

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2016**

Present: Cllr L Deely - Mayor - Cllrs: L Bartrop, A Biggs, J Bryson, P Curtis, L Emo, J Heard, I Hemmings, P Kelly, P Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, P Tilzey, N Tucker and B Willingham

Miss Donna James – Town Clerk

CC Cllrs D Parsons

**C/290/16** **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs B Dixon – (non-BSTC - CC Cllr P Dolphin)

**C/291/16** **To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

None

**C/292/16** **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/293/16** **Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the following Council meetings:**

(i) Full Council – 4 February 2016

**Resolved:** to accept the minutes of the meetings as a true record of the meetings and they were to be signed by the Chairman with  
Cllr Biggs abstained

**C/294/16** **Minutes of committee meetings (acting under delegated authority) and their recommendations:**

(i) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 21 January 2016 – FGP/123/16, FGP/125/16

(ii) Planning Committee – 4 February 2016

(iii) Planning Committee – 18 February 2016

(iv) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 18 February 2016

(v) Heritage and Culture Committee – 25 February 2016

(vi) Recreation Committee – 25 February 2016

(a) To receive and consider reports and minutes of the committee meetings listed above (5 i - vi)

**Resolved:** to receive and consider the reports and minutes of the committees listed  
Cllr Bryson voted against - Cllr Emo abstained

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

**FGP/123/16** – **Resolved:** to accept the recommendation by the committee

**FGP/125/16** – **Resolved:** to accept the recommendation by the committee

Mayor's remarks

It has been a quiet month. I attended the Bude-Stratton Twinning Association's fund raising quiz and would like to thank those involved in keeping the twinning tradition alive. This year a party from Ergue-Gaberic will be coming to Bude and the funds raised will go towards the expenses incurred in hosting the event.

I am pleased to report that the Bude-Stratton Neighbourhood Plan has now been formally submitted to Cornwall Council and would like to thank those whose hard work over the past three and a half years made who made this possible.

Many of you will have seen the article in the Bude-Stratton Post this week which said that a decision would be reached tonight regarding the public toilets in Bude. This was never the intention since we have not received sufficient information regarding the financial implications for the town in doing so. Negotiations are still in progress. The complete press statement read:

*The public toilets in Bude will not close on 31 March. Bude-Stratton Town Council have expressed an interest in managing the toilets and will decide on 3 March; if Bude Town Council decide not to take them over another source of funding has been secured.*

We have also received the following statement from Cornwall Council. There was no intention to put pressure on the town council, as discussions are currently under way with them about the toilets and apologize if the response has caused any issues for them; The intention was to reassure people that we are working with Bude-Stratton town council to find a solution for the public toilets in Bude.

Chris Sims, our Community Link Officer, has asked me to say that he would have attended our meeting but has another engagement. He also said "Although I can understand the Town Council's frustration with the situation, I genuinely believe that the statement was made in good faith and would reiterate the apologies for any issues this may cause the council."

Although I have contacted the project manager for the Stratton roundabout I have not received any further information from her. However, a local resident has forwarded the following information received from Steve Bayley Capital Programme Manager CORMAC Solutions Ltd.

"You will be aware that some localised site establishment works having taken place, including the construction of a new hedge and site compound. However, the roundabout construction works hinge around major utility diversion works which must take place in advance of the main works. These utility works are significant and full site investigation and design works are being finalised with a view to starting the diversion works in the next few weeks, for them to be substantially complete by the summer.

Construction work will then be suspended for the summer period as we are not permitted to occupy the road space during the holiday season but will recommence in the autumn."

**C/296/16** **Maximum 15 minutes for electors present to put questions or make observations concerning the business of the current council**

None

*As per standing order 5 a vi – the Mayor advised that item 17 would be discussed at this point in the meeting. For continuity of the minutes, the item is minuted in the order as per the original agenda*

**C/297/16** **Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC**

CC Cllr Parsons – He wished to congratulate the Council on the Neighbourhood Plan, especially the Mayor and all those in the working group who had worked so hard to get it completed. There is a consultation on adult social care, and child care, at the Parkhouse Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-6.30pm. The CCTV have now been given 2 new cameras, one of which has infrared ability and can see into the bandstand at night. Regarding the steps to the beach, he has not seen the plans and does not know what material they will be made from. He appreciates it is not a quick fix but is frustrated that no sensible plan has been decided. With regards the parking survey, Bude does not have the same issues as Truro but there is some agitation for residents parking in some areas but it is a complicated and difficult thing to enforce.

**C/298/16** **Opportunity for Bude Neighbourhood Beat Manager to discuss Policing issues relevant to BSTC – circulated prior to the meeting**

None

**C/299/16** **Members questions**

None

**C/300/16** **Correspondence received – for information**

- (i) Lands End Trail 2016
- (ii) Police Town and Parish Plan
- (iii) CC – pop up tenders response

The correspondence was noted

**C/301/16** **Neighbourhood Plan – to receive an update and agree any associated actions and expenditure**

The neighbourhood plan has been submitted to CC. It will take about 5 months before completion. CC decide whether the plan is correct and legal. Once that has been sorted then CC make an application for an examiner to look at it.

**C/302/16** **Appointment of members to outside bodies:**

- (i) Police Liaison Group – 1 Vacancy

Cllr Kelly volunteered - **Resolved:** That Cllr Kelly represent the Council

**C/303/16** **Devolution:**

- (i) to receive an update from the Working Group

Cllr Biggs updated the council on the meetings and work of the working group

(ii) to consider and agree the council's decision regarding the devolution of public toilets from CC and any associated actions and expenditure

After lengthy discussion:

Proposed to defer the matter until the working group have had the chance to look at the documents and information sent, the proposal was seconded and voted on but was not successful

**Resolved** by the council to enter into the tenancy at will agreement with Cornwall Council

**C/304/16** **To consider and agree the schedule of meetings for 2016/17**

**Resolved:** to accept the schedule with the following amendments:

4<sup>th</sup> May Annual Council Meeting be moved to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

22<sup>nd</sup> June Planning Committee Meeting be moved to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**C/305/16** **Steps to the beach – to consider a request to CC to reinstate the steps before Easter 2016**

**Resolved:** that the Town Council write to CC asking that they reinstating the steps below lifes a beach as a matter of urgency and request that they be reinstated by the May Bank Holiday if not sooner

**C/306/16** **To consider and agree a request to the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall in respect of holding a Royal Visit to Bude-Stratton to coincide with the year of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bude Surf Life Saving Club and the Queen's coronation**

***Considered after the public participation section:***

Cllr Curtis advised the council that: In 2018 it is the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's coronation and also the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bude Surf Life Saving Club. The club was the first in the country. HRH Prince Phillip is the patron of the Royal Surf Life Saving Club. A reel and line was bought over from Australia for the Bude SLS Club on the Royal Yacht 65 years ago, this is now at the Bude SLS Club and is called the Gothic Reel.

**Resolved:** that the Mayor formally write to the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, inviting HRH The Queen and HRH Prince Phillip to have a Royal Visit to Bude in 2018

**C/307/16** **Financial Report:**

(i) Schedule of payments made 13 February 2016 – 26 February 2016

**Resolved** – that the schedule of payments be noted

(ii) Schedule of payments to be made 4 March 2016

**Resolved** – that the schedule of payments be made

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

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