

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE 2010 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

10/11 Present

The Mayor Cllr J Berryman
The Deputy Mayor Cllr Mrs A Boosey
Councillors K Alexander, A Baker, Mrs R Finlay, Mrs J Vincent and
T Vincent

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr Mrs S Bain (part)
PCSO Linda Tomas (part)

10/12 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N Mason (personal reasons), Cllr J Penprase (personal reasons) and PC David Lea

10/13 Declaration of Interests

- a. In items on the agenda.
None
- b. Of gifts to a value in excess of £25.00.
None

10/14 Public Questions/Police Report/ Cllr Participation/ Police Report

Police Report – *full report attached at appendix 1.*

PCSO Thomas reported that there had been 6 crimes and 32 incident logs in Fowey between 19th May and 15th June and clarified and expanded on the report submitted by PC Lea. PCSO Thomas also notified the meeting that a local scout group was prepared to help with footpath clearance in exchange for the use of land for camping.

Public Questions

No public present.

10/15 Minutes of Meeting of 21st April 2010 & Annual Meeting of 26th May 2010

21st April 2010. Proposed Cllr Mrs Vincent, seconded Cllr Vincent and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

28th May 2010. Proposed Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Alexander and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

10/16 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

21st April. 09/243. The Clerk reported that the situation with regard to Windmill House had moved on since the April meeting. Following the receipt of a letter written on FTC headed notepaper (but not written by the Town Clerk) the Managing Director of Ocean Housing had requested a meeting with the Mayor and the Town Clerk. She had explained that there have been significant changes in the way sheltered housing is allocated, largely driven by

government policy and that Ocean was working with residents to manage their expectations of the support service. In addition, an investigation had been carried out into residents concerns and several measures had been put in place to address them.

10/17 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

FAC – no report.

Environment – Cllr Mrs Vincent reported that Tim Rhodes had been awarded the contract for weedkilling and grass cutting and Nigel Retallick had been awarded the contract for Piggy Lane and OGS Gardens. She noted that £376 allocated in 2008/2009 for painting the OGS steps had not been spent. The Environment Committee was hopeful that more land could be identified for allotment provision, possibly at Parade Park. The Mayor noted that he was concerned that the Saints Way had been included in the LMP; this would place an increased financial burden on FTC as it had previously been the responsibility of Cornwall County Council/Comwall Council.

Town Hall – no report.

Finance – no report.

10/18 To receive the Mayors Report – *report attached at appendix 2*

The Mayor gave his report

10/19 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Bain apologised for missing the Civic Service and reported

- She was investigating the possibility of Parade Park being used for allotments
- She had a small 'Community Chest' to provide grants for community projects
- She had £8000.00 available for minor highway schemes, although she warned that this would have to be shared by all the parishes in her ward.
- The Cornwall Council area based grant had been cut by £4,000,000.00 so all ways and means of saving money were being investigated
- Confirmation had been received that because the loading bay outside the Globe was only 1.5metres wide, rather than 1.8 metres it was unenforceable. Cornwall Council was looking at ways to rectify the situation but widening it could cause problems for passing traffic. Another option would be to remove it altogether and for the area to revert to restricted parking but this would mean that Blue Badge holders would be able to park for up to 3 hours, which could disrupt deliveries.

Cllr Baker noted that work was required to improve access to both Coombe and Pridmouth beaches and suggested that this could be a good use for some of Cllr Bain's Community Chest grant money. There was general agreement with this idea and Cllr Bain agreed to consider an application, if submitted.

10/20 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

du Maurier – no report.

Forum – Cllr Boosey reported that the Forum had discussed the Parish Plan at length and there had been quite a few ideas about how Fowey could incorporate the issue of carbon footprints in the updated document. Members were also busy working on the Heritage Trail project; interviews for the post of coordinating manager would take place on 24th June.

Chamber of Commerce – no report

Community Network Panel – Cllr Boosey reported that the Annual Meeting of the Panel had taken place the previous evening. Attendance had been rather disappointing with several parishes unrepresented.

Cornwall Towns Association – no report

10/21 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that:

- A letter had been received from Barbara Orchard, Chairman of Fowey in Bloom, explaining that she would be unable to act as the coordinator of the Neighbourhood Award Scheme for South West in Bloom 2010. Cllr Boosey clarified that the South West in Bloom (Fowey) committee had been disbanded because the 4 active members had been unable to encourage anybody else to join them.
- Together with the Mayor and Cllr Penprase she would be attending a training course on risk assessments the following day. The Clerk reminded members that, in order to qualify for re-accreditation of Quality status, it was necessary to keep an ongoing record of training undertaken together with short evaluations from anybody participating.
- 10a. Cllr Mrs Vincent proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that the September council meeting should be held on 29th September 2010.

10/22 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Mrs Vincent seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £16049.06 be approved. Copies of the Budget Tracking Report and the Current Assets Report had been circulated before the meeting.

10/23 Election of additional representative on the Community Network Panel

Cllr Baker proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Mayor should serve as the additional representative on this panel.

10/24 Correspondence

The correspondence file was left ‘on the table’

Item 20. The Clerk was pleased to report that the 2009/2010 accounts had been approved by the Audit Commission.

10/25 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

10/26 Councillor Surgeries 2010

Although disappointment was voiced that the public did not make more use of this facility, members considered that surgeries should continue in the library on the 1st Thursday in the month as follows.

July 2010 - Cllr Baker

August 2010 – Cllr Boosey

September 2010 – Cllr Vincent

October 2010 - Cllr Mrs Vincent
November 2010 – Cllr Alexander
December 2010 – The Mayor

10/27 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

The Clerk reported that the transfer was still moving forward, albeit extremely slowly. He had asked Martin Eddy if he could do anything to help move the process forward, given that Peter Lobb had now left Cornwall Council and he had agreed to set up a meeting with Peter's successor, Mr Duncan.

Cllr Baker noted that he had asked Cllr Bain to ascertain what powers Cornwall Council had to remove unlicensed items from the quay.

10/28 St Catherines Castle Lights

Cllr Baker reported that English Heritage had now confirmed that the reflection from solar panels placed on top of the walls would be unacceptable, although they were happy with the concept of LED lighting. He had, therefore, had to investigate several other options and had written to English Heritage to ascertain what scheme they would be prepared to accept. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Baker for all the work he was putting into this project.

10/29 FTC Website

Cllr Baker reported that he was pressing Cornwall Council to update the old Restormel system, which was proving to be very unreliable.

10/30 Squires Field Play Area

No report.

10/31 The Queens Award for Voluntary Service

No nominations were put forward but it was noted that there was no deadline; any nominations received after the end of September would be carried over until 2011.

10/32 Questions under Standing Order 21

Cllr Mrs Vincent noted that Lady Mary Holborow had been knighted in the Queens Birthday Honours and had been awarded the honour of Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order for services to the Queen. It was agreed that a letter of congratulation should be sent from FTC.

Cllr Alexander reported that the Chamber had requested a letter of support for its intention to return the Christmas Market to the town quay. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Vincent, seconded Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that the Clerk should send a letter supporting this in principle.

It was proposed by Cllr Boosey, seconded Cllr Vincent RESOLVED that members of the press and 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 transacted in connection with the position of Town Hall Cleaner/Caretaker.