

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd AUGUST 2018

Cllrs present: B Willingham (Chairman), J Bryson, B Dixon, T Gibbs,
P Kelly, P La Broy, I Mason, L Moores, P Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge
T Philp, F Richens, P Tilzey, D Towl, N Tucker

Officers present: Mr K Cornwell – Responsible Finance Officer
Mrs T Gliddon – Committee Administrator
Present: Sgt J Jamaa Ben M'Hand – Devon & Cornwall Police
Mr A Chapman – Tri Service Safety Officer
Public present: One
Press present: One

- C/368/18** **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Cllrs: S Browning and L Deely
- C/369/18** **To receive declarations of interest and non-registered disclosable pecuniary and non-registerable interests**
None
- C/370/18** **Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations**
None
- C/371/18** **Minutes – Full Council: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held on 24th July 2018**
Resolved: That the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the Meeting and they were signed by the Chairman
- C/372/18** **Minutes – Committees:**
- i) Planning Committee – 5th July 2018
 - ii) Properties Committee – 12th July 2018
 - iii) Heritage & Culture Committee – 12th July 2018
 - iv) Planning Committee – 19th July 2018 - ***PL/377/18***
 - v) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 19th July 2018
 - vi) Extraordinary Recreation Committee – 19th July 2018 – ***R/68/18***
- (a) To receive and note the Minutes of the Committee Meetings listed above (i-vi) (acting under delegated authority)
Resolved: to receive and note the minutes en bloc
- (b) To consider and agree any recommendations of the Committee Meetings listed above (i-vi) (acting under delegated authority)
PL/377/18 – *That the Planning Committee Terms of Reference be altered to show a 10.00am start time.*
Resolved: To accept recommendation in PL/377/18
- R/68/18*** - to be discussed separately at agenda item 12

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C/373/18 **Correspondence received – to note (if any)**

None received

C/374/18 **Public participation – a maximum of 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning items on the agenda only (maximum of 2 minutes per person - dependent on numbers present; questions must be directed through the Chairman)**

At the start of this item a Cllr asked a question regarding the revised wording of this item. The Chairman stated that it would be discussed during item 13 on the agenda.

A member of the public spoke against the proposed merger with Dorset Police (item 15 on the agenda).

C/375/18 **To receive a presentation from the Cornwall Diverse Community Police Sergeant on “Zero Tolerance to Hate” and agree any actions**

The Chairman introduced Sgt Jamaa Ben M’Hand to the Council. The Sgt explained her role within the community to the members and outlined the Devon and Cornwall Police “Zero Tolerance to Hate” campaign. The Sgt talked about the different types of hate crime and that the Police would encourage anyone to report a hate crime or incident to the Police in order for them to gather intelligence and build a bigger picture of incidents in the community. The Sgt took questions from the floor. The Mayor thanked the Sgt for attending the meeting.

Resolved: That BSTC pledge to support Devon & Cornwall Police in their “Zero Tolerance to Hate” campaign.

In light of the speaker present, the Chairman advised that agenda item 10 would be brought forward on the agenda. For ease of reference, they are minuted in the order of the agenda at items below.

C/376/18 **Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC**

CC Cllr P La Broy addressed the Council regarding his CC work this month, which included: meetings with The Communities Land Trust, CC planners (with regard to the Serendah development), the Boundary Commission, CC properties team for Bude, CC audit training. He had attend a CC planning committee meeting regarding the development at Splash, Bude. He had also dealt with public concerns regarding the new yellow lining in Bude, a safer crossing on Bencoolen Road, problems with raw sewage issues in the town and the relocation of the Bude Scouts and the Town Band.

C/377/18 **To receive reports of Meetings (non-committee) from Councillors (if any)**

a. To receive an update on the Boundary Commission Consultation meetings.

Cllrs B Willingham and P La Broy gave an update on their recent meeting and stated that a successful outcome had been achieved.

Cllr P Moores reported that he had attended a Connect Bude meeting. He reported that a request had been made to place a timetable board in the Strand Bus shelter.

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Cllr P Tilzey reported on the recent meetings of the BCCT

C/378/18 **Mayor's report**

The Mayor introduced Adam Chapman the Tri Service Safety Officer to the Council. He gave a summary of his role to the members. He reported that there were at present 3 Tri Safety Officers in Cornwall, the others being in Hayle and Liskeard. It was hoped to roll out 7 more officers by November 2018. The members asked questions from the floor. The officer stated that he would attend Full Council meetings and give quarterly updates to the members. The Mayor thanked Mr Chapman for his attendance at the meeting.

The Mayor went on to report that he had had several interviews on Radio Cornwall and had an interview printed in the My Cornwall Magazine. He updated the members on the Pitch & Putt, with the Completion/occupancy inspection to be carried out next week. He and CC Cllr La Broy had met with CC officers dealing with the Boundary Commission and successfully changed their proposal.

The Mayor had attend the Heritage Festival and Battle of Stratton Re-enactment /living history camp at the Castle Grounds, and despite the inclement weather it had been a very successful event, he would like to thank all the Staff involved for their hard work during the whole weekend. This month he had also attended a Bude Refugees Support Group.

Looking forward he will be attending the Op Surf Tea and the Bude Carnival where he will be judging the floats.

C/379/18 **Committee Membership - to elect the voting Members for the following Committee**

- i) Finance and General Purposes Committee
- No vacancy available at this time

C/380/18 **To consider the recommendation made at the Extraordinary Recreation Committee meeting - R/68/18**

Resolved: *That a recommendation be made to Full Council that Crooklets and Summerleaze Play Areas are leased from Cornwall Council on a long lease (125years), along with a grant for £50,000*

Resolved: that BSTC enter into a long term lease (125 years), along with a grant for £50,000 for the Crooklets and Summerleaze Play Area.

C/381/18 **To adopt the drafted Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Terms of Reference as per the recent Council and Committee recommendations**

Discussion took place regarding the openness of meetings to the public and the ability for matters of interest or concern to be raised. The financial limits in the authority to spend section were also questioned with Cllrs wanting to balance operational expediency with democratic accountability. Amendments were made to: 3 -Public Participation: remove '*concerning items on the agenda only*' and replace with '*concerning the business of the current Council*'.

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4 -Budgetary Control and Authority to Spend:

4.8 change 'the council for all items over £5,000' to 'the council for all items over £2,500.

4.9 change '...can authorise expenditure up to £1,000' to '...can authorise expenditure up to £2,500'.

4.10 change '...power to authorise budgeted expenditure below £5,000' to '...power to authorise budgeted expenditure below £2,500'.

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Resolved: That with the proposed changes, BSTC adopt the drafted Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Terms of Reference.

C/382/18

Library Devolution - to consider and agree;

a) Recommendations in reports from Officer(s)

The recommendations in the reports were agreed.

b) Car parking – to receive an updated briefing note and agree actions

The briefing was noted, the proposal of eight parking spaces to the side of the building with staff parking relocated to the main Wharf Car Park.

c) Library and Service Information Specification

Noted and agreed.

d) To confirm members of a Working Group to make recommendations to Full Council and/or delegated authority to the Town Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor (and other Councillors as appropriate) to expedite decisions where possible

Resolved: That a sub-committee of the Council, with delegated powers to expedite the devolution of Library Services as previously agreed at Full Council, comprising Cllrs: J Bryson, L Deely, P La Broy, P Moores, F Partridge and H Partridge.

Cllr P Moores left the meeting 9.08pm

C/383/18

To discuss the proposal for Devon & Cornwall Police to merge with Dorset Police and decide upon any response that the Town Council may wish to make.

<http://www.futurepolicing.co.uk>

A number of concerns with the proposed merger were raised: Dorset is not connected to Cornwall physically with only one A road link to Devon; assets and resources could be moved eastwards towards more urban areas; the savings appeared minimal; the plan appeared to be to raise the Devon & Cornwall Police precept to Dorset levels.

Cllr N Tucker left the meeting 9.15pm

Resolved: BSTC objects to the proposed merger of Devon & Cornwall Police with Dorset Police on the grounds listed above.

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C/384/18

Financial Report:

i) Schedule of Payments made – 22nd July 2018 – 2nd August 2018

Resolved: to note the payments made

Cllr J Bryson voted against

ii) Schedule of Payments to be made – 3rd August 2018

Resolved: to note the payments to be made

Mr K Cornwell and Mrs T Gliddon left the meeting before the closed session

C/385/18

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 SI (2) & SI (6) – To consider passing the following resolution: ‘That in relation to the remaining items on the agenda, 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 items are confidential and the meeting will proceed in closed session

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C/386/18 **To receive updates and recommendations from the Staffing Committee and agree any associated actions**

The Council noted the decisions of the Staffing Committee.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm

Chairman’s Signature..... Date.....

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