

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2015**

Present: Cllr F Partridge - Mayor

Cllrs: : L Bartrop (from the point mentioned), A Biggs, J Bryson, L Deely, B Dixon, J Heard, I Hemmings, P La Broy, P Moores, H Partridge, P Tilzey, N Tucker, B Willingham

Ms A Weare-Gifford – Responsible Finance Officer

Sarah Mason – CALC acting as Clerk

- C/067/15**      **To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
P Curtis, L Watson, L Moores
- C/068/15**      **To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**  
There were none
- C/069/15**      **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 were applied for
- C/070/15**      **Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Mayor  
be  
Cllr Bryson asked that her vote against be recorded.
- C/071/15**      **Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Mayor subject to the following changes
- changes to the numbering C/63/15 – C/66/15 and
  - that the title of the meeting be amended to show that it was an Extra Ordinary Meeting
- C/072/15**      **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) Staffing Committee – 11 March 2015
  - ii) Heritage and Culture Committee – 12 March 2015
  - iii) Planning Committee – 19 March 2015
  - iv) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 19 March 2015
  - v) Properties Committee – 26 March 2015
  - vi) Planning Committee – 2 April 2015

**RESOLVED: To note the minutes of committee meetings held between 11 March and 2 April as listed**

Cllr Bryson asked that her vote against the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting be recorded.

**C/073/15**

**Mayors remarks**

The Mayor advised that the Town Meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm and is likely to be held in Willoughby Gallery but the Mayor will confirm the venue in due course.

He had attended the presentation of an MBE award to Mrs Candy Baker, where he passed on the council's thanks on behalf of the residents for her work.

**C/074/15**

**Correspondence Received – for information: copied to all Cllrs unless stated otherwise**

- i) Cornwall Council – information relating to the future funding of public toilets  
At the request of the Ward Member, the council noted the correspondence and that there were a number of anomalies based on a template letter to all councils.
- ii) Cornwall Council – Further Communication re : disposal of land adjacent to 33 Berries Avenue –  
**RESOLVED : to write to Cornwall Council expressing the council's disappointment at the process.**

**C/075/15**

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

Planning application at Penarvor Hotel – the matter had been considered at a planning committee, and it was suggested that the council should have objected to demolishing another hotel with the associated loss of a valuable amenity.

**C/076/15**

**Members Questions**

**Recruitment of Clerk** - Cllr Bryson asked for an update on the process to recruit to the post of Town Clerk. The Mayor confirmed that this would be dealt with under Item 19

**Bude Light** – Cllr Willingham reminded members that the refurbishment of the light was still outstanding after 12 months. The Mayor confirmed that the item was on the agenda of the next Recreation Committee.

**C/077/15**

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

- i) **Development at Penarvor Hotel** - Cllr Parsons reminded members that the National Planning Policy Framework restricted the nature of comments available to local councils as material considerations. He felt that the council had used the

strongest comments available to them, but was happy to recommend that the application be considered by Cornwall Council's planning committee.

- ii) **Public toilets** – Cornwall Council no longer budgets for the provision of public toilets; any council wishing to preserve public toilets in their area will have to find the funding locally. Cllr Parsons explained that the public toilets in Bude were currently funded by income from car parks. He believed that the toilets in Bude Stratton should be open for 12 months per year, funded from income from the car park and would be working to ensure that outcome within Cornwall Council.

*Cllr Bartrop joined the meeting.*

After a lengthy discussion about potential service cuts, the future of public toilets and beach huts in the Bude area, Cllr Parsons was asked to obtain full costings for running services in the town including public toilets, canal, environmental services, car parks and leisure centres to consider the impact of a place package.

- iii) **Consultation on libraries and One Stop Shops** - it was noted that no consultation event had been organised in the Bude/Camelford area.

**C/078/15**  
**issues**

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

Cllr Deely confirmed that the officer had been in contact with members on an individual basis.

**C/079/15**  
**town**

**Consideration of the Town Council providing a Defibrillator Unit for the via the FLEET organisation, Front Line Emergency Equipment Trust**

Cllr Willingham circulated information on a defibrillator unit and demonstrated how this could be used in the town. The unit will be situated in a safe box, controlled from the FLEET centre and a 999 call would activate access to the equipment and notify the emergency services. The basic cost is £3100.

**RESOLVED that the matter be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for further consideration and report back to the Council**

**C/080/15**

**Consideration of the Town Council to actively pursue creating male and female toilets in the centre of Town to be run by the Town Council**

Cllr Willingham reported that local businesses were carrying the burden of public toilet provision in the main street. The existing provision was not fit for purpose and he urged the council to consider identifying and acquiring suitable premises for toilets in the area to address the seasonal demand.

It was noted that the toilets at Summerlease beach were still closed and pressure should be put on Cornwall Council to transfer them to the town council.

**RESOLVED : that the matter be referred to the Environment Committee for further consideration and report back to full Council.**

**C/081/15**

**Consideration of the draft meeting schedule 2015/16 copied to all cllrs**

Members adopted the schedule of meetings and noted the following points :

- That the Annual Council meeting was scheduled for the same day as the General Election.
- That the schedule is subject to change pending the completion of the structural review.
- That the dates of meetings setting the precept are subject to review

**RESOLVED: that the draft schedule be adopted by the Council.**

Cllr Bryson asked that her vote against the schedule of Staffing Committee meetings be recorded.

**C/082/15**  
**to**

**Update from the RFO in relation to item C/056/15 from 5 March – proposal operate horse drawn carriage rides in Bude**

The RFO updated members of the project including the potential income, schedule to introduce the rides and insurance levels. Members asked that the licence holder increase his public liability to at least £5m, and that the RFO ensure that the necessary licences and insurance were in place before any rides commenced.

**C/083/15**

**Financial Report:**

- (i) **Schedule of payments already made 14 March to 27 March 2015**  
***copied to cllrs***

**RESOLVED: That all payments already made (V01490 – V01495 inc: - £80,863.21) be approved**

- (ii) **Schedule of payments to be made 7 April 2015** ***copied to all cllrs***

**RESOLVED: That all payments to be made 7 April (V01496 – V01524 inc:- £20,818.25) be approved**

Members were concerned that the council had purchased dog bins at Stamford Hill without any previous discussion. The Mayor agreed to investigate and advise members of the outcome. It was suggested that the accounting software could provide more detailed reports to inform members.

**C/084/15**

**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 committee'**

**RESOLVED: 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 committee'**