

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2007**

Present: Cllr W B Garvie – Mayor

Cllrs B Dixon, P Gregory, K Harris, L Moores, P Moores, F Partridge,
H F Partridge, R L Willoughby, J Wonnacott

Town Clerk – Mrs C Kett

C/13/07 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs P Dolphin, E Greenwold, R Rowland, J Stocks, N Tucker

C/14/07 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Individual members declared a personal interest in all items on the agenda

C/15/07 BUDE RNLI: REQUEST THAT BSTC CONSIDER ALLOWING PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF THE CASTLE GROUNDS FOR THE ERECTION OF MARQUEE FOR LIFEBOAT DAY 2007 – CHAIRMAN AND HON SEC OF BUDE RNLI IN ATTENDANCE TO ADDRESS CONCERNS

Mr Finn explained that the RNLI would not be able to use the Bark House Green in 2007 due to the building works associated with the Bude Canal Regeneration Project. This was a one-off request for the use of the Castle Grounds and to site a tent from Friday 24 August until Monday 3 September. Discussion followed.

Resolved: That, as a one-off, permission be granted for the RNLI to erect a tent in the Castle Grounds from 24 August 2007 until 3 September 2007; the details of the siting of the tent, security etc to be agreed between the RNLI, Town Clerk and Outdoor Supervisor and the RNLI to be responsible for any damage and/or reinstatement required

C/16/07 MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING 4 JANUARY 2007

(i) **Resolved: That the minutes are agreed as being a true and accurate record and they should be signed by the Mayor**

(ii) **Matters arising: None**

C/17/07 REPORT OF COMMITTEES ACTING UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

(i) Planning Committee – 18 January 2007

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council

(ii) FS&GP Committee – 18 January 2007

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council

(iii) Environmental Services & Highways Committee – 25 January 2007

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council

(iv) Recreation Committee – 25 January 2007

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council

(v) Planning Committee – 1 February 2007

This meeting had been inquorate

C/18/07

**CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS
REFERRED TO FULL COUNCIL FROM THE PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

- (i) 2007/00013: Stratton Manor, Diddies Road, Stratton – erection of 12 residential apartments following demolition of the former nursing home building for Bude Property Construction Ltd
The plans were available to view.

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

Members of the public present made various points about the application which included the historical value of the site; the fact that it fell within the Conservation area; the size and scale of the development; parking and traffic issues associated with Diddies Road specifically and Stratton generally; the need for a bat survey.

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

Discussion followed

Resolved: That the Town Council objects to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- 1) **Although not listed the original house is of considerable local historic value and the demolition of the original part of the house is very much opposed – there being examples locally of historic houses being retained and conversion taking place which retains some of the original nature of the site – Stafford House being a case in point**
 - 2) **In terms of the Conservation Area and local traffic conditions further discussions should take place with the developer to address the local traffic issues/problems and also the scale of the development**
 - 3) **The Town Council consider it important that a full bat survey of the site be carried out, as per the findings of the Wildlife Trust**
- (ii) 2007/00032: The Bark House, Lower Wharf, Bude – revision of scheme approved under Decision Notice 2005/02755 to remove first floor of Unit 2 and reduce ridge height, stairs deleted – ground floor plan of building unchanged for NCDC Strategy and Regeneration
Cllr L Moores left the room
Resolved: That the Town Council has no objection to the proposed revisions
Cllr L Moores re-entered the room

Resolved: That item 9 on the agenda be taken next

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

C/19/07

CCC ISSUES RELEVANT TO BSTC

Mr D Whalley (Leader CCC) discussed several issues with the Council including the cost of parking at Treiske Hospital; Newquay Cornwall Airport and the progress of the £5 Development Tax

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

Cllr Gregory left the meeting at 8.45pm

C/20/07

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

For information:

- (i) NCDC – Regeneration Committee: letter congratulating BSTC on the funding award from HLF for project Limelight. Noted
- (ii) CCC: Local Government Review – copy of draft response to the Local Government White Paper. Noted
- (iii) Consultation on amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members – to be included as an agenda item: consultation response due by 9 March 2007 *copies supplied to cllrs*
- (iv) Information Commissioner: notification of complaint submitted by Ms M Lightfoot. Noted
- (v) BATB – various correspondence and BSTC press release. Noted
- (vi) Lions Club of Bude: Annual Swimathon – no monies available, but if any cllr wished to participate the Town Clerk has a sponsor form

Action required:

- (i) Cornwall County Fire Brigade IRMP Service Plan 2007/2008 Summary: consultation response due for return by 10 April 2007. Noted
- (ii) Bude and District Forum: invitation for BSTC to nominate a member to attend ‘Bude Partnership’ meetings
Resolved: That Cllr K Harries be appointed as the official BSTC delegated representative to the ‘Bude Partnership’ and Cllr B Dixon be appointed as the official reserve delegate

C/21/07

ELECTORS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

Various issues were raised including access problems with the toilets in the Crescent Car park (NCDC) and a ‘Partnership’ meeting which was taking place the following week

C/22/07

NCDC ISSUES RELEVANT TO BSTC

Cllr N Pearce (NCDC) wished to clarify that he had only discussed planning procedure with the public who had been present at the meeting earlier. He went on to discuss other issues including Local Government Reorganisation; Berries Avenue Community Residents Association (open afternoon on 8 February); and he responded to cllrs queries regarding wind turbines, the recycling bins in the Crescent Car Park and dog fouling particularly in the section of NCDC pathway between the Museum and the lock gates

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

C/23/07

MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Various matters were raised including the frequency of inquorate Planning Committee meetings (agenda item next meeting); woodland burials and anti-BSTC comments made by the Chamber of Commerce particularly in recent newspaper reports

C/24/07

FINANCIAL REPORT

(a) Schedule of payments made since 18 January 2007 had been circulated

Resolved: That all payments made (£18,239.92) be approved

(b) Schedule of payments to be made at 1 February 2007 and list of additional payments to be made at 1 February 2007 had been circulated

Resolved: That all payments to be made (£3,079.46) and additional payments to be made (£963.16) be approved

C/25/07

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER FOR BUDE – TO BE MANAGED AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY CDA

Resolved: That the Town Council support, in principle, the appointment of a Community Development Worker for Bude but would stress that BSTC is unable to commit any administrative or financial support for this initiative

C/26/07

REPORT ON THE CASTLE BUILDING WORKS AND THE INTERPRETATION CENTRE

The Chair of the Heritage & Culture Committee and the FS&GP Committee reported that the building works contract was nearing completion but was approximately 3 weeks late. He reported upon a forthcoming meeting with the Museum Design consultants and that the opening date for the project would be Bude Canal and Gurney Day – scheduled to take place on 29 July 2007. The BSTC staff were progressing various aspects of the large amount of work required prior to the opening. He assured councillors that, once the contractors had left the site, there would be the opportunity for all councillors to have a further visit to view the building before the museum fit-out. Members questions followed

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended to permit a member of the public to ask questions of Cllr Willoughby

Cllr Willoughby responded to questions put to him and gave the assurance that he would raise one area of concern with the architect working on the project

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

C/27/07

GARAGE CONVERSION:SEALING OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN BSTC AND JE STACEY LTD FOR THE WORKS TO THE FORMER GARAGE, PARKHOUSE CENTRE

Resolved: That the Minor Building Works Contract between BSTC and JE Stacey Ltd for the conversion of garage into offices and future Council Chamber for the sum previously agreed be signed by the Town Clerk

The Mayor closed the meeting at 10.00pm

Signed:Dated:.....