

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015**

Present: Cllr F Partridge - Mayor

Cllrs L Bartrop, A Biggs, J Bryson, L Deely, B Dixon, J Heard, P La Broy, L Moores, P Moores, H Partridge, P Tilzey, B Willingham

Mrs Melissa Roberts – Acting Town Clerk (Deputy Town Clerk)

Ms A Weare-Gifford – Responsible Finance Officer

**C/043/15**

**To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs P Curtis; L Emo; I Hemmings; N Tucker; L Watson

**C/044/15**

**To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

There were none

**C/045/15**

**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/046/15**

**Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 February 2015**

**Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record and they be signed by the Mayor**

**C/047/15**

**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) Planning Committee – 5 February 2015 *recommendation PL/193/14*

(ii) Staffing Committee – 11 February 2015

(iii) Planning Committee – 19 February 2015 *recommendation PL/006/15 (agenda item 15) PL/007/15 (agenda item 16)*

(iv) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 19 February 2015 *recommendation FGP/017/15 (agenda item 17)*

(v) Properties Committee – 25 February 2015 *recommendations PR/18/15, PR/19/15, PR/20/15*

(vi) Planning Committee – 5 March 2015

**Resolved: To note the minutes of committee meetings held between 5 February and 5 March as listed.**

**To adopt recommendations PL/193/14, PR/18/15, PR/19/15, PR/20/15**

Cllr Bryson voted against and requested that her vote be recorded

**C/048/15**

**Mayors remarks**

Cllr F Partridge read a press release to the meeting regarding the early retirement of the Town Clerk:

Bude-Stratton Town Council would like to announce that Christine Kett, the Town Clerk, has decided to step down after over 15 years of service to the Town Council. Christine has worked in local government for more than 30 years. She was previously Librarian at Launceston library and, from 1990 to 1999, Bude library before taking over Town Clerk duties in 1999. She has decided to take early retirement in order to spend time pursuing interests which had been put aside during her busy career.

Aside from usual Council business, Christine oversaw the completion of several major capital projects for Bude-Stratton. These include the refurbishment and renovation of The Castle, the refurbishment of the Old Forge, the creation of three very successful Canal-side craft workshops, and the building of a new work unit to house the Council’s outdoor staff and its vehicles and equipment. The Town Council would like to thank her for her contribution to the town and the support of the Council’s work.

The Council wish her all the best for the future.

Cllr F Partridge also recommended the Archive Team's exhibition at the Castle, "Maritime Bude" to the meeting

**C/049/15** **Correspondence Received – for information: copied to all cllrs unless stated otherwise**

There was none

**C/050/15** **Maximum 15 minutes for electors present to put questions or make observations concerning the business of the current Council**

An elector spoke regarding a planning application at Upper Lynstone and the consultation comment made at the BSTC planning committee.

Mr Davis Morris from Catesby Ltd addressed the Council and outlined the change to conditions for the retail units on the planning application at Binhamy

**C/051/15** **Members Questions**

A cllr asked that in view of the report in this week's Bude & Stratton post regarding the assets that Launceston Town Council were taking on from Cornwall Council, where Bude Stratton Town Council stood on this issue. The Mayor reported that the Council was working on the issue at the present time.

**C/052/15** **Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC**

Cllr Pearce informed the Council that the Summerleaze play area had been repaired and was now open for use

Cllr Pearce reported that Cornwall Council would be charging Surf schools a Waterbase Surface Licence for using 13 beaches in Cornwall including Bude. Cllr Pearce said that he was trying to make this a fixed fee.

Town Cllrs asked Cllr Pearce questions regarding the roundabout at Coast View, the Community Infrastructure Levy, L.E.P. and new beach huts at Summerleaze.

**C/053/15** **Opportunity for Bude Neighbourhood Beat Manager to discuss Policing issues relevant to BSTC**

PC Steve South was not available to attend the meeting as he was on a training course but he had sent a reply to questions emailed by Cllr Bryson regarding anti-social behaviour in and around the Castle grounds, and regarding the number of officers working in Bude.

**C/054/15** **Presentation by Michael Ireland – Destination Okehampton**

Mr Ireland gave a brief presentation about the reinstatement of the Northern Rail route .

Discussion took place and the Mayor thanked Mr Ireland for coming to the meeting

**C/055/15** **BAAM - Request to extend hours of use to 11pm on The Castle lawn for BAAM Arts Festival 12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**Resolved: That BAMM be allowed to use the Castle grounds until 11pm for their festival 12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**C/056/15** **Proposal to operate horse drawn carriage rides in Bude**

**Resolved: That the proposal to operate horse drawn carriage rides in Bude be accepted.**

**C/057/15** **Cornwall Site Allocation DPD: Consideration of document and any recommendation to the Council for formal approval as requested by Cornwall Council :**

**recommendation from Planning Committee PL/006/15 information copied to all councilors**

**Resolved: Bude-Stratton Town Council approve the Cornwall Site Allocation DPD, and now accept the response from Zoe Bernard-John relating to the**

Concerns raised regarding the care/health infrastructure. The Town Council vehemently disagrees with the estimate of secondary school figures, particularly after 2018

C/058/15

Consideration of planning applications PA14/12201 – Hybrid Planning Application comprising:1) full planning application for 3 retail units including an external garden centre Class A1 use comprising 4,236 sqm GIA, access, parking, serving yard, landscape and associated infrastructure; and 2) outline planning application for up to 20 dwellings Class C3 use with all matters reserved except access. Binhamy Road, Stratton, Bude for Catesby Property Group Plc.: recommendation from Planning Committee PL/007/15

Resolved: That in light of figures provided by Catesby Ltd this be deferred back to the planning committee for final resolution

C/059/15

Consideration of draft Procurement Policy : recommendation from FGP Committee FGP/017/15 copied to all councillors

Resolved: That the document be adopted as circulated

C/060/15

Request from Bude Friends of the Earth for land to plant a wildlife/biodiversity area.

Resolved: The request from Bude Friends of the Earth for land to plant a wildlife/biodiversity area be agreed.

C/061/15

Update on engaging the services of a chartered accountant to prepare a business plan for The Castle

Following discussion it was proposed that the Chartered accountant be invited to meet with interested Cllrs

C/062/15

Financial Report:

(i) Schedule of Payments already made 14 February 2015 to 27 February 2015  
*copied to all cllrs*

Resolved: That all payments already made (VO1314 – VO1321 inc: - £566.47 be approved

(ii) Schedule of Payments to be made March 2015 *copied to all cllrs*

Resolved: That all payments to be made (VO1322 – VO1335 inc: - £2,114.93 be approved

The Mayor closed the meeting at 9.24 pm

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