolutions from Councillors

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded an amendment to Standing Orders at 44a).as follows

Filming and Recording at Meetings

- a. *Whilst a meeting of the Council, its committees or sub committees is open to the public, any person, if present, may :*
 - i. *film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;*
 - ii. *use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;*
 - iii. *report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting.*
 - iv. *Oral reporting, commentary or broadcasting is not permitted during any part of a meeting of the council, its committees and sub committees.*
 - v. *An individual must be present and able to use their equipment in order to film, photograph or audio record a meeting. There will be no opportunity to report on any part of the meeting where the council has resolved to exclude the press and public.*
- b. *Disruptive behaviour*
 - i. *No filming, photographing or audio recording of a meeting should be carried out in such a way as to disrupt the proceedings of the meeting.*
 - ii. *If person(s) disregard the request of the chairman of the meeting to moderate or improve their behaviour, any councillor or the chairman of the meeting may move that the person be instructed to cease filming, photographing or audio recording. The motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote without discussion.*
 - iii. *If a resolution under standing order b. ii) above is ignored, the chairman of the meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore order or to progress the meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the meeting.*
 - iiii. *Members of the Council recording meetings are reminded of their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of confidential matters.*

14/84 Election of Committee Member

Cllr Eardley proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr McCartney should be elected on to the Town Hall Committee to fill the vacant seat.

14/85 Fowey Public Conveniences

The Mayor and Town Clerk reported a useful meeting with Cormac and Healthmatic to discuss the refurbishment of the toilets. Final costings were still awaited but it was hoped to provide 1 ladies, 1 gents and 1 disabled at both Caffa and Main Car park with the remaining part of the buildings cleared to leave an open area, which, subject to planning permission, could have an alternate use. At Town Quay the facilities would be upgraded to a high standard. Changing and locking mechanisms would be installed at all the sites. Solicitors were progressing the transfers but now on a freehold basis as all grant funding from Cornwall Council associated with leased facilities would be withdrawn from April 2015

A number of complaints were still being received about the unacceptable state of the toilets on the quay and it was agreed that a notice should be displayed stating that the facilities were due to be refurbished.

14/86 Street Furniture

Cllr Finlay requested that this item be deferred to the October meeting.

14 87 Town Quay

1. Christmas Market 2014. A request had been received from Martin Billingsley that he be allowed to utilise the area outside the Boathouse for the 4 days of the Christmas Market as the area outside Food for Thought that he occupies under a lease is unavailable to him if he allows it to be covered by a marquee. Steve Beresford, the organizer of the Market had supplied a photograph of the 2013 Market layout which showed that the space outside the Boathouse was not covered by a marquee, although the space outside the Takeaway was. It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that Mr Billingsleys request should be granted and the Chamber of Commerce notified accordingly.
2. Christmas Market 2015. The Mayor reported that he was monitoring the situation in respect of the 2015 Market and that clearly a meeting was needed to explore the way forward
3. Signage. It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Delves and RESOLVED that signage in respect of usage should be erected line with the FTC solicitors advice.

14/88 Seagull Nuisance in Fowey

The Mayor had investigated the possibility of the use of inflated birds of prey but had concluded that this would not be a suitable option for the quay. He did, however, consider that a model owl on a post might act as a deterrent and he would investigate this further. The general feeling of the meeting was that the Regatta bunting had also served to discourage the gulls and it was agreed that the possibility of erecting bunting throughout the summer months should be investigated.

14/89 Sustainable Communities Act

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Gudmunsen and RESOLVED that FTC should support Patchway Town Council in its intention to submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act that the government give all town and parish councils the right to sell electricity that they generate from any local schemes

14/90 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Willmore reported that EDF Energy had failed to keep their appointment at the Town Hall to check the Christmas Lights meter, which had been incorrectly assigned to FTC and had resulted in Notices of Intended Prosecution being issued. Cllr Eardley responded that somebody had arrived but it had been earlier in the day. The Clerk confirmed that she had lodged a formal complaint with EDF because of the unacceptable way they had dealt with the issue.

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 and Licences

Date of Next Meetings

Planning	15 th October 2014
Council	15 th October 2014