

**Minutes of the Fremington Quay Management Committee held on Thursday,
30th July 2020 at 12.00pm via Zoom.**

- Present: Cllr F Biederman (Chairman)
Cllrs S Kingdom and B Sherborne.
Also present: Mrs K Graddock – Deputy Executive Officer and 2 residents of the Fremington Quay and 2 tenants of the Fremington Quay Café.
- 2007/46 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Adams.
- 2007/47 **Declarations of Interest**
None received.
- 2007/48 **Public Participation**
A resident of Fremington Quay raised concerns over the caravans parking in the evenings and asked when signs could be erected such as children playing etc.
- A resident raised concerned over the broken fence on the boat road and that it is concealed with overgrown hedgerows/shrubs and it could cause a problem. They further reported that the short path between the fishermen’s car park and Tarka Trail is overgrown and that a lot of people are walking on the road rather than the pathway – they felt the path needs to be a little clearer.
- Residents raised concerns over the potential food cabin request and that they didn’t feel Fremington Quay was the right location as the users would need to be people driving down and there is already an ongoing concern regarding traffic.
- 2007/49 **Chairman’s Reports**
None.
- 2007/50 **Minutes**
It was unanimously **resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28th May 2020 be approved and confirmed as a correct record. The minutes would be signed at a later date due to Covid-19.
- 2007/51 **Mobile Catering Van**
Members were submitted a request for a local company to site a mobile catering unit at the Quay to trade for a couple of hours per week. There were concerns over whether Fremington Quay was the right location and members could see a great deal of benefit for the community. They felt that it may have a negative impact on the businesses in the area. Therefore, it was unanimously **resolved** to decline the application.

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Out of Hours Anti-Social Behaviour

Cllr Biederman explained that he supported a group of runners who took part in a 24-hour charity event and was shocked at the anti-social behaviour he saw at Fremington Quay and felt that a solution was needed. These concerns were about drug misuse, sexual activities in cars, people sleeping in motorhomes etc. He suggested potentially siting a gate to help limit use of Fremington Quay however residents would need to be comfortable with this idea and considerations would need to be thought regarding emergency vehicle and resident access.

Cllr S Kingdom asked whether CCTV would be an option to protect the Council's tenants and asset. The tenants of The Fremington Quay Café mentioned that the public toilets are now locked in the evening due to misuse and since taking the front door away from the cottage, which is now the kitchen extension, they feel safer. He further stated that there was a lot of anti-social behaviour prior to erecting the fence around the Quay Café area.

A resident stated that he was glad to see that the level of anti-social behaviour was finally being understood after a long line of concerns being raised and that there was previously CCTV by the Café but was unsure whether it was switched on. They stated that they supported having discussions to help tackle this issue. After further discussion it was **resolved** to arrange an informal meeting with the Fremington Quay residents and Fremington Quay Café tenants to discuss the potential siting of a gate and any other solutions to tackle the anti-social behaviour, to write to the Police regarding concerns over anti-social behaviour at the Quay and enquire with Devon County Council and/or North Devon Council to ascertain what practical measures the Council could put in place including the provision of a gate.

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Bicycles

Members were reported that the owners of the bicycles located in the Café were looking to sell them and had suggested a sum. Members were extremely keen to purchase the bikes but were conscious that there were limited funds available to purchase these bicycles but felt they should remain at the Quay. The DEO explained that the Environment Group had been contacted and the Administration Officer was informed that the Environment Group do not wish to purchase them. After discussion it was unanimously **resolved** that the DEO contact the owners to express the Council's interest in purchasing the bicycles and investigate ways in which to raise funds.

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Section 106 Priorities

The DEO reported that North Devon Council had requested the Council to consider its 106 priorities. It was unanimously **resolved** that the following items be submitted to the Full Council meeting for inclusion on the 106 priority list.

- Enhance the heritage, history and environment of Fremington Quay.

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Water Marker

Members were informed that the DEO had written to the Neighbourhood Officer at Devon County Council to ask them to place a water marker by Muddlebridge Cottages, however, the response was that 'depth gauges are only provided at Fords or locations with persistent and frequent problems with flooding. Any previous marker would have been historical as a flood alleviation scheme was undertaken by the Environment Agenda. Therefore, a water marker would not meet national guidelines and may have the potential to encourage road users to take unnecessary risk'. It was **resolved** that the information be received and noted.

2007/56

Fremington Quay Cafe

The tenants of Fremington Quay Café explained that they still had reservations of opening up the Café fully and had done a mock set up a social distancing café with tables and can only get 6 tables within. They raised a query whether the large tables within the Heritage Centre, which are restrictive and difficult to store/move could be moved to accommodate additional dining space during the current climate. Cllr Biederman suggested they contact the Licensing Department at North Devon Council as they have been extremely helpful in listening to traders concerns and giving advice on many issues that are covid-19 related.

The tenants informed members that they have shut the car park as it interferes with the Cafes one-way system. Whilst they understand that this is not the most ideal solution but are conscious about keeping their staff and public safe. Cllr Biederman said he would like to see the café and car park open (safely) but referred them to licensing who may be able to offer them some support and advice.

Meeting ended at 1.01pm.

Signed: Dated: