

Minutes of a Committee meeting of Falmouth Civic Society held on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 16  
Boscawen Road (garden)

Apologies: Margaret Jenks, Mike and Helen Johnson

1. Minutes of the meeting of March 20<sup>th</sup> were approved and signed.
2. Matters Arising:
  - a) Blue plaques- as we have the money for the Sophie Anderson plaque, we thought we should go ahead and have it made, put up and have a socially distanced ceremony for about 10 people. There could be photographs and publicity so that members and the general public were aware of it and the generous part played by Henrietta Boex and the art gallery. The Robert Were Fox one will have to come later, as more people will presumably have to be involved.
  - b) Fitzroy barometer progress. We are extremely concerned about the stale mate in the progress of this project. We owe to the donors to chase this project up. If Pendennis cannot do the housing, then we should find someone who can. We have allocated £300-£400 for materials. Angela will write to Councillor Parker about the progress of the listed building application for moving the barometer. There is no reason, once permission has been granted, why the barometer project should not go ahead without waiting for the Fountain project. The council will have to employ an approved contractor to move the granite plinth. As the council are taking on ownership of the barometer, they will have to insure it.
  - c) The neighbourhood plan and place shaping - consultants have been engaged to do a masterplan, we await seeing this with interest. It is a place shaping master plan for the main town centre. The consultants are Levine-Lonsdale. Similarly, we are in favour of "cyclovia" (new cycle routes)but will wait to see what is proposed. If it like the one in Bogota, it will mean the temporary closure of roads to motors, to allow cyclists and walkers to use them. The difficulty will be cost, as Falmouth was not allowed to bid for central funds, like some other Cornish towns. The Neighbourhood Plan has now given significant weight until there is referendum next May, then it will only need 50% of an unspecified number of people to pass. Permitted development rights, talked of by the government, will not apply in the Conservation Area. Falmouth Town Council has not classified any brown field sites.
3. Finance and membership. Jay has given us a very detailed update on finances of which we all have a copy. Total funds currently stand at £5259.48, the vast majority of which is earmarked for the Barometer.
4. Planning applications for week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June. We were particularly concerned about PA20/04803 28 Grovehill Crescent, which in doubling the size of the building, will have an impact on the neighbouring Conservation area and a grade 2 listed building, Grovehill House. In writing our objection, Angela will quote NP DG8 which acts as a kind of buffer zone to the Conservation Area. She will also make all the Conservation Committee aware of this too.
5. Social Activities Jane has had to postpone all our planned activities. At least contact has been made with several organisations, so when circumstances permit, we can start up again. The proposed coffee morning in the Winslade's garden on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September, could possibly go ahead. Margaret and Jane will make a visit and see if it is feasible. We will also ask if it is possible to have a Zoom talk from Cornish lithium and invitations could then be sent to interested members.
6. Publicity. Thanks to Tanji for the newsletter. She would like contributions NOW for the next one.
7. AOB- none

Date of next meeting: to be arranged later.