

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 17 MAY 2007

Present: Chairman: (part) Cllr W B Garvie – outgoing Mayor
(part) Cllr P La Broy - Mayor

Cllrs J Blatchford, J Bryson, P Dolphin, L Emo, E Greenwold, K Harris,
L Moores, P Moores, F Partridge, H F Partridge, H Phillips, L Sharratt,
N Tucker, R L Willoughby
Town Clerk – Mrs C Kett

C/52/07

Mayor's remarks at the end of the Council year

Cllr Garvie, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair. He expressed his thanks to various people who had assisted him and the Council throughout his term of office; these included the Museum volunteer staff, the BSTC outdoor and admin staff, the local NCDC councillors – especially Nigel Pearce who had attended many of the meetings of the full Council, Cllr Lesley Moores who had acted as his consort throughout the year and Cllr Peter Moores in his role as Deputy Mayor. Cllr Garvie thanked BSTC for its support of Stratton Commemoration Weekend which had suffered considerably this year as a result of the death of Derek Carter in April 2007 and also from the appalling weather over the weekend which had necessitated the re-enactment being cancelled on Sunday and the gate takings on the Saturday had been dreadful. He thanked the Town Clerk for her assistance and support and gave a special vote of thanks to Cllr Richard Willoughby for all his work connected with The Castle during 2006/2007. His final comment was a message to all the newly elected councillors (old and new) whom he hoped would work as a team to make progress in 2007/2008. He then invited nominations for the post of Mayor for 2007/2008

C/53/07

Election of Mayor

(i) Nominations

Cllr W B Garvie (proposed Cllr E Greenwold; seconded Cllr R Willoughby)

Cllr P La Broy (proposed Cllr L Sharratt; seconded Cllr J Bryson)

Two members requested a written ballot. The Town Clerk explained the procedure should there be an equality of votes and also the information supplied to her by CALC regarding the issue of written ballots i.e. that the name of the cllr voting should be included on the ballot slip

The votes were as follows:

Cllr W B Garvie 7 votes

Cllr P La Broy 9 votes

Resolved: That Cllr P La Broy be elected as Mayor of BSTC for the ensuing year

(ii) Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The newly elected Mayor took the Chair and completed his 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'. He went on to thank Cllrs for their support and to say that he had been (on and off) a resident of Bude since 1967; he was a great believer in family values and fairness and respect for others. He then invited nominations for the post of Deputy Mayor for 2007/2008

C/54/07

Election of Deputy Mayor

Cllr P Moores (proposed Cllr F Partridge; seconded Cllr W B Garvie)

Cllr P Dolphin (proposed Cllr J Bryson; seconded Cllr P La Broy)

Two members requested a written ballot

The votes were as follows:

Cllr P Moores 10 votes

Cllr P Dolphin 6 votes

Resolved: That Cllr P Moores be elected as Deputy Mayor of BSTC for the ensuing year

C/55/07

To receive Members Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The Town Clerk reported that 'Declarations of Acceptance of Office' had been received from all members present at the meeting

C/56/07

To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllrs T Macey and R Rowland

C/57/07

Members Declaration of Interests

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

Standing Order 11.2 - Cllr Tucker requested that he be granted dispensation from compliance with this Standing Order due to recent medical treatment. This was agreed by the Mayor

Cllr P Dolphin (as an NCDC member) declared a prejudicial interest in item C/63/07 (i)

Cllr L Sharratt (as a Director of BATB) declared a prejudicial interest in item C/63/07 (i)

Cllr F Partridge (as an adjacent land/property owner) declared a prejudicial interest in C/58/07

Cllr H Partridge (as an adjacent land/property owner) declared a prejudicial interest in C/58/07

Cllr R Willoughby (as the person against whom the complaints were made) reiterated his personal interest in C/64/07 (i)

Cllrs F Partridge and H Partridge left the room (as per declaration in C/57/07)

C/58/07

Presentation by DPDS Consulting on the proposed development at Binhamy Farm: pre-application outline of principles of the scheme

The Mayor welcomed the representatives from DPDS Consulting (representing Catesby Property Group) to the meeting and invited one of the attendees, Mr M Craggs, to speak. Copies of a summary of the proposal were distributed. The representatives from DPDS Consulting then outlined the proposals for the site which included commercial retail units, a pub/restaurant, take away food outlet and a hotel

Having had sight of the summary of the proposal and being in receipt of the outline of the proposal Cllr R Willoughby declared his intention to leave the room as he felt that as an owner of a commercial property within the town he had a prejudicial interest in the item. He stated that he felt that other cllrs in the room also had a prejudicial interest and they would be advised to leave the room

Cllr R Willoughby & L Moores (as owners of commercial properties within the town) declared a prejudicial interest in the following item and left the room

The Mayor indicated his intention to stay in the room as this was a consultation briefing

The consultants went on to state that the development would include an allocation of land for a new doctors surgery and pharmacy and they indicated their intention to work with the local community in putting together the detailed proposals for the site. A public exhibition would be held and this would be an opportunity for local input into the development. The density of the proposal was in line with recommendations made by the planning officers at NCDC. As yet no specific retailers had been identified although a hotel group had indicated its interest and the doctor's surgery had indicated that the site would be suitable for its needs. The development would create 100-120 new jobs

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

Points raised by Cllrs and electors present included:

- the source of their research as to the need for the development
response: that there was no opportunity for larger format stores in the centre of the town and this has indicated that there was a 'leakage of expenditure' to other towns in the area where such stores already existed. The consultants were confident that there existed a demand for the retail part of the proposal. The hotel group interested in the development had identified the area as part of its growth plan
- the detrimental effect this proposal would have on the centre of Bude, the entrance to Bude and that a budget hotel would compete with the level of business within the town centre and could result in businesses going bust
response: the consultants would not be pursuing this development if there was not an indication that there would be a take up of the units included within it
- the provision for pedestrians within the scheme – given that there would be a considerable amount of foot traffic generated by the nearby housing estates and the presence of the surgery
response: this would be given consideration
- that consideration be given to the relocation of the fire and ambulance services on the site
response: that a senior officer from the fire department had been consulted and had initially indicated his interest in the relocation of the fire service. However, this had not been taken further as concerns had been raised re staffing issues for the retained service. No response had been received from the ambulance service
- whether there was a provision for the inclusion of some form of barrier between the development and residential properties
response: that there would be included a landscaping/buffer strip
- the number of beds included in the hotel
response: approximately 50
- the height of the development (elector)
response: possibly a maximum of 3 stories

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- traffic congestion issues – Coast View with the A39
response: that improvements at the A39 junction could be something which could be addressed as part of the overall scheme
- the number of eating establishments already in existence in Bude and the effect this development would have on them
response: that there was operator demand for a drive through food establishment
- the effect on the drainage and sewage provision for the town
response: this would form part of the technical survey which would be carried out prior to the application being submitted and if improvements were necessary then this would be included as part of the application
- that the provision of accommodation and food on this site would have an economic effect on the businesses in the centre of Bude as tourists had a limited expenditure
response: reference made to the 'leakage of expenditure' and the established need for these additional facilities

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

The Mayor thanked the representatives from DPDS Consulting for attending the meeting

Cllrs L Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge and R Willoughby were invited back into the room

C/59/07

Appointment of members to the committees of the Council

(i) Environmental Services & Highways Committee

The Town Clerk had received indications from 3 cllrs excluding Mayor and Deputy Mayor (Cllrs P Dolphin, L Emo & H Phillips) who wished to serve on this committee

Resolved: That Cllrs J Bryson, P Dophin, L Emo, P La Broy, P Moores and H Phillips be elected to the Environmental Services & Highways Committee for the ensuing year

(ii) Heritage & Culture Committee

The Town Clerk had received indications from 7 cllrs excluding the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (Cllrs J Blatchford, W B Garvie, L Moores, H Partridge, H Phillips, R Rowland & R Willoughby) who wished to serve on this committee. Cllrs Blatchford and Phillips withdrew

Resolved: That the members present be elected to the Heritage & Culture Committee for the ensuing year

(iii) Planning Committee

The Town Clerk had received indications from 6 cllrs excluding the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (Cllrs J Blatchford, E Greenwold, K Harris, L Moores, H Phillips & R Rowland) who wished to serve on this committee. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor indicated that, as per S/O 18.2, they did not wish to serve on the Planning Committee

Resolved: That Cllrs J Blatchford, E Greenwold, K Harris, L Moores, H Phillips and R Rowland be elected to the Planning Committee for the ensuing year

(iv) Properties Committee

The Town Clerk had received indications from 3 cllrs excluding the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (Cllrs J Blatchford, K Harris & N Tucker) who wished to serve on this committee

Resolved: That Cllrs J Blatchford, K Harris, P La Broy, P Moores, H Partridge & N Tucker be elected to the Properties Committee for the ensuing year

(v) **Recreation Committee**

The Town Clerk had received indications from 7 cllrs excluding the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (Cllrs P Dolphin, L Emo, W B Garvie, L Moores, F Partridge, L Sharratt & N Tucker) who wished to serve on this committee. Cllrs P Dolphin, W B Garvie & L Moores withdrew

Resolved: That Cllrs L Emo, P La Broy, P Moores, F Partridge, L Sharratt and N Tucker be elected to the Recreation Committee for the ensuing year

C/60/07

Appointment of members as delegates to outside bodies

The Town Clerk reiterated the written advice given to councillors regarding members interests if they were already a member of any of the following organisations.

The following appointments were made of cllrs as delegates to outside bodies:

Beach Users Forum	Cllr L Moores
Bude & District Forum	Cllr K Harris (Cllr Willoughby requested that his vote against be minuted)
Bude Canal & Harbour Society	Cllr L Moores
Bude Foyer Advisory Group	Cllr L Emo indicated an interest but requested further information
Bude Surf Life Saving Committee	Cllr P La Broy (Cllr Willoughby, as a life member of the club, requested that it be minuted that he did not vote on this appointment)
Budehaven Community School	Cllr J Bryson
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cllr P Dolphin
Crooklets Residents & Business Association	The Town Clerk to ascertain if this group is still in existence
East Cornwall Rural Transport Partnership	no appointment made
Nature Reserve/Bude Marshes	Cllr H Phillips (and if permissible Mrs Joan Wonnacott who had been the BSTC representative on this organisation for many years – the Town Clerk to ascertain if it could send 2 reps)
Neetside Community Project	no appointment made
North Cornwall Committee:	
Cornwall Assoc of Local Councils	Cllr R Willoughby
Police Liaison Committee	Cllrs L Emo & Cllr K Harris
Sea Pool Task Force	no appointment made
Twinning Association	Cllr W B Garvie

C/61/07

Minutes: To receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Council meetings held on:

(i) **5 April 2007**

Resolved: That the minutes are a true and accurate record and should be signed by the Mayor

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(ii) **25 April 2007**

Resolved: That the minutes are a true and accurate record and should be signed by the Mayor

(iii) **Report by Town Clerk on matters arising from the minutes**

All items actioned

C/62/07

Minutes: to receive & consider reports and minutes of the following committee meetings (acting under delegated authority) and to consider the adoption of any recommendations contained therein:

(i) **Heritage & Culture Committee – 12 April 2007**

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

(ii) **Planning Committee – 19 April 2007**

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

(iii) **FS&GP Committee – 19 April 2007**

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council
Cllrs P Dolphin, F Partridge, H Partridge and R Willoughby requested that it be minuted that they did not vote on the above resolution

(iv) **Planning Committee – 26 April 2007**

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

Cllr P Dolphin and Cllr L Sharratt left the room (as per declaration in C/57/07)

C/63/07

Planning Applications: to consider the following planning applications which have been referred to the full Council by the Planning Committee

(i) **2007/00565: NCDC – new stone and render extension at Bude Visitor Centre**

The Town Clerk reported that a copy of the latest Environment Agency report and comments had still not been supplied by NCDC

Resolved: That this application be deferred until the next meeting on 7 June 2007

Cllrs Dolphin and Sharratt were invited back into the room

(ii) **2007/00745: T Piotrowicz & N Barrett – erection of mixed use residential (15 units) and office (3 units) development at Former Depository, Burn View, Bude**

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

Discussion followed and concerns raised and points made included the height of the building, parking issues, the need to improve the front elevation and roofscape, whether the building should be listed and alternative uses for the site. A letter from a member of the public referring to the latter issue was raised by a councillor, but the Town Clerk was not certain that the letter had been addressed to the Council

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

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

- 1) the proposed development, in terms of its height and scale, is not in keeping with the height and scale of the adjacent residential properties
- 2) the front elevation and roofscape are not in keeping with the surrounding properties or area
- 3) an attempt should be made to retain the original façade

C/64/07

Correspondence received: for information

- (i) **Standards Board for England: SBE15147.06 and SBE15356.06 – complaints against BSTC cllr. Finding: no action needs to be taken**
Noted
- (ii) **NCDC: Parish and ward profiles - Noted**
Received after issue of the agenda
- (iii) **NCDC: Premises Licence for The Triangle, Bude - noted**
- (iv) **NCDC: Premises Licence for The Castle Grounds – noted**
- (v) **NCDC: Revised Code of Conduct – training session to be arranged by Monitoring Officer at NCDC for parish & town councils in the district – noted.** The Town Clerk was asked to ascertain from the Monitoring Officer whether NCDC would be available to offer specific advice to town and parish councils within its area

C/65/07

Electors Questions/Observations

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

An elector present commented that he was please to see some new people had been elected to serve the town and requested an explanation regarding their election under the banner ‘Concerned Residents’ and the nature of their concerns – which should be to work for the people of Bude and not according to some ‘hidden agenda’. The cllrs in question responded that they were not a group with any ‘hidden agenda’ other than the good of the people of Bude and that they wished to bring new blood and new ideas to the Council. Concern was expressed that none of the ‘Concerned Residents’ had attended a meeting of the Council prior to their election

An elector raised the removal of the horse drawn barge from the Bude Canal Regeneration Project. An elector present informed that this had been eliminated from the scheme for a variety of reasons – not least a problem with Rodds Bridge

C/66/07

CCC issues relevant to BSTC

None were present. A cllr commented that he felt that this item should, as per Standing Orders, be used for items relevant to Bude and not a platform for members to use the meeting to discuss wider issues which may not be pertinent to Bude

C/67/07

NCDC issues relevant to BSTC

Cllr Dolphin reported that the new Chairman of NCDC is Cllr Graham Facks-Martin and the Vice Chair is Cllr Janey Comber

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

C/68/07

Questions from Members

Cllr Harris had submitted some written questions: *update of the restaurant tendering* which the Town Clerk reported would be reported to the Properties Committee; *lighting along The Strand* which the Town Clerk reported had been purchased and the electricity supply and the fixing of the lights by a contractor was being finalised; *the repairs to the Bencoolen roundabout* which the Town Clerk reported had been completed

The 'Welcome to Bude' sign was raised and the Town Clerk reported that this would be an item for a future Recreation Committee agenda

Membership of the Forum/Partnership was raised and it was unclear as to the status of the meetings attended by Cllr Harris. It was agreed that this should be a future agenda item

Resolved: That as per Standing Order 1.4 (it being 10pm) the meeting should carry on until all the agenda items had been dealt with

C/69/07

Financial Report

(a) Schedule of payments made at 17 May 2007 had been circulated

Resolved: That all payments made (£52,385.20) be approved

(b) Schedule of payments to be made at 17 May 2007 had been circulated

Resolved: That all payments to be made (£2,014.57) be approved

(c) Schedule of additional payments to be made at 17 May 2007 had been circulated

Resolved: That all additional payments to be made (£5,852.19) be approved

Cllr Dolphin left the meeting at 10.05pm

C/70/07

Consultation Paper: Proposals for Future Unitary Structure: Stakeholder Consultation – consideration of draft response document prepared by Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC)

Copies of the proposals and consultation had been supplied to all cllrs together with the draft response prepared by CALC. Detailed discussion followed and points covered included the proposed attempt by some of the district councils to mount a legal challenge to the unitary bid; the division of services should district councils disappear; the control of assets locally and the need for town councils in the area to have a strong voice if the county bid was successful. It was suggested that the Leader of CCC should be invited to a special meeting to discuss this further and that a meeting should be arranged for the Chairs and Clerks from the town councils in the area to discuss the implications of this bid, if successful

Resolved: That, in principle, BSTC supports the bid for a unitary authority for Cornwall

It was requested that it be minuted that nobody voted against this resolution

Prior to the Mayor closing the meeting the Deputy Mayor stated that he would like to express his thanks on behalf of BSTC to the retiring Mayor Cllr W B Garvie, for all his work for the Council during his term of office

The Mayor closed the meeting at 10.37pm

Signed:Dated:.....