

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2015 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

**Giles Asker recited and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a
Co-opted Member of Fowey Town Council**

15/76 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, G Asker, Mrs A Boosey, T Delves
Mrs C Eardley, D Hughes, Mrs L McCartney, D Willmore

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
2 members of the press
3 members of public

15/77 Apologies

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman (holiday).
PCSO Lloyd Paynter

15/78 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.

15/79 Public Questions/Police Report

Public Questions

Bryan Boothby queried the position in relation to the transfer of Squires Field from Cornwall Council to Fowey Town Council. The Mayor responded that completion had been delayed indefinitely because just as the transfer had been about to finalise CC had realized that devolution would impact on a county wide contract the authority had awarded to Cory. The Mayor voiced her frustration about the whole situation, particularly as FTC had already spent money on legal fees. The Town Clerk added that she had made some enquiries and it appeared that all transfers now had to be approved by a CC officer group, the Strategic Development Group, chaired by Rob Andrew and then signed off by one of three Directors (Michael Critch, Paul Masters, Trevor Doughty). Together with Cllr Hughes she would try to set up a meeting with Rob Andrew to try to find a way forward.

Chris Biggs had attended the meeting to clarify the current position with regard to the St Catherines Castle lighting system. He explained that the system originally in place had been wired by professionals and had worked perfectly but that he had been told to turn it off by the FTC representative at the time. Since then there had been various replacement schemes tried

but there had been problems with *inter alia* design, vandalism, wind damage to the turbine and with English Heritage. He had now submitted another scheme for EH approval, which would use two or three 20watt l.e.d lights sited in the existing bunker. The wiring for these was already in place and he was confident that this would be a good solution and light the castle well. Chris agreed to send a copy of the proposal submitted to EH to the Town Clerk.

Police Report – PCSO Lloyd Paynter had submitted a full report and advised that there had been 3 reported crimes in the parish between 9th September and 8th October – 1 x sexual assault on a female, 1 x theft from shop, 1 x common assault.

15/80 Minutes of the Meeting of 16th September 2015

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

15/81 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments – The Mayor reported that a water leak had been discovered in the supply to Porcelain House and the allotments, which had been repaired on the authority of Chris Parsons (Estuary Cottages). Chris was hopeful that FTC would share the cost of this work. It appeared, however, that responsibility for the supply still lay with Cornwall Council as it had never been transferred following change of ownership. The Clerk had contacted Cornwall Council and it appeared that the authority was prepared to resolve the issue before taking meter readings and handing over responsibility to FTC.

St Catherines Lights – Covered in Public Questions.

Wainhomes – The Clerk reported that a letter of report had been received in respect of the transfer of the two open spaces on the original estate to FTC. It was agreed that the transfer of ownership of the Park & Ride area on the new estate should be followed up with Peter Crawford. Cllr Delves noted that Wainhomes had undertaken to carry out a survey with local residents about the repositioning of the Tristan Stone but this had not been done

Website – Cllr Eardley reported that a Mayors Page had now been added to the website, together with links to a Finance section. Cllr Boosey recorded a formal vote of thanks to Cllr Eardley for managing the creation of a much improved site. The Clerk confirmed that she was working on displaying a list of property owned by FTC, together with Land Registry details.

15/82 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - none.

Town Hall – noted.

Environment – none.

Finance – noted.

15/83 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

It was noted that the Chamber meeting had been cancelled and the Forum meeting postponed.

15/84 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- She had attended a meeting called by Revd Philip de Grey Warter to discuss how the major festivals in the town can be supported in terms of communication, clash of dates, venues, use of volunteers. The possibility of appointing an Events Manager sponsored by EU funding had also been raised.
- She had attended the Fowey in Bloom prize giving, which had been well supported as usual.

- She had received a number of phone calls from local residents concerned about the possible closure of Fowey hospital.

15/85 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Town Clerk reported

- Cornwall Council had accepted that they had incorrectly issued a scaffolding licence for Barclays Bank to use FTC property. She would now issue a licence from FTC.
- A resident had offered a large Christmas tree from her garden to FTC and had undertaken to give half of the price paid to the 'Chicks' charity. The Clerk had advised her that the Chamber usually provided the town Christmas tree and may be interested in her offer.

15/86 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Eardley and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £8,481.77 be approved.

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

15/87 Correspondence

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

15/88 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

15/89 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that the Neighbourhood Plan exhibition held on 15th October had been very successful, with plenty of attenders. The new NP website was up and running and the questionnaire had gone out, with 26th November the deadline for the submission of replies. Following this crcc would draw up a report based on the responses.

15/90 Squires Field

This item was covered in 15/79 but Cllr Boosey recorded that it was deplorable that CC had only realised the complication of the Cory contract when the transfer was on the point of completion. FTC was quite incorrectly being blamed for CC's inefficiency by the public, which was completely unacceptable. Cllr Hughes suggested that Jeremy Rowe, the CC portfolio holder for Localism, could be invited to attend a FTC meeting to explain CC's position. This was agreed. It was noted that Cllr Berryman and Cllr Eardley would attend the crcc training session on managing public open spaces. The Clerk was still trying to identify a date for a meeting with the group hoping to acquire a lease on the Bowling Club and reminded members to let her have their availability.

15/91 Fowey Public Conveniences

Both the TQ toilets and the Caffa Mill toilets were operating well.

15/92 Town Quay

Christmas Market 2015. It was proposed by Cllr McCartney, seconded Cllr Willmore and RESOLVED that the Market be permitted to use the quay for an additional day, but with a revised rental figure.

General Update. The Clerk reported that she had requested a quote for renewing the white lining for the parking areas.

15/93 Criminal Records Checks for Members

Cllr Hughes explained that in the interests of transparency CC had resolved that all members should be subject to a basic check and that any member dealing with 'at risk' people should have an enhanced check. Members discussed the issue at some length and Cllr Alexander pointed out that if FTC decided that this was appropriate a policy would need to be agreed in case a member had a relevant criminal record or somebody with a record stood for council in the future. It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that checks for FTC members were not appropriate at the present time but that the situation may need to be reviewed in the future.

The Town Clerk left the room for the next agenda item and notes were taken by the Mayor

15/94 Polruan Ferry Company

The Mayor asked for a formal proposal following the resolution at the 16th September council meeting that the situation with regard to the unauthorised landings on the Town Quay by the Polruan Ferry Company be referred back to Sproulls for resolution. Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Eardley seconded and it was RESOLVED that the letter drafted by Sproulls setting out FTC's position should be sent to the PFC solicitor.

The Town Clerk returned to the meeting

15/95 Roles & Responsibilities of FTC Committees

Deferred

15/96 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Hughes advised members that the draft Local Plan, which had been put 'on ice' following an indication from the Inspector that the number of new homes to be built in the county by 2020 was too low, had now been revised to show 51,500 new dwellings. However, the number for the Fowey Network area was unchanged at 800. He pointed out, however, that this would be the minimum number and could be exceeded if developers submit applications meeting certain criteria.

The Clerk advised that she had attended the workshop on Paperless Planning organized by CC. It had been apparent that CC had not grasped the difficulties faced by towns and parishes, particularly in respect of broadband coverage, the limited IT knowledge of some Councillors, inadequate meeting rooms and the additional workload for Clerks.

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

Date of Next Meetings

Planning
Council

18th November 2015
18th November 2015