

MINUTES OF THE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: Cllr H Partridge - Chair

Cllrs J Blatchford, K Harris, P La Broy, P Moores, N Tucker

In attendance: Cllrs J Bryson, W B Garvie, L Moores, R Willoughby

Town Clerk - Mrs C Kett

PR/12/07 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

None

PR/13/07 **To receive Members Declarations of Interests**

Cllr W B Garvie declare a personal interest in all items on the agenda

Cllr N Tucker declared a personal interest in PR/20/07

PR/14/07 **Electors Questions/Observations**

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

An elector commented upon the future use of the former museum building and indicated that Bude Canal & Harbour Society (BCHS) would be interested in the possible utilisation of a section of the building, but would require BSTC to take the initiative. The elector also commented that the gig club is seeking accommodation.

Reference was also made to the negotiations with Neetside regarding a lease

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

PR/15/07 **Minutes: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Properties Committee meeting held on 31 May 2007**

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

PR/16/07 **Correspondence received: CCC enquiry re land adjacent to Bude Fire Station and report of action taken by the Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk reported the content of the correspondence and her reply. The Committee noted the content of the letter and endorsed the Town Clerks actions with the proviso that BSTC may wish to revisit the matter after the setting up of the unitary authority

PR/17/07 **Former Museum Building: preliminary discussions as to the proposed future of the building and permissions already in place**

The Town Clerk had prepared copies of the plans containing the current permissions on the site which included two craft workshops, an interpretation centre and the existing ice cream kiosk facility.

Discussion followed

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

An elector present offered additional information relating to BCHS and the archeological survey which was a condition of the planning permission granted on land at the Higher Wharf adjacent to where the 'Gregory Collection' is currently stored

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

Resolved: That BSTC write to BCHS to ascertain its interest in the possibility of using part of the former museum building as an interpretation area; the specific area within the building as yet to be determined (but likely to be based around the location of the forge) with a notional rent being sought

The Town Clerk reported the conditions of approval of the accreditation for the Heritage Centre, one of which was that suitable storage needed to be arranged by February 2009 for the artefacts not on display. The Chair of the Heritage & Culture Committee argued the case for a section of the former museum building being utilised as a store for the artefacts

Resolved: That the Properties Committee pass the approved plans to the Heritage & Culture Committee so that the Museums Officer and the H&C Committee could indicate their preferences for the amount of storage required and its location within the former museum building

PR/18/07

Resolved: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. The following items contain matters which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the identified paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the local Government Act 1972:

the following minutes contain exempt/confidential information and are currently only available to councillors