

Minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Thursday, 28th May 2020 at 12.00pm.

- Present:** Cllr F Biederman (Chairman)
Cllr Kingdom and A Rennles.
Also present: Mrs K Graddock – Deputy Executive Officer (DEO), 1 resident of Fremington Quay and 2 representatives from The Fremington Quay Café.
- 2005/48 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Adams.
- 2005/49 **Declarations of Interest**
None received.
- 2005/50 **Public Participation Period**
The Chairman congratulated the tenants of The Quay Café on the arrival of their baby.
- 2005/51 **Chairman’s reports**
The Chairman wished the residents and businesses well during the unprecedented times and offered his greatest support and sympathy. He further expressed that the police had been patrolling the area well and generally people had been abiding by the rules stipulated by government.

The Fremington Quay Café raised a query as to whether they could advertise along the Tarka Trail as they had noticed other food/drink vendors had.
- 2005/52 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at a later date.
- 2005//53 **Share the space signs**
Members were reported of the outcome of a meeting that the DEO had attended with Devon County Council and North Devon Council regarding a number of matters, but in particular the Share the Space signs. The officers present at the meeting were concerned regarding urbanising the area with signs. It was noted that there are unauthorised speed signs however, they were likely to take no action against these being placed.

Members felt that something did need to be done regarding signage and making people think about sharing the space with pedestrians/buggy’s etc and wished to site them as soon as possible. The Clerk informed members that they would need permission to site signage. It was suggested applying for funding through the

governments new schemes as the advice is to walk and cycle. Cllr Biederman said he was happy to fund them from his locality budget at Devon County Council. Cllr Kingdom suggested that the signs are displayed both ways. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary that the project is delegated to the DEO and the Chairman of the Committee to have 2/3 reasonably sized signs designed, purchased and installed on the road leading to the Quay.

2005/54

Fremington Quay Wall

Members were reported that the DEO had contacted North Devon Council regarding the repair of the Quay Wall and progress to date. North Devon Council were currently obtaining quotations for the repair of the wall and hope to conclude the project in the summer months, depending on the current situation with Covid-19.

Cllr Kingdom raised a question regarding the railings at the Quay and that she had reported the matter as a member of the public had shared their concerns over the condition of them. The DEO said that she had reported this to North Devon Council, and would investigate the progress and report back to members.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary That Standing Orders be suspended to allow a member of the public to speak.

The resident of Fremington Quay updated the meeting by saying that contractors had started work on the Quay wall before official lock down and had fenced the area off to ensure it is safe. It was also noted that the railings were in bad repair and corroded in a number of places.

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to reinstate Standing Orders.

2005/55

Water Marker

Members were reported that the DEO had met with Devon County Council and North Devon Council regarding a potential water marker to be displayed on the hump. It was noted that Devon County Council had said there was no evidence of persistent flooding (persistent means every month) and no evidence of a historic water marker. There was concerns regarding the definition of the road, particularly after the hump as there could be a safety issue as there is no clear indication of where the road starts/stops.

Members felt that a water marker is important to inform the users of the road regarding potential flooding, therefore it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary: that the DEO request Devon County Council to investigate siting a water marker at the hump to improve public safety in the event of flooding or water levels rising.

2005/56

Toilet Grant

Members were informed of the toilet grant that had been granted from North Devon Council for the toilet at The Fremington Quay. It was noted that there is likely to be further cleaning regimes and equipment needed for when it is eventually opened, therefore, it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary that the toilet grant of £250.00 be granted to The Fremington Quay Café for use of the toilet at the Quay.

Members discussed the toilet at the Quay and noted that the Quay Café did not have to provide public facilities if they were opening as a takeaway, however, there were concerns raised of the public using other locations in the area as a toilet. Members felt that the toilet should continue to be closed at present but reviewed regularly and when government guidance is issued on public toilets in particular. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary that the DEO ensure that it is advertised on social media that the toilets are closed at present.

2005/57

Fremington Quay Café

The tenants of the Fremington Quay Café gave an update to members which included:

- Takeaway – the Café has decided to trial a takeaway service. They were hoping to trial a couple of days to ensure the safety of the public is not compromised but hopes that it will be successful.
- Painting – the Café has repainted the outside and has contacted the DEO to ask her to contact the Environment Group in relation to painting the Watch Tower and any possible financial contribution. The DEO replied that she had emailed the Environment Group and was awaiting a response but will chase the matter.
- Access onto Road – for some time there has been discussions regarding a pathway that could run parallel to the Boat Road. The Café had had discussions with a third party regarding this. Cllr Biederman felt that members should not comment but suggested that the new owners contact the DEO with any proposals.
- Finances – the DEO informed the Quay tenants and members that this matter would be confidential and any requests or conversations regarding rent or financial matters would need to be submitted to the Council in writing and dealt with accordingly.
- The Quay Café thanked everyone on the Committee for their support.

2005/58

Nurse Amy

Cllr Biederman reported to members that he had been contacted by a local company that wished to donate a 'Nurse Amy' for display. Nurse Amy is a life-size metal statue that celebrates the key workers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members felt this was an excellent idea and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary to accept the donation of Nurse Amy and that it is located in the triangle grassed/shrubbed area between the car park and tarka trail and that the DEO is authorised to continue with the project and organise installation.

The residents of the Fremington Quay Café said they were happy for the statue to be sited on the Café land.

There being no other business to transact, the meeting ended at 1.04pm.

Signed: Dated: