

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2015 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**

14/159 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
1 member of the public

14/160 Apologies

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman (holiday), Mrs S Gudmunsen (unwell)

14/161 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.

14/162 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – PCSO Lloyd Paynter reported 11 crimes in the parish since his previous report in November. 1 x Historic Sexual Assault. (December 2013, reported for awareness). 3 x Assault/ABH. 2 domestic related and one currently being investigated and which happened on a school bus. (College related). 1 x Common Assault - domestic related. 2 x Criminal Damage to Property --Station Road, damage to a conveyor at Fowey Docks. Undetected. 1 x Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle (Esplanade, Undetected). 1 x Theft by Finding. A theft of a purse from the Ship Inn at Par. Undetected. 1 x Theft from a Motor Vehicle. Lorry Batteries were taken from the Windmill Industrial Estate. Ongoing. 1 x Driver of a Vehicle failing to report and accident. This had previously been resolved but resurfaced owing to insurance details not being exchanged but is now resolved completely.

Public Questions – Richard Kirkham and Chris Ogg from RFYC addressed the meeting on their concerns about the growing issue of the use of St Austell Bay and the conflict between leisure users and the growth of mussel farms in the area. They explained that the RFYC had managed so far to work around the existing sites but they were now aware of applications to the MMO for an additional two mussel farms and potentially for a fish farm. If the applications were granted it would destroy most of the racing in the bay and also have a huge impact on other leisure activities. RFYC had secured statutory consultation rights with the MMO and the

gentlemen urged FTC to approach the MMO with a request to be included in the consultation. RFYC would supply the necessary contact details to the Clerk and also, following a suggestion from Cllr Hughes, to all the Cornwall Councillors with Wards adjoining the St Austell Bay coastline.

14/163 Minutes of the Meeting of 10th December 2014.

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

14/164 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- Allotments – Cllr Finlay confirmed that with the help of a wonderful turnout of helpers the apple trees had been planted the previous weekend.
- St Catherines Lights – Cllr Finlay reported that she had been contacted by Arthur Baker following the December Council meeting and, as a result, she had included a section in the Fowey News to bring the community up to date on the current position with the lights.
- Wainhomes – No report.
- Good Citizens Award – It was agreed that parishioners should be invited to nominate people for the Award in the next Fowey News as a decision on the winning candidate(s) would have to be made at the April FTC meeting.

14/165 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

Town Hall – no report.

Environment – no report.

Finance – no report.

14/166 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 – Cllr Boosey reported that the next meeting of the Committee would be on 26th January and that the Police Commissioner, Tony Hogg, would be in attendance. Cllr Hughes confirmed that this would be the last but one meeting when Martin Eddy would be present as he was leaving Cornwall Council. Martin had been hugely supportive of his member communities and Cllr Hughes was hopeful that donations would be given for a small token of recognition.

Chamber of Commerce – no report.

CC Flood Forum – no report.

Imery's Liaison Group – no report.

14/167 To receive the Mayors Report

The Deputy Mayor reported

- On behalf of FTC she had presented a card and a bouquet of flowers to Mr & Mrs Shea on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
- On behalf of FTC she had presented a card and a bouquet of flowers to Mr & Mrs Millbank on the occasion of their Platinum Wedding Anniversary
- Together with the Town Clerk she had met the new Joint Chairmen of the Chamber of Commerce; the changes they were planning were very positive.

14/168 To receive the Town Clerks Report

No report.

14/169 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Alexander 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.

14/170 Correspondence

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

Cllr Hughes urged members to respond to the CC Car Park Charges consultation.

Cllr Hughes advised that both Lower and Higher Lampetho Farms would be sold when the current leases ended.

14/171 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

14/172 Neighbourhood Plan

Terms of Reference. The Clerk apologised for her late input but suggested some possible small amendments to the draft document circulated to members.

1. Should the size of the Committee be defined in order for the quorate definition to be effective? *Cllr Hughes suggested that it could be 'a maximum of 12 people with 50% to be present to make the meeting quorate.'*
2. Clarification was needed as to how people become a member – by invitation? by election? following an expression of interest? by co-option?
3. Does the Chairman have a casting vote?
4. Are officers/members appointed by an 'absolute majority' system?
5. Would members consider allocating NP funds under an earmarking system within the FTC accounts rather than opening a separate bank account? It was confirmed that a Cost Centre had already been set up in the new Scribe accounting system.

It was agreed that the adoption of the Terms of Reference would be deferred until the February meeting to give members the opportunity to consider these possible amendments.

NP Exhibition 7th February. Cllr Finlay reported that everything was progressing well in relation to the launch on 7th February, which would be held in the Town Hall between 2pm and 4pm and then repeated on a date yet to be arranged in Polkerris. Quite a lot of material had been collected and the event would be advertised in the Cornish Guardian and on Radio Cornwall. A questionnaire would be published in the February Fowey News and new members, including Sir Richard Rashleigh, were coming forward to join the Steering Group.

Both Cllr Hughes and the Town Clerk congratulated the Steering Group members on the excellent progress made to date.

14/173 Squires Field

The Clerk confirmed that the transfer was still being held up by the Cornwall Council legal department but that she was doing all she could to finalise the matter. Cllr Finlay noted that the delay was very frustrating as several community groups were keen to get involved at the site but nothing could be achieved until completion. Cllr Hughes explained that the Cornwall Council legal system was completely overstretched, with work being outsourced due to staff shortages;

the issue had been raised at full council and he noted that it had also been highlighted by the Town Clerk at the Standards meeting earlier in the week. In the meantime the siting of the recycling bins could potentially delay completion and he proposed, Cllr Willmore seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk should have delegated power to instruct the FTC solicitor on this matter if necessary. It was noted that a letter had been received from the Chairman of the Fowey Community bus asking if it might be possible for the vehicle to have an allocated space in the Squires Field car park when the garage donated by the Treffry family for the use of the Fowey St John bus was sold. Members recognized the difficulties facing the Community Bus Committee and it was agreed that a decision must be made as soon as the transfer of the property was completed.

14/174 Fowey Public Conveniences

The transfer of the toilets, including the implementation of the surcharge on the first hour of parking at both Caffa Mill and Main Car Park had still not been progressed by Cornwall Council. Members felt that the situation could not be allowed to continue as the refurbishment of the Town Quay toilets at the very least had to be completed before Easter. In addition FTC had precepted to cover some of the running costs and members of the public would be rightfully indignant if the handover did not take place as agreed. The Clerk confirmed that she was pushing the matter on an almost daily basis and, together with Cllr Hughes, would continue to do so.

Cllr Delves and the Town Clerk had met with Tony Ryde earlier in the day to have a further look at the possibility of installing a lift to provide disabled access to the Town Hall. Sadly they had concluded that this would not be feasible as it appeared that, even if planning permission could be secured, there was no reasonable way this could be achieved.

14/175 Town Quay

Christmas Market 2015. The Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk had attended a very positive meeting with the two new Joint Chairmen of the Chamber, who were keen to carry on with the Market but maybe change the format slightly. Some very exciting proposals for possible improvements were being discussed and there were also some ideas about changing the Musselfest into a Seafood Festival. The Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk had emphasised that FTC was keen to support the Chamber in any way it could but that the management of increased responsibilities devolved from Cornwall Council meant that the members must be mindful of any financial implications. Also, that owner of the quay, FTC would need to approve any long term commitments for its use.

The Town Clerk added that she had just been notified that Lynn Goold had accepted the post of Chairman of the Christmas Market Committee, which was very positive news.

14/176 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr McCartney reported that the Parade was still being badly damaged by tractors crossing the track. This had already been reported to Cornwall Council but Cllr Hughes urged both Cllrs and members of the public to take the registration details or, better still, a photograph of the offending vehicle if at all possible.

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, 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 18th February 2015
Council 18th February 2015