

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

14/92 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
7 members of the public (5 part)

14/93 Apologies

PCSO Lloyd Paynter

14/94 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.

14/95 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – There had been 6 recorded crimes in Fowey since the September meeting; 2 x theft, 1 x theft of a motor vehicle, 1 x theft from a MV, 1 x dog not under proper control, 1 x criminal damage. .

Public Questions

It was suggested that FTC consider recognising the excellent work done in the town by Colin, the Fowey road sweeper. Cllrs agreed that the possibility of reinstating a scheme similar to the old Restormel Good Citizens Awards should be an agenda item at the November meeting.

Residents from Hillhay assured members that they would be fully supportive of FTC assuming control of the grass area on the original estate and would willingly undertake some of the day to day maintenance to keep it clean and tidy.

The disgusting state of the gents toilets on the Town Quay was highlighted. All present recognised that this was unacceptable but, although Cornwall Council had been notified on many occasions, realistically there was unlikely to be any improvement until the refurbishment work had been undertaken prior to the handover to FTC.

14/96 Minutes of the Meeting of 10th September 2014.

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

14/97 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- Squires Field – The transfer was progressing. The Clerk confirmed that several organisations had contacted her expressing an interest in using various parts of the site.
- Allotments – Cllr Finlay reported that £355 had been awarded from Cllr Hughes' Community Chest to fund the creation of a small apple orchard on land adjacent to the allotments.
- St Catherines Lights – The Mayor was waiting for Chris Biggs to return from holiday to further progress this project. English Heritage had asked FTC to remove the new flag as it had been damaged in high winds.
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Finlay confirmed that the first meeting of the new group had taken place but suggested that members may consider that FTC should withdraw from the Group as it could be unworkable due to its increased size. Cllr Finlay and Cllr Alexander agreed to report back to the November meeting, when it was agreed that this possibility should be an agenda item. A decision on the inclusion of St Veep & St Winnows application to join the Group was therefore deferred again until then.

14/98 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted. Cllr Boosey requested that Cllr Hughes call in the Fowey Hotel application if it was not refused under delegated powers.

Town Hall – minutes noted. Cllr Eardley noted that the contractor had let the Committee down and somebody else needed to be identified to carry out the gutter cleaning

Environment – minutes noted.

Finance – no report.

14/99 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 Forum was due to meet w/b 19th October

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – The Mayor reported that the Chamber was struggling to survive and currently only had 6 paid up members. The 2014 Christmas Market had been the main topic discussed at a recent meeting, when a solution had hopefully been identified in respect of the problem with the tentage outside Food for Thought. The Mayor had emphasized the necessity of the Chamber liaising with FTC before accepting tenders for the Market for 2015 and beyond.

CC Flood Forum – no report.

Imery's Liaison Group – no report.

14/100 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- He had delivered a card and some flowers to a couple in Polkerris on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
- He would be out of the country between 12th November and 6th February 2015.
- He had supported the RFYC in its bid to secure grant funding from the Cornwall Community Foundation and Cornwall Council, together with an application for a business rate rebate, to repair damage to the sea wall and steps outside the Club, caused by the severe weather on 14th February 2014.

14/101 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- Wainhomes had offered to transfer the freehold ownership of the grass area on the original Hillhay estate to FTC for a peppercorn, although clearly there would be some legal costs to be met if Cllrs decided to accept the offer. Given that local residents were fully supportive of this and that members had previously indicated a willingness to accept the land if it was offered, it was proposed by the Mayor, seconded Cllr Delves and unanimously RESOLVED that the Clerk should instruct the FTC solicitors to proceed with the transfer.
- The memorial seat had been installed on the quay by Coast2Coast.

14/102 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Gudmunsen, seconded Cllr Eardley and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £2399.33 be approved.

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

14/103 Correspondence

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

It was noted that a letter had been received from Arthur Baker asking FTC to consider a donation to the Fowey Community Bus when calculating the 2015/2016 budget.

14/104 Resolutions from Councillors

The Mayor proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that an amendment be made to Standing Orders at 44a) to include the following

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.*

14/105 Improvements to FTC Website

The FTC Webmaster, Cllr Eardley, outlined her ideas for improvements to the website, which she considered to be rather outdated and uninteresting. Cllr Eardley had contacted Westernweb and had been quoted £300 to modernise the site and an additional £250 to include an Events Diary. A link to Facebook could also be popular. After discussion Cllr Berryman proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that £550 should be committed to these improvements, to be taken from the website budget. .

14/106 Fowey Public Conveniences

The Mayor and Town Clerk were liaising with Cormac and the refurbishment of the Caffa Mill site was ongoing, although adjustments had been needed to the original scheme on an almost daily basis. The Mayor and Clerk would continue to monitor the work and report back to the Finance Meeting, scheduled for 22nd October.

The FTC solicitor was still awaiting Heads of Terms from Cornwall Council.

14/107 Street Furniture

Cllr Finlay had produced a draft document on Street Furniture Policy for members' consideration, which had been circulated before the meeting. At the suggestion of the Clerk some small amendments were agreed and Cllr Berryman then proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Policy should be adopted as a Working Document. .

14/108 Town Quay

The Christmas Markets had been covered by the Mayor at 14/98. .

14/109 Seagull Nuisance in Fowey

At the suggestion of the Mayor it was agreed that this item should be deferred until the spring.

14/110 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Willmore noted that from 1st October tax discs would no longer be issued for display on car windscreens and pointed out that this could cause confusion in respect of disabled drivers who were allowed to park in a disabled space without paying if they qualified for a free tax disc.

Date of Next Meetings

Planning	19 th November 2014
Council	19 th November 2014

Meeting Closed 8.25pm