

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

Present: Cllr L Deely - Mayor

Cllrs: L Bartrop, A Biggs, P Curtis, J Heard, I Hemmings, L Moores, P Moores, F Partridge,  
H Partridge, P Tilzey, N Tucker, R Willingham

Miss Donna James – Town Clerk

Ms A Weare-Gifford – Responsible Finance Officer

**C/199/15**      **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs J Bryson, B Dixon, P La Broy

**C/200/15**      **To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

None

**C/201/15**      **Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations (for which a 'Dispensation Request' form must have been completed and submitted to the Proper Officer at least 3 working days prior to the meeting)**

None

*Cllr Hemmings joined the meeting*

**C/202/15**      **Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the following Council meetings:**

(i) Full Council – 3 September 2015

**Resolved:** to accept the Minutes of the meeting as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Mayor.

*Cllr Biggs joined the meeting*

**C/203/15**      **Minutes to receive and consider reports and minutes of the following committees (acting under delegated authority) and to consider the adoption of any Recommendations contained therein:**

- (i) Planning Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2105
- (ii) Heritage and Culture – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- (iii) Planning Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- (iv) Finance & General Purposes – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- (v) Properties Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

(a) To receive and consider reports and minutes of the committee meetings listed above (5 i - v)

**Resolved:** to receive and consider the reports and minutes of the committee meetings as listed above

(b) To adopt any recommendations of the committee meetings listed above (5 i

- v)

**None**

**C/204/15**

**Mayor's remarks**

I was pleased to represent Bude Stratton Town Council at the Mayor's Reception at the Bideford Regatta last month.

I have continued to reply to letters, emails and telephone calls from residents and, where applicable, have passed these to relevant chairs of committees for consideration.

I have been approached by our Member of Parliament who is seeking this Council's support for the campaign to introduce safer crossing measures at Skitches Corner. I will forward his request to the Chair of Environment and Highways Committee.

Further to my comments last month I attended the East Area Planning Committee meeting at Liskeard on 14th September to re-iterate this Council's objections to the siting of beach huts in Summerleaze Gardens. We were overruled and Cornwall Council will now go ahead with the construction of said huts. The Clerk will be writing to Cornwall Council about the procedures followed in this application.

I have been asked by the Chair of Planning Committee to ask again whether any other Councillor will be willing to serve on the Planning Committee. It is very difficult to operate with only five members. This has resulted in one meeting this year being inquorate and several others where decisions on significant, and possibly controversial, applications have been decided by three members. Whilst this is technically correct it is not best practice.

I would like to give an early reminder to Councillors that all will be welcome to attend Remembrance Sunday commemorations at both Rattenbury Gardens in Stratton and at the War Memorial in Bude

**C/205/15**

**Correspondence received – for information**

- (i) CC – Planning grant for paperless planning
- (ii) Letter from George Eustice MP regarding 101 number and funding

**C/206/15**

**Maximum 15 minutes for electors present to put questions or make observations concerning the business of the current council**

Items commented on by the public were: organising a 2 week exhibit in the Heritage Centre and questions re the Pitch and Putt application.

**C/207/15**

**Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC**

CC Cllr Pearce advised the council he was trying to negotiate with CC to add a small amount to the car parking to pay for the toilets

CC Cllr Parsons advised the council that there would be a networking meeting at which the new 101 service would be discussed. Stratton Community Hospital – although there may be restructuring and a need to clarify arrangements, Kernow Commission Group have to provide the services and therefore the hospital is not closing. Leisure centre – CC have been undertaking soft marketing, he is confident that someone will take on the centre but the process will take time.

**C/208/15**      **Opportunity for Bude Neighbourhood Beat Manager to discuss Policing issues relevant to BSTC – circulated prior to the meeting**

PC South was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report, a summary of the report is: Launceston Sector's figures for August compared with those for the same period last year show that as a sector recorded crime is down by 5%.

Crime in Bude Town and rural areas are up slightly, between 1st May and 31st August, the Police are working to reduce this. In the same period anti-social behaviour and ASB was down.

Although crime is historically low in Bude and surrounding areas, the police would ask residents to contact them if they hear or see anything suspicious.

**C/209/15**      **Members questions**

Cllr Curtis asked the Mayor when he would have a response to his questions from the September meeting

**C/210/15**      **Request to SW Water – The Town Council to request that S W Water upgrades the sewerage maceration plant at Helebridge to a full treatment works**

After lengthy discussion, the council agreed to suspend standing order 1 d for this item only to allow CC Cllr Parsons to address the council on this item. After further discussion:

**Resolved:** That the Town Council will write to South West Water and request that it upgrades its sewerage maceration plant at Helebridge to a full treatment works, in view of the fact that the council are aware that there will be a minimum of 900 new houses and possibly more. *(The correspondence to be copied to local MPs.)*

**C/211/15**      **Financial Report:**

**(iv)      Schedule of payments made 11<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Resolved** – that the schedule of payments be noted

**(iii)      Schedule of payments to be made 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015**

**Resolved** – that the schedule of payments be made

**C/212/15**

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) & S1(6) - To consider passing the following resolution: "That in relation to the following item publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the press and public are instructed to withdraw". **The following item is confidential and the meeting will proceed in closed session**

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