

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

**In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr J Berryman, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay took the
Chair for this meeting**

14/111 Present

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

In Attendance

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

14/112 Apologies

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman (out of country), PCSO Lloyd Paynter

14/113 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.

14/114 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – There had been 8 recorded crimes in Fowey since the October meeting; 3 x theft, 1 x destroy/damage property, 1 x burglary dwelling, 1 x attempted burglary, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x assault on a designated person. *Full report appendix 1.*

Public Questions

None

14/115 Minutes of the Meeting of 15th October 2014.

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

14/116 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- Squires Field – The transfer was still progressing and would hopefully be concluded in the near future. Cllr Delves offered to inspect the Pavilion to ascertain its condition. Cllr Boosey queried the status of the recycling bins and the Salvation Army clothing bank sited in the car park. Clerk to ascertain.
- Allotments – Cllr Finlay reported that it should be possible to plant 12/15 Cornish apple trees in the area adjacent to the allotments.

- St Catherines Lights – The Clerk reported that, sadly, the gales had once again compromised the turbine and the manufacturers had advised that the only solution they could offer was to replace it with two smaller machines. Also, one of the lights had been vandalized and somebody had tried unsuccessfully to jemmy open the door, causing some superficial damage. Chris Biggs had met a representative of English Heritage on site earlier in the day to discuss the way forward and had been told that nothing whatsoever could be done to repair the damage and replace the turbine without permission from English Heritage, which was unlikely to be forthcoming until February at the earliest.
- Wainhomes – A reply had been received from Wainhomes confirming a demand for 4 bedroom affordable units at Hillhay, but only providing evidence of 2 potential applicants. The cost of a 4 bedroom house was £136,000 compared to £106,500 for a 3 bedroom unit. Members were unconvinced that the demand demonstrated to date justified reducing the number of 3 bedroom properties and it was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Alexander and **RESOLVED** that the Cornwall Council affordable housing officer should be asked for his opinion on the need and that Wainhomes should be asked how many applicants had expressed an interest in a 3 bedroom property.

14/117 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted. .

Town Hall – minutes noted.

Environment – minutes noted.

Finance – The next Finance meeting was scheduled for 2pm on Thursday 4th December.

14/118 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Community Network Panel – Cllr Finlay reported that the meeting held on 20th October had focussed on the presentation of the proposed Cornwall Council 2015/2016 budget and that the proposal was for an increase of 1.97% in council tax. Cllr Hughes noted that there had been significant modifications to the original budget following the public consultation, although he emphasised that this had been a re-designation of priorities as there was no more money on the table.

Imery's Liaison Group – Cllr Boosey gave the following report

Earlier today I went to the IMERY'S liaison committee meeting. The tonnage that is handled by Fowey docks has increased quite a lot, but unfortunately the ships are bigger, therefore there are not more of them. The Ecotown idea has not been dropped, in fact the plans for the first stage down near the Eden project are at a fairly advanced stage.. The Par docks plans, which were always second in line, have not yet progressed, but if and when they do they should be very much on the lines of the original scheme.

14/119 To receive the Mayors Report

Cllr Finlay reported

- Together with the Mayor and Town Clerk, she had attended a meeting at County Hall in connection with the refurbishment of the toilets and would report on this later in the meeting..

14/120 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- The draft transfer documents for the two grass areas at Hillhay had been received.

- The relevant documentation confirming Cllr Eardley as the DPS for the Town Hall had been completed.

14/121 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £6327.27 be approved.

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

14/122 Correspondence

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

14/123 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

14/124 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Finlay advised that she had sent an email to Sue Reardon (Chairman, Castledore NP) indicating that she and Cllr Alexander were proposing to recommend that FTC withdraw from the Castledore Group. They both considered that the Group had become too unwieldy and that Fowey would be able to produce its own Plan much more efficiently and in a shorter timeframe. Cllr Boosey and Cllr Willmore agreed that the Castledore Group had been fine in its original format but had become unmanageable following the inclusion of Lostwithiel and potentially St Veep & St Winnow. Cllr Alexander confirmed that this view was endorsed by John Smith, the author of the Roseland Plan. Cllr Hughes, however, disagreed. He pointed out that the fundamental element of a Neighbourhood Plan was that it would be Supplementary Planning Policy to the Cornwall Local Plan. The current members of the Castledore Group, with the exception of St Blaise who were producing their own document, were all within the same Community Network and, as such, the new housing allocation would apply to them all equally. Neighbourhood Plans were not designed to be led by Councillors but by members of the community and after 2 years Sue Reardon had come forward as an excellent leader and was driving the scheme forward. It was important to remember that Neighbourhood Plans within the same Community Network Areas must be compatible and it would be far easier to achieve this if everybody worked together as one group; time was of the essence. Cllr Finlay responded that she was not intending to undermine anybody's contribution but that she believed that Fowey could produce a Plan more efficiently and more quickly working alone. After further discussion Cllr Alexander proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that Fowey should withdraw from the Castledore Group and apply for re-designation. Voting was 6 in favour with one abstention. Cllr Hughes voted against the proposal.

14/125 Fowey Public Conveniences

Cllr Finlay reported that the refurbishment of the Caffa Mill facility was almost complete and looking very good. However, together with the Mayor and Town Clerk, she had attended a meeting at County Hall to finalise the finances of the schemes following the quotes that had finally been submitted by Cormac and as she was extremely concerned about spiraling costs. Furthermore, the CC officer had advised that there was no funding available to refurbish Readymoney, which was contrary to what had been agreed. Since the meeting, however, CC had investigated further and had advised that the original agreement would be honoured and the funding earmarked for Readymoney could be transferred to supplement the Caffa Mill improvements. It had also been suggested at the meeting that FTC could take the remaining

grant money (after paying Cormac for Caffa Mill) and use a different contractor to carry out the work at Town Quay and Main Car Park, which should result in a significant cost saving. The Clerk confirmed that discussions were ongoing about the promised 50p levy on car parking at Caffa Mill and Main Car Park as it appeared that CC had not been implementing it correctly. Cllr Delves stated that he was outraged about the 50p issue and that he was certain that FTC could deliver the refurbishments more economically by not using Cormac, in fact he was perfectly prepared to project manage the work in his role as a Councillor. It was agreed that the Finance Committee should investigate the options further and report back to full council in December.

On a more positive note, the Clerk confirmed that she had already received expressions of interest in renting the open space created by the redevelopment of the Caffa Mill facility.

14/126 Covington Chair

Cllr Eardley reported that the Town Hall Committee considered that the Covington Chair, currently stored in the Town Hall office, should be put on display and that the Fowey Museum had expressed an interest in doing so. She had contacted the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro and been advised that this could be done under a simple 'loan agreement' on a term of between 6 months and 5 years. Cllr Eardley then proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Chair should be loaned to the Fowey Museum under a formal loan agreement and initially for 6 months but with a clause that FTC could remove it at any time if it was required for ceremonial purposes.

14/127 Town Quay

- Arrangements for the 2014 Christmas Markets were in hand.
- The Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk would be meeting representatives of the Chamber of Commerce in early January to discuss the 2015 Market.
- The Clerk confirmed that Chris Biggs had replaced two of the mooring rings on the steps and would be dealing with the remaining ones in due course.

14/128 Fowey Good Citizens Award

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that FTC should initiate a Good Citizens Award scheme similar to the one previously practiced by Restormel Borough Council. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item again in December but the initial suggestion was that it should take the form of a scroll to be presented at the annual Mayor Making ceremony..

14/129 Questions under Standing Order 21

None.

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, 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 Leases & Licences

Date of Next Meetings

Planning	10 th December 2014
Council	10 th December 2014

Meeting Closed 8.25pm