

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**

Present: Cllr L Deely – Mayor

Cllrs: L Bartrop, A Biggs, J Bryson, P Curtis, B Dixon, I Hemmings, S Jones, P Kelly, P La Broy, P Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, P Tilzey, N Tucker, R Willingham, G Wint

Donna James – Town Clerk

Keith Cornwell - RFO

Cornwall Council Cllrs: Cllr D Parsons and N Pearce

Members of public and press

### **C/441/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

None

### **C/442/16 To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

None received

### **C/443/16 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 received

### **C/444/16 Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the following Council meetings:**

(i) 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

Cllr Bryson voted against

### **C/445/16 Minutes of committee meetings (acting under delegated authority) and their recommendations:**

i) Heritage & Culture Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

ii) Planning Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

iii) Planning Committee – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

vi) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016

v) Planning Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

vi) Environmental Services & Highways Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

vii) Recreation Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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

**Resolved:** to vote en-bloc for items i-vii

**Resolved:** to receive and consider the reports and minutes of the committees listed

Cllr Bryson voted against

(b) To adopt any recommendation of the committee meetings listed above

None

**C/446/16**

**Maximum 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the current Council**

Members of the public asked about the Friends of the Castle membership scheme, requested more support from the Council for the Bude Carnival for which they would be very grateful and several requested that the Council vote against the Boundary proposals. Cllr Bryson addressed the council as a member of the public to question the accuracy of the £1million income comment in a job advertisement for the Council. Cllr Tucker addressed the council as a member of the public to question: how many hits on contracts finder for the pitch and putt, when will the fountain in the triangle be replaced, what is happening with the Forge and asked re a photograph to be given to boat owners.

**C/447/16**

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

CC Cllr Parsons asked for the Council's view on the removal of BT phone boxes in the Parish, he is mindful to object. He is against the proposed changes from the Boundary review. CC Cllr Pearce advised he is also against the proposed changes from the Boundary review. Both himself and CC Cllr Parsons are against the parking meters that CC were discussing for the Town.

**C/448/16**

**Opportunity for Bude Neighbourhood Beat Manager to discuss Policing issues relevant to BSTC**

None present, the Mayor requested that any questions from Councillors for the Beat Manager should be sent to the Town Clerk well in advance of any meetings to allow the Police to respond in time for the next Council meeting

**C/449/16**

**Mayors Report**

I enjoyed a pleasant evening at the fund-raising quiz organized by the Town's Twinning Association on the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

I was very happy to represent the Council at Trelana yesterday to present Her Majesty The Queen's birthday card to Mrs. Elizabeth Walter on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

To more serious matters. I regret that some Council committee meetings have recently had to be abandoned because they were inquorate. This has particularly affected the Planning Committee. May I remind all Councillors that they must send apologies via the council office if they are unable to attend meetings. I realise that sometimes emergencies make this impossible but it is only common courtesy to send apologies in advance if you know you cannot be present.

Some Councillors have recently questioned the status of Councillors who are non-Committee members having an input into approval of minutes of committees they have attended as individuals, i.e. members of the public. We have received advice from the Corporate Governance Department at Cornwall Council that only those nominated Committee members present are entitled to question the accuracy of the minutes. This applies to all Committees of the Council.

I have now been advised that it is anticipated that work on the Hillhead Roundabout should be completed by February. I am sure this news will be welcomed by all residents and visitors who have been adversely affected by the disruption caused. We should all reap the benefits in the future.

May I *take* this opportunity to remind all Councillors that Remembrance Sunday parades will take place in both Stratton and Bude on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November and all are invited to attend.

Please also make sure that the Christmas Fair is in your diary. This will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**C/450/16**      **Censure of Cllr J Bryson – as per the resolution by Full Council (C/429/16) on 6th October 2016, to agree the censure**

The Mayor advised that as a result of findings – Cllr Julia Bryson has been found in breach of the Code of Conduct and the Council have agreed to issue a censure. She thereby censured Cllr Julia Bryson. Cllr Julia Bryson is no longer able to sit on committees with a staffing element as per the Councils resolution.

**C/451/16**      **Committee membership – as per resolution by Full Council (C/440/16) on 6th October 2016:**

- a) to dissolve the present Finance and General Purpose committee  
**Resolved:** to dissolve the present Finance and General Purpose Committee  
Cllrs Bryson and Willingham voted against  
Cllr Moores abstained
- b) to agree the formation of a newly constituted Finance and General Purpose Committee and elect the members thereof (*Chairs of each committee, Mayor and Deputy Mayor, other councillors up to a maximum of 8 on Committee*)  
Cllrs Dixon and Kelly were nominated, voting took place  
**Resolved:** that Cllrs Dixon and Kelly were voted as members of the Finance and General Purpose Committee

**C/452/16**      **Neighbourhood Plan – to receive an update (if any)**

Update by the Mayor:

The Steering group had a meeting with Cornwall Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> October to explore possible sites for them to include in the Bude DPD in the Cornwall Local plan All Councillors have been sent notes of the meeting and maps and sites discussed.

Earlier this evening I received an email from Emma Ball (Officer responsible for Neighbourhood Planning in Cornwall). She advised that the Examiner, John Slater, undertook a site visit to Bude yesterday. It is his opinion that a public meeting will be necessary and he will produce a document setting out the issues and why a hearing is needed. It is hoped that we can arrange a meeting in Bude, possibly at the Parkhouse Centre, in early December.

The examiner will decide on the format and scope of the hearing and the questions to be asked, including who will be asked to speak in addition to the local planning authority and the qualifying body.

I will circulate full details as soon as I receive them.

**C/453/16**

**BEAM - To receive an update from Cllr Tilzey**

Update by Cllr Tilzey:

The name is now Business, Enterprise, Action and Mentoring (BEAM)

The group are hoping to draw down £800,000 lottery funding and £350,000 to buy the tripos building. It is a total community based project. They are hoping to know more about the purchase of the building by 4<sup>th</sup> December. There was no contamination found in the building as it had the highest filtration system.

**C/454/16**

**Councillor Surgeries – to receive an update from the Mayor and agree any actions**

The Mayor updated the Council on the surgeries and requested a volunteer for the next one to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Tucker volunteered.

**C/455/16**

**Hookways site valuation – to receive an update and agree any associated actions and expenditure**

The Town Clerk advised the Council of the estimated cost received from the DVS.

**Resolved:** To request that DVS complete a valuation of the site as per their estimate of £1,500 to £1,750 plus VAT

**C/456/16**

**Boundary Review (Devonwall) – to consider the Councils formal response and any associated actions**

**Resolved:** Bude-Stratton Town Council strongly objects to the cross border constituency representation and fully supports Camelford Town Council, Launceston Town Council and Torridge MP Geoffrey Cox QC, and that the Council ask the Boundary Commission to treat Cornwall as a special case.

*Cllr Biggs left the meeting*

**C/457/16**

**IT Replacement – to consider quotes for the replacement of the IT server and equipment and agree any associated actions and expenditure**

Discussion took place:

**Resolved:** to accept quote C (£15477.86) for the replacement Server and associated items/costs

Cllrs Curtis and Wint abstained from the vote

**C/458/16**

**Binhamy Moat Scheduled Ancient Monument – to consider the request for the Town Council to become a trustee**

Cllr Bartrop addressed the Council regarding the request. It was hoped that the moat could be made accessible to anyone at anytime.

**Resolved:** That the Town Council express their interest in becoming a stakeholder in the process

Agreed that Cllr Bartrop, with the Town Clerk, liaise with the group and bring any further information back to the Council as required

**C/459/16**

**2017/18 budget: to agree the councils recommended steer to the Finance and General Purpose committee as to an acceptable level of council tax payable (band D)**

The RFO advised the Council that the income to date for this financial year was £1,052,000. Discussion took place.

**Resolved:** That the Council increase by no more than 20 pence per week (*Band D*) and recommend to the Finance and General Purpose Committee

A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs Deely, Dixon, Hemmings, Jones, Kelly, La Broy, Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, Tilzey and Tucker

Against: Cllrs Bartrop, Bryson, Curtis, Wint and Willingham

**C/460/16**

**Financial Report:**

- (i) Schedule of Payments made 20th October 2016 – 3rd November 2016

**Resolved:** to note the payments

Cllr Bryson voted against

- (ii) Schedule of Payments to be made 4th November 2016

**Resolved:** that the payments be made

The meeting was closed at 8.49pm

Signed..... Date.....