MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2017

Members Present: Cllrs S Browning, J Bryson, L Deely, B Dixon, P Kelly, P La Broy, P Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, P Tilzey, N Tucker, R Willingham

Cornwall Council: Cllrs P La Broy (also BSTC Cllr) and N Pearce

Officers present: Miss D James - Town Clerk

Mr P Martin - Committee Administrator

Public present: 2

C/111/17 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr L Moores

To receive declarations of interest and non-registered disclosable pecuniary and C/112/17

non-registerable interests

None

C/113/17 Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations

C/114/17 Minutes - Full Council: to receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Full Council

Meeting of 1st June 2017

C/115/17 **Minutes – Committees**

- (i) Planning Committee 25th May 2017, 8th June 2017, 22nd June 2017
- (ii) Finance and General Purposes Committee 15th June 2017
- (iii) Properties Committee 25th May 2017
- (iv) Heritage and Culture Committee 8th June 2017
- (v) Recreation Committee 25th May 2017
- (vi) Environmental Services and Highways Committee 25th May 2017
- (vii) Staffing Committee 1st June 2017

To receive and note the Minutes of the Committee Meetings listed above (i - vii) (a)

(acting under delegated authority)

Resolved: To vote en bloc Cllr Bryson voted against

Resolved: To note the Minutes

(b) To consider and agree any recommendations of the Committee Meetings listed

above (i-vii) (acting under delegated authority) – if any

None

C/116/17 Mayor's remarks

The Mayor, Cllr P Moores, thanked Cllr Deely (the Deputy Mayor) for attending the Bideford regatta. The Mayor reported that since the last meeting, he had attended the Launceston Mayor Choosing Ceremony, Cornwall Schools' Games and St Peter's Fair in Holsworthy. The Mayor reminded Councillors that under the Council's present Standing Orders Councillors are required to attend Code of Conduct training.

C/117/17 Correspondence received

(i) Cornwall Council Devolution Newsletter

Resolved: that the Council note the correspondence received

C/118/17 Maximum 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the current Council

Items discussed by members of the public were:

Co-option – they guestioned if the Council had received any interest

The Bude Light – comments that parishioners were happy that works were now taking place

Trees planted on Shalder Hill – it had been noted that some had died and it was questioned whether this was due to them being in sand or whether or not they had been watered

Cllr Tucker wished to ask a question as a member of the public – The Town Clerk was asked whether this was possible. The Clerk reminded Councillors of the advice from Cornwall Council legal department but advised that it was the decision of individual Councillors.

C/119/17 Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC

CC Cllr Pearce:

Bude walking and cycling feasibility study. CC have undertaken a detailed report and have around 29 ideas. They are not set in stone and there are many costs involved but they will be useful as a starting point.

CC Cllr La Broy:

The registrar service will be open on Thursday mornings in Bude for a trial period. Cllr La Broy is keen to discuss the option of training and innovation centres. Seagull proof refuse bags can be purchased for £3.50 each from the One Stop Shop.

C/120/17 Neighbourhood Plan – to receive an update and agree any associated actions and expenditure

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been adopted. Cornwall Council wish to do a joint press release with the Town Council, they will draft the release and would like quotes from BSTC and CC. They also wish to make a short film for social media and their website.

Resolved: That a vote of thanks be shown to Cllr Deely and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for all the hard work done.

Agreed that Cllr Deely is authorised to liaise with Cornwall Council regarding the press release and film.

C/121/17 To approve the Information Security Policy

Resolved: to defer until a suitable copy is received

C/122/17 To consider an increase to the Castle Petty Cash imprest from £100 – £250

Resolved: to increase the Castle Petty Cash imprest to £200.00

C/123/17 Consideration of invoking an Option to tax on the Pitch and Putt Pavillion site for VAT purposes

The Town Clerk read out the advice given by the RFO. By opting to tax on the Pitch and Putt Pavillion the Council would be able to recover the VAT paid on the project which is potentially a large sum of money. The Council would need to seek permission from HMRC. Lengthy discussion took place.

Resolved: that the Council opt to tax the whole area including the putting green, (*old grass*) tennis courts and building.

C/124/17 <u>Electoral Review of Cornwall Council - to consider the response from the Town</u> Council

Resolved: that the Town Council concur with the views of the Electoral Review and the suggested figure of 87 Councillors.

C/125/17 To confirm the makeup of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (for Councils Terms of Reference)

Resolved: that the Finance and General Purposes Committee comprise 12 voting members to include the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (ex officio voting), the Chairman of each Committee, plus other members up to the total of 12.

C/126/17 Committee membership - for the Committees listed below; to elect members and confirm whether they are with or without voting rights, to consider requests to stand down

i) Environmental Services and Highways

Resolved: Cllr Tilzey be elected as a voting member

ii) Heritage and Culture

Resolved: Cllr Tilzey be elected as a voting member

iii) Finance and General Purposes

Resolved: that the following are voting members (*through their positions in the Council*) Cllrs Bryson, Deely, P Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, Willingham

Resolved: that the following are elected as voting members:

Cllrs Browning, Dixon, Kelly, La Broy, Tilzey, Tucker

iv) **Properties**

There were no volunteers for the Committee

v) Recreation

Resolved: Cllr Tilzey be elected as a voting member

vi) Planning

Resolved: Cllr Dixon be elected as a voting member

C/127/17 To consider and agree the decisions of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of 15th June 2017

FGP/46/17 Resolution of grant applications

FGP/47/17 Resolution of Insurance arrangements - level of fidelity guarantee

cover and length of business continuity cover

FGP/48/17 Resolution of Photocopier lease renewal

FGP/49/17 Resolution of payments made and payments to be made **Resolved**: that the decisions of the Committee (*listed above*) be agreed

C/128/17 Clerk's report

The Town Clerk updated the Council on the following items:

Bude Light – Work has now started – the entire cone has been polished and the lantern at the top has now been fully refurbished. It has had breather holes to allow ventilation. The top of the sculpture is sealed with a plate to ensure there is no water ingress whilst the works are taking place. Weather has hindered some works but things are moving on.

Gorsedh Kernow – correspondence received, they will be in touch next year to organise a presentation being made to Full Council.

Pitch and Putt – Tenders are now live on the Contracts Finder website – closing date is 7th August. Notices will be going in other relevant places in the next week or so.

C/129/17 To receive reports of Meetings (Non-Committee) from Councillors

Cllr Browning – Bude Canal and Harbour Society – Queried land ownership of a section of path

Cllr Tilzey – the old Tripos building would be going to auction in October

Cllr Tucker left the meeting

Cllr P Moores – Destination Okehampton – a 3 year trial period has been agreed with GWR to Exeter

Cllr Bryson – advised that she had received positive feedback regarding the train service

C/130/17 Bank mandate – to confirm, list and approve signatories for bank accounts

Resolved: that the following members and staff be bank signatories:

Cllrs: Deely, Kelly, P Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge

The Town Clerk

The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

C/131/17 Financial report:

(i) Schedule of payments made 16th June 2017 to 6th July 2017

Resolved: that the payments be noted

Cllr Bryson voted against

(ii) Schedule of payments to be made 7th July 2017

Resolved: that the payments be made

Cllr Bryson voted against

C/132/17

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/133/17	FGP/54/17 - Recommendation to Full Council to write off hire debt (Wedding and Castle) Resolved: to endorse the resolution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee that the debt is written off and that a suitable letter be written.

Chairman's Signature......Date......Date....

The meeting closed at 9.14pm