

DRAFT MINUTES

At a future meeting the council will consider the accuracy of these minutes, so they 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 HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2015 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

14/178 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, Mrs A Boosey, T Delves, Mrs S
Gudmunson, D Hughes (part), Mrs L McCartney, D Willmore

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
PCSO Lloyd Paynter (part)
3 members of the public

The Mayor recorded thanks to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Ruth Finlay, for standing in for him during his extended absence and congratulated her on her excellent leadership of the Council.

14/179 Apologies

Cllr Mrs C Eardley (unwell)

14/180 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. The Clerk had extended a dispensation to Cllr Finlay to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments.

14/181 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – PCSO Lloyd Paynter reported 10 crimes in the parish since his previous report in January. 1 x Theft from a Shop (Resolved by using Restorative Justice), 2 x Theft, (Both on going. One was the Theft of a kayak from Caffa Mill and the second a theft of money from the sea mine on the Town Quay), 1 x Harassment without Violence (On going), 3 x Common Assault (One at the Fowey College, Two at a local Public House), 1 x Possess a Controlled Drug (This was dealt with by way of a cannabis warning, the offence being at Polkerris), 1 x Criminal Damage to Property (I am currently looking in to this. I believe the damage was caused accidentally), 1 x Send Offensive Communication (Undetected)

Public Questions – Lynn Gould (Chairman of the Fowey Christmas Market Committee) reported that the Chamber of Commerce had agreed to put the event out to tender in 2 parts; applicants could express an interest in either or both parts. The draft tender document had been compiled but needed a few amendments and when it had been finalised it would go out through

‘Tenders in Cornwall.’ A small group of people would be needed to scrutinize the responses and Lynn asked if the Mayor would consider being part of this process. The Christmas Market 2015 would be held on 5th & 6th December and any profits would be available for organisations and projects in the town.

14/182 Minutes of the Meeting of 21st January 2015

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

14/183 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- Allotments – Cllr Finlay reported that the ‘AGM’ of the allotment association had been held the previous week and it had been noted that some of the boundaries had been compromised; this would be dealt with. Cllr Finlay was also investigating the allotment water supply as the meter to the site was in Porcelain House and nobody appeared to be paying for the supply.
- St Catherines Lights – The Mayor confirmed that a meeting was scheduled with English Heritage in March. Chris Biggs had supplied the details of a replacement scheme, which EH appeared to favour but no progress could be made until after the meeting.
- Wainhomes – The Town Clerk reported that the CC affordable housing officer had contacted her to confirm that 10 people were on her priority list of people with local connections and interested in acquiring a property and 2 of them had expressed an interest in a 4 bedroom property. However, one of them had also ticked the box for a 3 bedroom property and one wanted the fourth bedroom for a playroom. Councillors were still of the opinion that there was insufficient justification to support the replacement of 3 bedroom affordables with 4 bedroom units, particularly as they would be built on the same footprint and have extremely small bedrooms. Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Finlay seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should advise Wainhomes that FTC would not support an application for an amended scheme.
- Good Citizens Award – An invitation for nominations would be included in the Mayors Column in the March Fowey News. Any nomination would need to be supported by a short narrative outlining the reason for the nomination.
- Cllr Finlay reported that Richard Kirkham had spoken to her the previous week and told her that as a direct result of his address to FTC at the January meeting a lot of good publicity had been generated and the DEFRA Minister would be undertaking a site visit in the near future. He was very grateful to FTC for giving him the opportunity to raise the Yacht Club’s concerns.

14/184 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

Town Hall – no report.

Environment – Cllr Finlay reported that the FTC contractor was having difficulty cutting the grass bank between the new entrance to Hillhay and the new embankment as it had not been reseeded and large stones and debris had been left lying on the surface by the Wainhomes contractors. Also the Marie Curie Field of Hope daffodils, which were destroyed when the new entrance was created had not been replaced as promised. The Town Clerk would contact Wainhomes.

Finance – minutes noted.

- 14/185 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies**
Fowey in Bloom – Cllr Finlay reported that the FIB Committee had raised concerns about the state of New Road Hill Bank; brambles and nettles were overhanging the path at ‘buggy height’ and somebody had strimmed an area at the top and left all the rubbish on site, which was unhelpful. It was noted that CC was responsible for the maintenance of this area.
- 14/186 To receive the Mayors Report**
The Mayor reported
- He had very much enjoyed his extended break but had kept abreast of Fowey events via email.
- 14/187 To receive the Town Clerks Report**
The Town Clerk reported
- The Chamber of Commerce had asked her to extend an invitation to the members of the council for a Curry Evening at 7pm on 26th February at the Lugger Inn.
 - She would be sending out the nomination forms for Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect at the end of the week.
- 14/188 Accounts for Approval**
It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £6542.21 be approved.
Copies of the Current Assets Report and the Budget Tracking Report had been circulated to members before the meeting.
- 14/189 Correspondence**
The correspondence file was left ‘on the table’ for Cllrs attention
- 14/190 Resolutions from Councillors**
None.
- 14/191 Neighbourhood Plan**
Terms of Reference. It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that the amended Terms of Reference circulated to all members before the meeting should be adopted.
NP Exhibition 7th February. Cllr Finlay reported that this Public Launch had been very positive and well attended. Questionnaires had been completed by the attendees, which she would collate. A similar session was now scheduled for Polkerris on 25th February at 7pm in the Rashleigh Inn.
- 14/192 Squires Field**
The Clerk confirmed that completion of the transfer was still awaited. Cllr Boosey repeated her concerns about the recycling bins. The Clerk reported that Cllr Hughes had spoken to Geoff Passmore (Cory) and he had undertaken to enter into a formal agreement with FTC to allow the bins to stay on site. It was agreed that Cllr Hughes should be asked to progress this.
- 14/193 Fowey Public Conveniences**
Cornwall Council had offered to transfer the 12 permit parking spaces at Caffa Mill to FTC to generate a secure income stream, rather than to give an annual grant based on a percentage of the Pay & Display parking fees. Although this would generate less money it was recognized

that any grant offered by CC could only be guaranteed for 12 months and could be withdrawn at any time. It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Boosey and RESOLVED that the offer should be accepted provided it was a freehold transfer or on a long (80 -99 year) lease. Hopefully this would mean that the transfer could be brought to a swift conclusion so it was agreed that FTC should obtain quotes for the reburbishment of the Town Quay toilets. The Town Clerk noted that, following completion, the grass area above the Readymoney toilets would come under the control of FTC.

14/194 Town Quay

Christmas Market 2015. It was proposed by Cllr Delves, seconded Cllr Gudmunsen and RESOLVED that the Mayor should sit as part of the tender scrutinising group, as requested by Lynn Gould. Cllr Finlay noted that as this was potentially the start of a 5 year process, it was very important to get it right. At a meeting attended by herself and the Town Clerk a few weeks earlier it had been suggested that Lynn (or her representative) should report back to FTC at least every 2 months and that the Town Clerk should be given access to the accounts every 3 months. Cllr Finlay commended these actions to the council.

General Update It was noted that the light by the slipway steps was not working. The Town Clerk would instruct Tony Bartlett to investigate. FHC would hopefully be undertaking the repairs to the fendering in the near future.

14/195 Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults Policy

It was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded Cllr Delves and RESOLVED that the Policy compiled and circulated to all members by the Town Clerk should be adopted by FTC.

14/196 Vehicular Use of the Town Quay

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the Traffic Management Policy circulated to all members by the Town Clerk should be adopted by FTC.

14/197 Draft Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

Cllr Finlay reported that she had studied this very long consultation document and found it to be very clear, comprehensive and helpful. She then proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that FTC should support the proposals without amendments or additions.

14/198 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Boosey congratulated Cllr Finlay on her excellent Mayor's Column's in the Fowey News during the Mayors absence and recorded thanks to her for her hard work over the previous three months.

Cllr Willmore reported that he had been contacted by Ivan Johns who had raised concerns about the overgrown state of the footpath behind the primary school at Windmill. As this path was not managed by FTC under the LMP it was agreed that Cllr Hughes should be asked to report this to Cornwall Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Willmore 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 March 2015

Council 18th March 2015