

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2015 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

15/99 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs R Finlay
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Berryman
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

15/100 Apologies

PCSO Lloyd Paynter

15/101 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.

15/102 Public Questions/Police Report

Public Questions – None

Police Report – There had been 5 recorded crimes in the parish between 12th October and 11th November. 1 x theft from a shop, 1 x criminal damage to vehicle, 1 x theft of conveyance other than motor vehicle, 1 x engage in penetrative sex with a girl 13 – 15 years, 1 x common assault

15/103 Minutes of the Meeting of 21st October 2015

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

15/104 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

Allotments – The Mayor reported that a letter had been sent to certain allotment holders by the Allotment Association advising that the Association intended to request that FTC terminate their tenancies due to lack of cultivation of their plots. It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the tenancies should be terminated.

St Catherines Lights – Cllr Berryman reported that although FTC had been given to understand by Chris Biggs at the October meeting that a revised application had been made to English Heritage, this was not, in fact, the case as he had only sent photographs of the amended proposals and not a complete application. Cllr Berryman had contacted Chris and emphasized that it was imperative that the work be progressed and he would continue to make this clear to

him. In response to questions, Cllr Berryman clarified that permission was in place for the turbines and the wiring down to the battery but that the remaining work required permission. Cllr Hughes noted that he would be meeting with English Heritage representatives on 11th December on another matter and that he would try to progress this matter as well if Chris lodged the new application before then. .

Wainhomes – The Clerk reported that Peter Crawford (Wainhomes) had contacted her to advise that a family living in rented accommodation in Hillhay were keen to purchase a 4 bedroom affordable house on the new development, but this could only be achieved if FTC reviewed its decision to object to Wainhomes' proposal to convert one of the existing 3 bedroom properties into a 4 bedroom unit. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk should set up a meeting with Peter and the Wainhomes Construction Director to discuss this and other issues..

15/105 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - noted.

Town Hall – noted.

Environment – none.

Finance – none.

15/106 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Forum. Cllr Willmore reported that Sam Smith, the newly appointed Community Liaison Officer from Fowey River Academy, had attended the recent meeting to explain that the school was keen to improve its relationship with the local community. To this end the school had reconsidered its decision to discontinue offering meeting spaces for hire.

PUG. Cllr Berryman reported that Claire Hodinott (Fowey Estuary Partnership) was now a member of PUG. At the recent meeting it had been confirmed that the FHC expansion scheme for Brazen Island would not be possible as a competitive funding bid had been received from a local private company, which had taken precedence.

15/107 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported

- 8th November Remembrance Day well attended and this year included a parade of cadets and their accompanying officer from HMS Raleigh.
- 10th November I attended the meeting of Mayors from Cornwall at Bodmin Shire Hall. The Mayor of Bodmin put forward the motion that the Mayors of larger towns support the Police and crime commissioner in his efforts to increase government funding and operational officers. This is despite the calculation for police funding made by central government was flawed; the fact remained that rural areas with low crime reporting would not receive the same funding as areas of higher crime and/or high unemployment. It was seen that minor crimes are not being reported using the 101 system because of problems associated with this system. The perception from the Mayors present, which was borne out by conversations with the Chief Constable, was that cyber crime, sex crimes and child protection were given budget priority and community policing was very low on the agenda. At the next meeting, the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner are to be invited to attend. In respect of Libraries, the general consensus was that CC had no clear or consistent proposals for what they were offering town and parish councils by taking on library services and that figures they produced to show running costs of a library should be carefully scrutinized.

- 15th November reception for Mike Penprase to mark his retirement as Town Crier after 37 years and presentation of the Freedom of Fowey.
- 23rd November. Second meeting called by Revd. Philip de grey Warter of organisers of festivals held in Fowey.
- 25th November. Cllr Boosey and I will attend the Open Doors meeting of CC by John Pollard. These meetings are an opportunity to put q's to CC on topics which concern us
- 29th November. I will be attending the Legal service at Truro Cathedral with the Town Clerk.

15/108 To receive the Town Clerks Report

No report.

15/109 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Eardley and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £4,106.28 be approved.

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

15/110 Correspondence

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

15/111 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

15/112 Neighbourhood Plan

The Mayor reported that the final date for the return of questionnaires would be 26th November and the Prize Draw would take place at the FTC meeting on 9th December.

Cllr Hughes noted that the revised CC Draft Local Plan had been available at the CC Planning Policy Advisory Committee Extraordinary Meeting the previous day. Part of it, Policy 3 (part 3), defines the basis for housing outside specified areas and in the AONB. Table 1(after Policy 3) gives the breakdown of housing requirement in the Network Area as follows:-

	Total 2010/2030	Completed	Remaining
St Blazey/Par	460	246	214
Lostwithiel	185	134	51
Residual	260	201	59

Fowey is included in the residual figure of 260, together with Lanlivery, Golant and Tywardreath.

In connection with Policy 8 (affordable housing) Fowey is in Zone 2, requiring 40% affordables

15/113 Squires Field

The Clerk reported that final approval of the transfer was on the agenda for the CC Strategic Development Group on 24th November. If approved it would be recommended for final sign off by one of the three Directors.

The Mayor and Cllr Berryman would be meeting with Cormac to discuss grass cutting on Monday 23rd November.

Cllr Berryman noted that a Business Plan was still awaited from the Youth Football Team.

15/114 Fowey Public Conveniences

There had been some issues with the charging mechanisms at both Town Quay and Caffa but other than that the toilets were operating well.

15/115 Town Quay

Christmas Market 2015. It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Eardley and RESOLVED that the permit parking space at 1 Market Street should be reallocated from 1st December and it would therefore be unavailable for use by the Christmas Market..

General Update. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Boosey and RESOLVED that FTC adhere to the CC Parking Policy in respect of Disabled Parking provision for the duration of the current Policy.

15/116 Roles & Responsibilities of FTC Committees

It was proposed by Cllr Eardley, seconded Cllr Delves and RESOLVED that the document 'Town Hall Committee Roles & Responsibilities' be adopted by FTC. A decision on the documents covering the Finance Committee and Environment Committee was deferred.

15/117 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Boosey raised concern that the December meeting would be held on the second Wednesday in the month and not the 3rd Wednesday. The Clerk confirmed that this was dictated by Standing Orders and had been the FTC practice for many years. Clearly, however, it could be changed by amending Standing Orders by resolution. It was agreed that the matter should be debated by council in the New Year and, at the suggestion of the Mayor, members would also debate the possibility of changing the day of the main meeting, given that Wednesday was a particularly busy day of the week in Fowey.

It was proposed by Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Boosey 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	9 th December 2015 (to be confirmed)
Council	9 th December 2015