

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2017

Cllrs: L Deely, A Biggs, J Bryson, B Dixon, S Jones, I Hemmings, P Kelly, P La Broy, F Partridge, H Partridge, P Tilzey, R Willingham

Donna James – Town Clerk
Keith Cornwell – Responsible Finance Officer

5 members of the press and public

C/21/17 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Cllrs P Curtis, P Moores and N Tucker

C/22/17 **To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**
None

C/23/17 **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/24/17 **Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the following Council meetings:**
(i) 5th January 2017
Resolved: That the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman
Cllr Bryson voted against

C/25/17 **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 – 27th September 2016
- (ii) Staffing Committee – 15th December 2016
- (iii) Planning Committee – 5th January 2017
- (iv) Staffing Committee – 11th January 2017
- (v) Properties Committee – 12th January 2017
- (vi) Heritage & Culture Committee – 12th January 2017
- (vii) Planning Committee – 19th January 2017
- (viii) Finance & General Purposes Committee – 19th January 2017
- (ix) Environmental Services & Highways Committee – 26th January 2017
- (x) Recreation Committee – 26th January 2017

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

Resolved: to vote en bloc for the minutes

Resolved: to note the minutes

Cllr Bryson voted against

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

None



C/26/17

Mayors report

On 6th January I was invited to Bude Surf Life Saving Club to meet the New Zealand High Commissioner who was making a visit to the Club. Apparently because of close links between the club and New Zealand it is customary for the High Commissioner to visit during his time in England. This reminded me that we have got no further forward with the plan to arrange a Royal visit to Bude next year. If any Councillors or public present are aware of any significant Bude-Stratton anniversaries next year I would urge you to let me know since the Lord Lieutenant would be happy to co-operate in organising a visit.

Along with the Town Clerk I attended a meeting of CALC last week. Two items of note were raised.

In relation to the Parish and Town Council elections in May. There have apparently been some changes to the registration procedure this year. I hope details will be sent to the Town Clerk for publication. This is important since I would like to think that we should be doing all we can to encourage residents to consider standing for the Town Council. There was also some discussion about the proposed boundary changes to come in before the 2020 elections. Full details of these changes can be seen on the Boundary Commission's website.

The second item of note was the fact that several parishes do not have business continuity plans in place. We are one such Council. There is little time before the elections to develop a full-blown plan but we should be thinking of how the Council could continue to operate effectively in the event of an emergency, e.g. fire, flood, IT breakdown, etc.

I would like to remind residents of the Councillors' surgeries held on the second Saturday of each month and to thank those Councillors who attend.

C/27/17

Maximum 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the current Council - questions must be directed through the chairman

Members of the public commented on the importance of the 200th anniversary of the construction of the Bude Canal in July 2019 and the Forge.

C/28/17

Correspondence received – to note and agree any associated actions/responses as appropriate: copied to all Cllrs unless stated otherwise

- (i) Cornwall Housing – CORSERV Ltd
- (ii) CALC – Local Government Boundary Review for Cornwall 2017
- (iii) Tour of Britain
- (iv) Growth Hub on the Road
- (v) The MCC – 95th Land's End Trial
- (vi) BHCS – AGM Agenda

In relation to items above:

(iii) **Resolved:** That the Town Council support the Tour of Britain and it passing through the Parish.

(vi) Cllr L Deely volunteered to attend the BHCS AGM on behalf of the Town Council
Resolved: to note the correspondence

C/29/17 **Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC**

CC Cllr N Pearce discussed the European Funding for Truro and the Parking/Highways issues that had been subject to a consultation by CC. He and CC Cllr D Parsons had been clear that they did not want parking meters in Queen Street. Questions had been asked re residents parking, no decisions have yet been reached.

C/30/17 **Policing - Opportunity for Police Community Management Officer (Vashti Pearce) to address the Council on issues relevant to BSTC**

V Pearce had sent their apologies

C/31/17 **To receive and consider the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) consultation document and any response/comments**

Agreed to suspend standing order 1d to allow CC Cllr N Pearce to answer questions from the table. Standing order was reinstated after discussion.

Resolved: The Town Council believe this to be too complicated and incomplete a document to formulate a worthwhile response.

C/32/17 **BEAM - To receive an update from Cllr Tilzey and consider the possibility of underwriting the second part of payments for the Tripos building**

Further to the presentation at the beginning of the meeting, Cllr Tilzey advised that BEAM wished the Council to act as guarantor for the second tranche of payments, for £350,000. Agreed to suspend standing order 1 d for representatives of BEAM to answer questions from the table. Discussion took place. Standing order 1d was reinstated.

Cllr P Tilzey left the room

Resolved: To defer until the next Full Council meeting, to be dealt with in closed session

The Clerk and RFO to seek legal advice and further details from BEAM

Cllr P Tilzey returned to the room

C/33/17 **Council websites – to receive an update**

The Town Clerk showed the Council the templates for the new websites

C/34/17 **Café Limelight Logo – to consider designs for a new logo and agree any actions**

Resolved: to defer the matter to the next Heritage and Culture Meeting

C/35/17 **Neighbourhood Plan – to receive an update (if any)**

The examiner has now submitted his report to Cornwall Council calling for several minor amendments to be made.

In consultation with the Steering Group Cornwall Council is making the necessary adjustments to the Plan. Once these amendments have been completed Emma Ball, Neighbourhood Planning Officer at Cornwall Council, will make the necessary arrangements for the plan to be signed off.

If all goes well and this work is completed by the end of the month, the Plan will go to referendum on Polling Day in May. All that is required then is for 51% of those

voting to be in favour of the Plan and it will be “made”. At this stage it will become an integral part of the Planning Process and will need to be considered, in conjunction with the Cornwall Local Plan, in all planning applications in Bude-Stratton.

C/36/17

Financial Report:

(i) Schedule of Payments made 20th January 2017 – 2nd February 2017

Resolved: to note the payments

Cllr Bryson voted against

(ii) Schedule of Payments to be made on 3rd February 2017

Resolved: that the payments be made

C/37/17

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/38/17

To receive and consider the valuation of the Hookways site and agree any associated actions and expenditure

Resolved: That the Council ask if an offer of £600,000 is of any interest

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman..... Date.....

