

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

**At a future meeting the council will consider the accuracy of these minutes, so others may be subject to change. Please check the minutes to that meeting to confirm whether or not they have been amended.**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL**

**Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs. C. Eardley**

**Present:** Cllr. Mrs. R. Finlay, (Chair), Cllr. Mrs. K. Alexander  
Cllr. J. Berryman, Cllr. Mrs. C. Eardley

#### **14/35 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

None

#### **14/36 Declarations of Interest**

- a. Pecuniary** - None
- b. Non Registerable** - None
- c. Dispensations** - Cllrs. Mrs. Finlay & Mrs. Eardley pertaining to discussions on Allotments

#### **14/37 Public Questions**

None

#### **14/38 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

Proposed Cllr. Alexander, seconded Cllr. Eardley and RESOLVED that the Minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **14/39 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda (for report only)**

None

#### **14/40 Budget 2015/2016**

The budget allocation of £9,500 for the next financial year may not be enough as it now has to include the new grass cutting areas we are taking on which include Squires Field. The Environment Committee is trying to address this possible shortfall by changing the way in which contractors will be employed on the Old Grammar School Garden and further reducing our costs here.

#### **14/41 Contractors**

Lanhydrock Garden Services will continue Weed Spraying and Grass Cutting as per the current Schedule of Work which now includes two areas in Hillhay Close. Although Fowey Town Council do not yet have Ownership of Squires Field,

Lanhydrock GS have confirmed to Cllr Alexander that they have the necessary machinery for the upkeep of it. This area will have to be added to their Schedule of Work and maintenance costs taken into account. It was noted that LGS needs to produce their Risk Assessment Statement.

Other work will be offered to contractors already employed by the Environment Committee but not on a Contract basis.

#### **14/42 Fowey In Bloom**

Cllr Finlay had attended the recent Fowey in Bloom AGM. Two issues were raised by Members, the first being brambles and nettles overgrowing along the pedestrian access into Fowey down New Road Hill. Cllr. Finlay will ask Cornwall Cllr. David Hughes to contact the relevant department to get these cleared. The second was the poor state of the banking outside the new Wainhomes development, and that the daffodils originally planted in the Field of Hope had not been reinstated by them, as promised.

#### **14/43 Old Grammar School Garden**

Due to lack of sufficient funds to carry out the full second phase of the gardens, Cllr. Finlay needs to meet with the designer, Ali Siddall, to agree what can be achieved with the reduced resources. It is known more gravel is needed on the lower level and it is hoped that some of the sleeper seating can be introduced. The upper level wants a certain amount of clearing of unwanted and unsuitable shrubs and removal of the ivy from the back wall needs finishing.

#### **14/44 Allotments**

As the new allotments have been open for 12 months, Cllr. Finlay met with Jenny Marchant, Secretary of the Readymoney Allotment Society, to have a walk around and check on progress. There are several issues needing attention, which were brought up at the well-attended meeting of the Society on the 10<sup>th</sup> February. However, solutions to all the problems are in hand.

- i. The pathway through from the original allotments needs levelling in places and more hardcore on it.
- ii. The water pipe near Plot 3A has become exposed so needs re-laying as it is creating a muddy area just inside the new allotments
- iii. The old gatepost by the new gate into the plots from the Parade is rotten so the gate has become stuck.
- iv. Some clods of soil had been dumped on the pathway next to Plot 19 causing obstruction.

The new Orchard area for which money was provided out of Cllr. David Hughes' Community Chest is doing well and it has been suggested that a tree in memory of George Cussons, who sadly passed away recently, be also planted here.

#### **14/45 Planting Schemes on Town Quay**

Cllrs. Finlay and Eardley agreed they need to meet down on the Quay to consider what would be appropriate and easy to manage before any decisions can be made.

**14/46 To Receive Reports from Members** (at the discretion of the Chairman)

All necessary information had been exchanged under preceding Agenda items

**14/47 Date of Next Meeting** - to be arranged

**Meeting Closed:** 7.45pm