

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 2015 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

15/09 Present

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

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
4 members of public
1 member of the press

15/10 Apologies

Cllr Mrs K Alexander (another commitment). PCSO Lloyd Paynter

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter of resignation from FTC from Cllr Mrs Sherlee Gudmunson. She had written to Sherlee thanking her for her hard work and dedication to the council over many years and had also notified the electoral officer.

15/11 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 both Cllr Finlay and Cllr Eardley to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments.

15/12 Public Questions/Police Report

Police Report – PCSO Lloyd Paynter had submitted a full report and advised that there had been 13 reported crimes in the parish between 1st May and 12th June - 6 x theft, 1 x criminal damage to property, 2 x burglary non dwelling, 1 x threat to damage property, 1 x assault ABH, 1 x common assault, 1 x vehicle interference

The Mayor recorded a formal vote of thanks to Lloyd for all his input.

Public Questions

Jenny Marchant queried if there was any news regarding the proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit from the Hillhay entrance towards Four Turnings. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had been heard.

Jenny Marchant reported that Wainhomes traffic was still accessing the new development via the old estate, contrary to PP and also was not observing Highway rules. Cllr Delves confirmed

that this was being investigated by CC enforcement and Cllr Hughes suggested that the Highway issue should be reported to the police.

Jenny Marchant suggested that FTC should investigate the possibility of erecting bunting over the Town Quay to discourage the seagulls, which were getting very aggressive. Cllr Berryman responded that he would ask the Regatta Committee to put up their bunting early.

Jenny Marchant asked if there was any update on the Sports Hub. The Mayor replied that she understood that it would hopefully reopen to the public before the holidays on a swipe card access system.

Jenny Marchant asked when the Caffa Mill toilets would be open. Members confirmed that everything possible was being done to finalise the transfer. The Mayor had recently written to the portfolio holder, Cllr Joyce Duffin, and Tasha Davies to enlist their support and the Clerk had contacted the FTC solicitor again to ask exactly why the matter could not be completed. Consequently, on 15th June, CC legal had sent a revised transfer deed to the FTC solicitors for approval but had highlighted a possible issue with the permit Parking Order. The Clerk would continue to press for completion.

15/13 Minutes of the Meetings of 15th April 2015, APM (for accuracy) 29th April 2015, 5th May and AGM & Mayor Making 20th May 2015

15th April. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Berryman and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APM. It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr McCartney and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed for accuracy.

5th May. It was proposed by Cllr Delves, seconded Cllr Boosey and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

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

15/14 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

- Allotments – The Mayor reported that there had been an informal inspection of the allotments. Most were in good condition but a few were not being worked – the tenants would be contacted.
- St Catherines Lights – Cllr Berryman reported that an application for the revised works had been turned down by the English Heritage Inspectorate, contrary to the earlier agreement with the field officers. The field officer had offered to intervene on FTC's behalf and Cllr Berryman had supplied her with the necessary documentation but there was no progress to date. The Mayor advised that she had received an email from Arthur Baker urging FTC to complete the scheme given that so much money had already been spent. The Mayor had assured him that FTC was doing everything possible but English Heritage was not an easy organization to deal with.
- Wainhomes – Dealt with under minute 15/12.

15/15 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted. Cllr Hughes reported that the Inspector had offered to suspend his evaluation of the CC Local Plan if CC agreed to make modifications. The Inspector was of the opinion that the target of 47,500 new homes in the county could be a little low by possibly 5/10%, although he was not supporting Wainhomes submission for 90,000. If the number was increased the percentage of affordables would remain the same. This would mean a 6 month delay in the process.

Town Hall – no report.

Environment – no report.

Finance – no report.

15/16 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Forum – Cllr Willmore reported that a meeting had been held the previous Monday but there was nothing of note to report.

15/17 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- She had contacted the Matron at Fowey Community Hospital about rumours that the minor injuries unit would be closing. The Matron had confirmed that it would close for 3 months due to the lack of trained staff.
- She had represented FTC at the NSPCC AGM in Padstow and at Fowey River Academy for the unveiling of a sculpture of inspiration created by year 10 students

15/18 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Town Clerk reported

- She has issued licenses for three groups of Morris Dancers to perform on the quay during July and August – Tywardreath Morris on 15th July, Isambards Gasket Rats on 8th August and Trigg Morris Men on 13th August.

15/19 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Delves, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £60,188.31 be approved.

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

15/20 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left ‘on the table’ for Cllrs attention

Item 11. Concern was raised that no progress was being made in respect of repairs to the Whitehouse shelter, given that a benefactor had promised to make a generous donation towards the project. Cllr Hughes agreed to investigate at Cornwall Council and to ascertain the position with regard to the ‘storm pot.’

15/21 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

15/22 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that the Steering Group had met on three occasions to begin drafting out the three sections of the questionnaire. The Mayor also advised that the Steering Group were keen to apply for a Lottery grant to help with the cost of the Plan. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £10,000.00 should be made in the name of FTC.

Cllr Hughes advised that the CC Planning Policy Group had been in discussion about Neighbourhood Plans and two items of particular interest had arisen.

1. Cornwall Council was looking at ways to simplify its part in the application procedure to try to speed up the process.

2. Once a NP is submitted for technical evaluation it starts to carry planning weight immediately.

15/23 Squires Field

The Clerk reported that Cornwall Council had still to agree the licence for the recycling containers and reply to preliminary enquiries. They had been sent a reminder by the FTC solicitors. Cllr Boosey noted that, whilst she was delighted that there was so much interest in the future of the Bowling Club, she was slightly concerned that the local community did not appreciate that ownership would remain with FTC and that any decisions about its future would have to be made by the council. The Mayor responded that she had made this quite clear to the group of people putting together the business plan, who were very organised and were recording formal minutes of their meetings. The Clerk suggested that it would be useful for FTC to have sight of the minutes to ensure that the groups' expectations were realistic. The Mayor agreed to request that they be made available. Cllr Hughes noted that if the group – or any other group – were to go forward with their plans they would need a lease of at least 15 years from FTC in order to access grant funding.

15/24 Fowey Public Conveniences

The refurbished town quay toilets were operating successfully. The position in respect of the Caffa Mill transfer had been discussed under minute 15/12. It was noted that the outstanding grant money due from CC had been paid into the FTC bank account.

15/25 Town Quay

Christmas Market 2015. This item would be covered later in the meeting with the press & public excluded.

General Update The Clerk confirmed that Coast2Coast had repaired some loose concrete on the steps and Chris Biggs had completed the repairs to the fendering. The Mayor reported that she had sourced some cattle drinking troughs that she considered would make excellent- and economical - planters for the quay if they were painted and planted up attractively. Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that two 2' x 4' troughs should be purchased.

15/26 Town Quay Vehicular Access

Following a request from Cllr Delves that this item be included on the agenda, the Clerk had received confirmation from Rachael Tatlow (Cormac Highway Manager) that there is a TRO in place prohibiting motor vehicles (except for access) on Market Street, Town Quay, Trafalgar Square and Webb Street. However, clearly this was not happening in practice as people were driving indiscriminately onto the quay, which was particularly problematical during the summer months. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite Rachael to a site meeting in Fowey to try to identify a solution to the problem, possibly by introducing additional/amended signage. Cllr McCartney reported that there had been terrible snarl-ups in the town earlier in the day, a situation she feared could only get worse during the peak summer months. Cllr Hughes responded that there were very few CC Traffic Enforcement Officers and that they tended to be posted to Truro and Newquay, so they were probably not a realistic solution to the problem. Cllr Berryman agreed to raise the issue at the next Chamber meeting.

15/27 Roles & Responsibilities of FTC Committees

Deferred.

15/28 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Hughes noted that the FTC planning committee had discussed the CC Notice that a Tree Preservation Order had been made on 16th June 2015 on all trees of whatever species at grid reference 212495 52137, Rawlings Lane and had agreed to make no representations.

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Delves 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 Town Quay Leases & Licenses

Date of Next Meetings

Town Hall	23 rd June 2015
Finance	24 th June 2015
Planning	15 th July 2015
Council	15 th July 2015