

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th JULY 2015 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs. C. Eardley

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

As Cllr. Alexander could only stay for the first 15 minutes of the Meeting the Chairman directed that Agenda Item 8. Contractors be brought forward on the Agenda

15/01 To Receive Apologies for Absence

None

15/02 Election of Chairman 2015/2016

Cllr. Finlay asked the other Committee members if anyone would like to take over the Chair but as no-one expressed a wish to do so she said she would be happy to continue in the role. Therefore Cllr. Berryman proposed, Cllr. Eardley seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Finlay continues as Chair.

15/03 Declarations of Interest

a. Pecuniary - None

b. Non Registerable - None

c. Dispensations - Cllrs. Mrs. Finlay & Mrs. Eardley pertaining to any discussions on Allotments

15/04 Contractors

Cllr. Alexander had a conversation with Lanhydrock Garden Services to confirm their responsibilities with grass cutting and weed killing. Their Schedule for Grass Cutting (9 cuts per year) is currently including The Green on Hillhay but it appears that Wainhomes are still cutting this area. Cllr. Alexander will inform LGS to discontinue this until further notice.

Their Schedule for Weed Killing (2 per year) does not include through the Town which is the responsibility of CORMAC. However, during the one Weed Killing already carried out by LGS they did go down through the Town. Therefore, Cllr. Alexander will inform them to omit the Town in future but include Piggy Lane Triangle.

LGS will be doing the annual trimming of the designated footpaths in the Parish week commencing 13th July. It was agreed that this should be done early July so Cllr.

Alexander will inform them to schedule in this cutting for the first week of July in future.

Cllr. Alexander left the meeting.

15/05 Public Questions

None

15/06 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th March, 2015

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

15/07 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments

The Chairman of the Readymoney Allotment Society had arranged a barbecue at the allotments in June, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone who did so.

The orchard of apple trees purchased with a grant from Cllr. Hughes' Community Chest are doing very well with some having blossomed.

15/08 Budget 2015/2016

Although no invoices submitted by Lanhydrock Garden Services yet, other costs already incurred were expected. These include £420 to Andreas Sanchez for work clearing ivy and old bushes in the OGSG. There is an extra cost for repairs to make safe the dividing wall abutting the exterior footpath but the invoice from Coast to Coast has not been received yet.

15/09 Old Grammar School Gardens

Phase 2 of the improvements were completed end of May/early June at a cost of £2,700 + VAT, although the contractor's invoice for materials for £1700 has not yet been received. This area is now looking lovely with the addition of one of the "sleeper" beds. Andreas Sanchez spent three days clearing one and a half tons of ivy and old bushes/trees including two palms which had been growing over drains. Surrounding neighbours had been very pleased by this.

Following Cllr. Finlay's appeal in the Fowey News, Mr & Mrs Flowerdew and several of their friends have volunteered to become "Friends of the OGSG" helping to dead-head and weed and generally keeping the gardens tidy. Gwen Cussons has taken on George's role by offering to continue supplying water when necessary and emptying the donations box.

15/10 Roles & Responsibilities of the Environment Committee

Cllr. Finlay had drawn up the list of responsibilities which included a paragraph on Health and Safety and then covered the OGSG, Piggy Lane Triangle, Bus Stop at Lambs Barn, Allotments, Fowey in Bloom, Local Maintenance Partnership, Gold Public Rights of Way footpaths, and Grass Cutting and Weed Killing Schedules.

After discussion further points are to be added and then the document can be presented to Full Council.

During the discussion Cllr. Finlay mentioned that because of the timings of the Annual Parish Meeting and Mayor Making, the Environment Committee had not had a meeting since March. Cllr. Eardley agreed that that was the reason also for only recently having a Town Hall meeting. It was agreed that the election of Chairmen and the Roles and Responsibilities of each Committee should be re-visited as soon as possible after Mayor Making and it was suggested it should be written into Standing Orders to do so.

15/11 Planting Schemes on Town Quay

Two agricultural water troughs have been purchased which Cllr. Berryman is painting. He hopes to have them ready for delivery to the Quay on Monday 13th July. They will be suitably filled with materials to prevent easy movement around the Quay and will be planted up very simply considering the summer is well advanced.

15/12 To Receive Reports from Members

The Parade

Toby Lowe from CORMAC had been in regular contact with Cllr. Finlay reporting on progress made following Enforcement Proceedings being taken against the farmer responsible for the damage. He is confident of a satisfactory conclusion.

Fowey in Bloom

The Fowey in Bloom judging had taken place on 7th July and results will be announced in the August Fowey News.

15/13 Date of Next Meeting - to be arranged

Meeting Closed: 11.35am