

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER 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**

14/140 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
1 member of the public

14/141 Apologies

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman (holiday), Cllr Mrs L McCartney (work commitment)

14/142 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None
- β. Non Registerable – Cllr Willmore declared a non registerable interest in any matters concerning the new Wainhomes development at Hillhay
- 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.

14/143 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – No report

Public Questions - None

14/144 Minutes of the Meeting of 19th November 2014.

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

14/145 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

14/126. Cllr Eardley reported that she understood that the Museum needed an up to date valuation for the Covington Chair for insurance purposes. The Clerk confirmed that several emails had been exchanged between herself and the Curator and she had supplied the valuation that FTC had been using, which was the RBC valuation on transfer plus annual increments. She assumed that this had been acceptable because she had not been advised otherwise. In response to a query from Cllr Delves the Clerk confirmed that the loan agreement specified that the valuation had to be agreed between the parties..

- Squires Field – The transfer was progressing and was hopefully nearing completion.
- Allotments – No update.

- St Catherines Lights – The Clerk confirmed that there was still a significant amount of funding available for this project from the generous donation from a member of the public and the Western Power grant. Members expressed their concern that a considerable amount of money had already been spent on this project with no visible result but it was generally agreed that FTC was duty bound to continue looking for a solution. Cllr Finlay stated that she was appalled that such a large amount of money had been spent with no result but suggested that no decisions should be made until the Mayor returned as he had more knowledge of the history of the project than anybody else. It was agreed that this was the best way forward, particularly as English Heritage had indicated that they would not comment on the proposed amended scheme until February.
- Wainhomes – A reply was awaited from Wainhomes.in respect of the demand for 3 bedroom affordable homes

14/146 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

Town Hall – minutes noted.

Environment – minutes noted.

Finance – minutes noted. Cllr Willmore addressed the meeting in respect of the budget and precept requirement recommended by the Finance Committee. He referred in particular to the financial uncertainty surrounding the transfer of the toilets and to the imminent transfer of Squires Field. Cllr Willmore then proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the budget be approved by FTC and a precept requirement of £84,900 be notified to Cornwall Council. Cllr Alexander voted against the proposal.

Cllr Willmore also raised the anomaly of some Fowey homeowners renting their properties out as holiday lets and therefore not paying council tax but also not paying business rates as they were qualifying for small business rate relief.

14/147 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 meeting due to be held the previous day had been cancelled.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – no report.

CC Flood Forum – no report.

Imery's Liaison Group – no report.

14/148 To receive the Mayors Report

The Deputy Mayor reported

- Attendance had been very good at both the Christmas Lights switch on and the Christmas Market. Both had been excellent events.
- In early January she would be presenting a Fowey couple with a bouquet of flowers and a card on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

14/149 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- She had received a letter from RFYC alerting FTC to the possibility of the creation of new mussel farms in St Austell bay, which would interfere with cruiser racing in the bay and potentially Fowey Regatta Week activities. The Chair of POFROC had asked for FTC's

support in the matter and the Clerk confirmed that she had extended an invitation for him to attend a meeting and address members about his concerns.

14/150 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4089.37 be approved.

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

14/151 Correspondence

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

14/152 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

14/153 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Finlay had circulated draft Terms of Reference for the Fowey Parish Neighbourhood Plan prior to the meeting and invited comments from members. Cllr Boosey suggested that it would be advisable to lower the number of members present to form a quorum from a half to possibly a third. With this amendment it was agreed that adoption of the document would be an agenda item at the January meeting. Cllr Finlay also reported that the first NP newsletter had been printed and that she had submitted a grant application to Locality for a bridging grant of £2570.00, which, if successful, would have to be spent by 31st March 2015. The Town Clerk reported that she had notified Cornwall Council of FTC's wish to withdraw the Castledore Neighbourhood Area designation and had applied for a new designation in the name of the Fowey Parish NP. Whilst she had received nothing in writing to date she understood that the application had been successful.

14/154 Fowey Public Conveniences

The position with regard to the surcharge on parking at Caffa Mill and Main Car Park was still unclear but the Town Clerk was liaising with Cornwall Council and it was possible that an annual lump sum would be offered as a more manageable solution. This offer could be made alongside a Memorandum of Understanding that should make it legally binding on Cornwall Council. The Clerk had also suggested the transfer of a number of permit parking spaces at Caffa Mill as a more sensible way forward. Clearly the situation was far from satisfactory as the refurbishment of the Town Quay facilities would need to be started in early in the new year to be ready for the season and the transfer could not be progressed further until binding agreement was reached with Cornwall Council.

14/155 Town Quay

Christmas Market 2014. This had been a very successful event, although there had been a breakdown in communication in respect of the timing of the official opening ceremony.

Christmas Market 2015. Cllr Finlay reported that she and the Town Clerk would be meeting potential organisers early in the new year to discuss the 2015 event.

14/156 Good Citizens Award

Members discussed some of the detail in respect of the Award and the following points were agreed.

- There would be one Adult Award and one Youth Award, with a Youth classed as under 18 years of age.

- The Awards would be presented at The Mayor Making Ceremony.
- The Mayor would invite nominations for the Awards in his/her column in the Fowey News.
- Nominees would have to live, work or undertake voluntary work in Fowey parish.
- The Awards would take the form of a certificate, similar to the one used for the RBC Good Citizens Awards. At the suggestion of the Clerk it was then proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Eardley and **RESOLVED** that FTC commission a seal, which could be used on the certificates and also on other FTC documentation. .

14/157 Questions under Standing Order 21

None.

*It was proposed by Cllr Delves, seconded Cllr Hughes 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	21 st January 2015
Council	21 st January 2015