

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th
MARCH 2014 AT FOWEY TOWN HALL

13/191 Present

The Mayor, Cllr John Berryman
The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs A Boosey
Councillors Mrs K Alexander, T Delves, Mrs C Eardley, Mrs R Finlay,
D Hughes, D Willmore

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
1 member of the public (part)

13/214 Apologies

Cllr Mrs S Gudmunsen (unwell)
PCSO L Paynter

13/215 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None
- β. Non Registerable – None
- χ. Dispensations – The Clerk had granted a dispensation to Cllr Delves to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey Wainhomes development for a period of 6 months.

13/216 Public Questions/Police Report

Public Questions - None

Police Report

The new PCSO for the area, Lloyd Paynter had provided the following report.

I have researched the Police Computer back to the beginning of 2014 and found the following crimes;

One “Theft from a Motor Vehicle”: Unfortunately this involved the theft of front and rear number plates from a German Tourist’s vehicle. Provision was made, by way of an official Police letter, to provide the people with clearance to enable them to return home on a cross channel ferry. Sadly, there were no viable lines of enquiry and the crime remains undetected. This crime did happen at the time of the New Year celebrations!!

One “ Racial/Religiously Aggravated Section 4 (Public Order) Offence: This involved an incident with a Civil Enforcement Officer and a member of the public. The matter was investigated and resolved by using Restorative Justice.

One “Theft of Property”: This involved theft of property from a boat whilst it was on its mooring. It was investigated but sadly remained undetected.

One “Theft Non Specific”. This was reported as alleged theft of car park signs from the Town Quay. Investigations were made however, sadly, the crime remains undetected and has subsequently been filed.

One “ Assault Occasioning ABH”. This offence took place at the Community College and, as a result of enquiries, was resolved using Restorative Justice.

So, effectively we have seen six reported crimes for the period since the turn of the year. 50% of these crimes have been detected

I will do an analysis of the yearly Crime in the area prior to the AGM.

I have already managed to attend a Boat Watch Meeting at the Safe Harbour and met some of the very enthusiastic members of the scheme. I hope to be able to meet up with the similar scheme in Golant very soon. As addressing marine crime is high on the Force’s agenda I hope

to work closely with Special Constable Russ Hall and Fowey Harbour Commissioners over the coming summer.

13/217 Minutes of Meetings of 19th February 2014.

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

13/218 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

None

13/219 To receive and note the minutes, if any, of FTC Committees

Planning - minutes noted.

Town Hall – no report

Environment – Cllr Finlay reported that Ali Siddall had drawn up some excellent plans for the redesign of the OGS Garden. They would shortly be on public display at the library and it the garden itself.

Finance – no report.

13/220 To receive the Mayors Report

The Mayor reported that

- He and the Mayoress had enjoyed their visit to the St Columb Hurling Day.
- He had accepted an invitation from the Fowey Community Bus Group to participate in the formal handing over of the keys of the bus from Age Concern to the Group. The ceremony would take place at 11am on 1st April on the town quay.
- He had visited Charles Hall Jewelers, the designers of the Fowey Mayoral Chain, with a view to having a Mayoress's Chain made. Mr Hall had suggested a smaller replica of the Fowey Ship carried on a single heavy chain with the wording 'Mayoress of Fowey.' As Fowey currently only had a Consort Chain, the Mayor asked members to consider commissioning the Chain to complete FTC's Chains of Office.
- As the detained livestock carrier was still in the Harbour, which would be putting a huge strain on the Mission to Seamen both personally and financially, the Mayor asked members to consider making a small donation to the Mission. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item at the April meeting
- He had received a letter from a lady from Somerset who was concerned about the decaying condition of the Shelter at Whitehouse donated to the town by the US Navy at the end of the last war. Cllr Hughes agreed to request that CC renovate it..

13/221 To receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor

Cllr Hughes reported

- Rules required that the Local Plan Discussion Document required a final public consultation before it was submitted. It was extremely unlikely that any modifications would be made at this late stage; any new material would simply be appended to the document
- Cornwall Councillors would receive a reduced Community Chest in 2014/2015.
- Revised library hours would mean that Fowey library would be closed on Saturdays from 1st June. He was trying to have this decision reversed but was not over optimistic of success.

- He had attended a Fowey Estuary Partnership meeting when Bathing Water Quality had been discussed. There was a possibility that posting appropriate notices on the beach could influence results.
- Cllr Alexander requested that repairs to the storm damage at Readymoney and Whitehouse be prioritized as the holiday season was fast approaching. Cllr Hughes undertook to make sure the sites were on Cornwall Council's list.

13/222 To receive and consider reports from representatives of the Town Council on other bodies

Fowey Estuary Partnership – no report.

Forum –no report.

Community Network Panel – no report.

Chamber of Commerce – no report.

13/223 To receive the Town Clerks Report

The Clerk reported

- A request had been received that FTC nominate either herself or a Councillor to serve on the FHC Consultation Group. Meetings were held every 6 months at 2pm in the Harbour Office and the next one would be held on 8th April. Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Berryman should attend on behalf of FTC.
- FHC had advised that they would be unable to continue cleaning the town quay slipway and steps if FTC did not accept the terms of their Cleaning Agreement, which had already been accepted by Cornwall Council, Polruan Town Trust and RFYC. Cllr Delves voiced concern about the insurance aspects of FTC accepting FHC's Cleaning Agreement, which effectively shifts FHC's responsibility as a contractor to FTC. The Clerk had been assured that the steps/slipway would be closed during the cleaning operation and FTC would be responsible for any negligence during this period. Cllr Delves accepted the need for FTC to move forward with this and take a pragmatic/practical approach given the assurances the Clerk had been given by Paul Thomas, but noted that at the end of the day FTC was relying on FHC exercising Best Practice. Cllrs agreed that FHC would undertake the task in a professional manner and Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Delves seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should sign the Agreement on behalf of FTC, but request a copy of FHC's Health & Safety Method Statement.
- The FTC telephone was not working properly. Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Eardley seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should purchase a replacement.
- The Clerk requested clarification on the following financial matters.
 1. The amount of TH/TQ'sinking fund' to be transferred
 2. If members wished her to raise a cheque to the Chamber of Commerce for Christmas lights in the absence of a copy of the groups accounts
 3. If members wished for the Fowey Festival donation to be accounted in 2013/2014 or 2014/2015.

Cllr Hughes proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that £10,000 should be transferred into the Sinking Fund

Cllr Finlay proposed, Cllr Eardley seconded and it was RESOLVED that the cheque to the Chamber of Commerce should only be paid if the Clerk received a copy of the accounts.

Cllr Alexander proposed, Cllr Delves seconded and it was RESOLVED that the donation to the Fowey Festival should come from the 2013/2014 financial year.

13/224 Accounts for Approval

Cllr Boosey proposed, Cllr Eardley seconded and it was RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £8861.85 be approved.

It was noted that there were sufficient funds in the Regalia Earmarked Reserve to cover the cost of a Mayoress's Chain. Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Alexander seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should order a Chain from Charles Hall Jewelers to the design described by the Mayor in his report.

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

13/225 Fowey Allotments

Cllr Finlay proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that the charge for the Fowey allotments should be £25.00pa, plus £2.50 to the Allotment Association.

13/226 Correspondence

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

13/224 Resolutions from Councillors

Cllr Delves proposed his resolution '*Standing Order No.18 requiring Members & the Town Clerk to stand to speak at Council Meetings should be suspended indefinitely.*' This was seconded by Cllr Willmore and then adjourned to the April meeting.

13/225 Flooding in Fowey

Cllr Willmore stated that he considered that FTC should have a Flood Policy where relevant authorities could be called on to close Lostwithiel Street at its junction with Esplanade from non-urgent traffic, as unnecessary traffic is causing problems by driving through the flooded areas and making bow waves which were flooding the shops. During the last lot of flooding Cllr Willmore had called the Police and eventually CC had sent a van down and put up Road Closed signs and a bit later the Fowey Fire Engine came and parked outside the church – which stopped everything coming through Fowey until the water went down.

There was a problem with the two drains in Webb Street and the first two in Fore Street. Even before the tide comes over the Town Quay, water comes back up the drains and because the road level drops it becomes a pond and stays a pond for up to 3 hours after high tide. The pipe leading from the last drain also needed to be realigned and have a non-return valve fitted to the end. Cllr Willmore did not think the drains themselves were blocked but the pipes clearly needed jetting

At the suggestion of the Clerk, Cllr Willmore agreed to contact Caroline Wildish who had offered to draw up a Community Emergency Plan for Fowey as such a Plan could include the issues he had raised.

13/226 Election of Mayor/Deputy Mayor Elect 2014/2015

The Clerk confirmed that she had received one nomination for Mayor, Cllr Berryman, and one nomination for Deputy Mayor, Cllr Finlay, by the closing date.

Cllr Willmore proposed, Cllr Boosey seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Berryman should be the Mayor Elect for 2014/2015.

Cllr Eardley proposed, Cllr Delves seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Finlay should be Deputy Mayor Elect for 2014/2015.

13/227 Public Conveniences/Squires Field/Caffa Mill Car Park

The Mayor and Town Clerk had met with officers to further discuss the transfer of these assets to FTC. Updated figures were now awaited from Cornwall Council..

13/228 Allotments

Cllr Finlay reported a very positive position - so far three working parties had worked on the new site. A lot of clearance had been carried out and 100m of water pipe had been laid underneath the new path.

13/229 Town Hall/Town Quay Complex

A new meter was needed in the electric box beside the Pay & Display machine. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Cornwall Council about this as responsibility for the account had not been transferred to FTC.

13/230 St Catherines Castle Lights

No report.

13/231 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Alexander reported that Cllr Hughes would be scheduling another meeting in the near future.

13/232 Questions under Standing Order 21

None..

It was proposed by Cllr Willmore, seconded Cllr Eardley 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 & Licences

Date of Next Meetings

Planning – 16th April 2014

Council – 16th April 2014