

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7th April 2016

Present: Cllr L Deely - Mayor - Cllrs: L Bartrop, A Biggs, J Bryson, B Dixon, I Hemmings, P Kelly, P La Broy, P Moores, P Tilzey, N Tucker

Tracey Gliddon – Committee Administrator
CC Cllr N Pearce
Members of public 7
Press 1

C/324/16 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs: F Partridge, H Partridge, R Willingham

C/325/16 **To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

None

C/326/16 **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

C/327/16 **Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the following Council meetings:**

(i) 10th March 2016 – extraordinary Council

Resolved: to accept the minutes of the meetings as a true record of the meetings and they were to be signed by the Chairman

Cllrs J Bryson and P Labroy Voted against

(ii) 31st March 2016 – extraordinary Council

Resolved: to accept the minutes of the meetings as a true record of the meetings and they were to be signed by the Chairman

Cllrs J Bryson and P Labroy Voted against

C/328/16 **Minutes of committee meetings (acting under delegated authority) and their recommendations:**

(i) 10th March – Heritage and Culture

(ii) 17th March - Planning

(iii) 17th March – Finance and General Purposes – **FGP/142/16**

(iv) 29th March - Properties

(v) 29th March - Staffing

(vi) 31st March - Planning

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

Council agreed to vote en bloc for items (i-vi)

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

Cllr J Bryson Voted against

(b) To adopt any recommendations of the committee meetings listed above (5 i – vi)
FGP/142/16

Resolved: That the council adopt the Local Government pension scheme 2014 -Employers Discretions Policy

C/329/16

Mayor's remarks

I must apologise to all Councillors for the fact that several sets of minutes have had to be tabled at this meeting. This was totally unavoidable.

I am pleased to report that the Council's organisational restructure came into effect on the 1st April as scheduled. I am sure this will lead to our being better able to serve the needs of our community.

I was delighted to present certificates to those who had successfully completed the Active Plus course which is run by disabled veterans to encourage and enable local residents to participate in social and voluntary activities in the community.

With reference to recent posts on Facebook, I must point out that responsibility for the reception and accommodation of refugees in Cornwall is led by Cornwall Council. Bude-Stratton Town Council will look carefully at any official approach to assist and support the integration of refugees and their families within its existing powers.

Discussions regarding devolution of the public toilets are ongoing with Cornwall Council. Cllr Biggs will update us on this issue later in the meeting.

I'm sorry to report that I have been unable to obtain any further information regarding the work in progress on the Hillhead roundabout.

C/330/16

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

A member of the public reported on a meeting held by the group 'Refugees Welcome in Bude'. They were seeking the support of the Town Council, in principal to house 2 refugee families in Bude.

An elector asked questions regarding the proposed Pitch and Putt building on Summerlease Downs, specifically with regard to the entrance road/access and parking spaces.

An elector asked for updates on various subjects: Pitch and Putt proposed building, renewal of the fountain in the Triangle, trees at Neetside Road and Shalder Hill and the removal of the environment agency fencing in Neetside Road.

C/331/16

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

Cllr Nigel Pearce – reported the CC were seeking sponsorship from local businesses for the Morrison's roundabout.

CC had agreed to a feasibility study for Bude cycle tracks and dual use of pavements for cyclists

Cllrs asked Cllr Pearce about a Radio Cornwall report regarding the closure of public toilets, Cllr Pearce reported he, nor fellow CC Cllr David Parsons had any knowledge of where the information in this report had come from, but they were looking into it.

Cllr Labroy left the meeting 7.39pm

C/332/16 **Opportunity for Bude Neighbourhood Beat Manager to discuss Policing issues relevant to BSTC – circulated prior to the meeting**
None present

Cllr Labroy returned to the meeting 7.45pm

C/333/16 **Members questions**
Cllr Bryson asked when the Council would be looking at updating the Local Transparency Code, section 38

C/334/16 **To consider a response to Cormac’s “Cornwall Countrywide Car Park Signing Review”**
After discussion
Resolved: that Bude-Stratton Town Council endorse the document with the addition to sign ‘X001’ (Bencoolen Road) to include on the town centre arm, Coach ‘setdown’ sign and on the straight ahead (next to the tourist information symbol) a Coach Parking symbol

C/335/16 **To receive an update on Devolution from the working group**
Cllr Biggs gave an update from the Working Group regarding the Council taking over the running of public toilets from CC. He reported that a surveyors report would be necessary of the buildings. He discussed the funding of the ongoing costs of the toilets and options for the future income. Discussion took place.

C/336/16 **Financial Report:**

(i) Schedule of payments made 13th March 2016 – 1st April 2016
Resolved: that the schedule of payments be noted

(ii) Schedule of payments to be made 8th April 2016
Resolved: that the schedule of payments be made
Cllr Bryson voted against

C/337/16 **To consider co-option to fill a casual vacancy**
Resolved to vote by show of hands

There was 1 candidate for the vacancy, who addressed the Council regarding why they wished to become a Councillor for Bude-Stratton TC.
The vote was unanimous and Mr Simon Jones was co-opted to the Council. The chairman thanked the Mr Jones for attending the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.12pm

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