

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2022

Cllrs present: A Tame (Chair), S Bellamy, A Bluett, S Browning, L Corrigan-Turner, M Dawe, S Dearing, M Dorey, J Diffey, T Gibbs, K Goode, P La Broy, C Moriarty, T O’Sullivan, P Purchase, P Tilzey, J Wright

C Cllrs: P La Broy

Officers present: K Cornwell – Town Clerk and RFO (TC)
F Churchill-Zerilli – Project & Strategy Manager (PSM)
C Irish – Communications Officer (CO)
T Gliddon – Assistant Clerk - Admin (AC)

Public present: 14 **Meeting start time:** 6pm

- FC/024/22** **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Cllrs: R Uhlig
- FC/025/22** **To receive declarations of interest and non-registered disclosable pecuniary and non-registerable interests**
None received.
- FC/026/22** **Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations**
None received.
- FC/027/22** **a) Minutes – Full Council: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th January 2022**
Resolved: The Minutes, were confirmed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
b) Minutes – Committees: To receive and note the Minutes of the Committee Meetings listed below (acting under delegated authority)
i) Planning Committee — 12th January and 26th January 2022
ii) Oversight Committee – 27th January 2022
Resolved: that the Committee minutes were noted.
- FC/028/22** **Correspondence received**
Member of the public – re: planning application PA21/08459. The TC reported this had been dealt with by the Planning Committee.
- FC/029/22** **Mayors report**
The Mayor reported she had attended the Grants Policy review panel. The Mayor thanked the BSTC Officers and Council for the recent Summerleaze Downs Consultation exercise with just short of 2000 replies from all age ranges.
- FC/030/22** **Key issues from Lead Councillors**
Cllr T Gibbs: reported on the online Social Action Fund meeting which he had attended.
Cllr M Dorey: reported that Bude had been chosen to receive a MENCAP legacy award to aide people with learning difficulties. Bude had been chosen because of the amount of work already being done by Local Community groups in offering help to those who need it in our area.
Cllr K Goode: reported on the Bude Pedestrian and Cycle network improvements consultation currently being carried out by CC. Cllr Goode also spoke regarding the City of Culture Award for Cornwall.
- FC/031/22** **Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC**
Cllr P La Broy: reported on garden waste subscriptions and hot composters available from CC. He reported on the Bude Pedestrian and Cycle network improvements consultation. He talked about the Bude Flood Alleviation Scheme to be implemented by the Environment Agency from Nanny Moores Bridge to Bencoolen Bridge. He had attend a Bude Area Tourist Board meeting and spoke

re: the upcoming Feb Fest events. He reported on the Harbour management and Sea Lock gates. The Harbour Master had reported an increase in boats booking to lock in this year. Cllr La Broy spoke about homelessness in Bude. He requested that any reports of anti social behavior near to the garage in Bencoolen Road be reported as there were issues with the 24hr alcohol license.

FC/032/22 **Public participation – a maximum of 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the current Council 93**

Members of the Public present spoke re: the return of the BSTC newsletter, the Pitch & Putt, the Summerleaze Downs Consultation, the Pearl Exchange, and use of the Castle Bandstand.

FC/033/22 **To decide on the future usage of Pitch and Putt Course**

The TC emphasised to the Council that this was a discussion surrounding the use of the Pitch & Putt course only and not the building.

Councillors discussed the previously circulated paper and options for the area.

Resolved: that BSTC continue to offer a 6-month-a-year operated Pitch & Putt course at this site for community and visitor use. With the management of the course either by BSTC employees or externally by groups or outsourced to a business to manage.

FC/034/22 **To decide on the future usage of the Pitch and Putt Pavilion**

The Council discussed the options for the usage of the building, looking at the previously circulated paper by the TC, and in light of the Public Consultation results.

Resolved: that BSTC officially recognise the building as a community building and BSTC asset that can be leased or hired by community groups whilst also still providing toilet facilities to the users of the Pitch & Putt course, Croquet Club and any other immediate users. The management of the building and Pitch & Putt course would be subject to a separate decision.

FC/035/22 **To decide on the future usage of the old tennis court area**

The Council discussed the use of the area last summer season and in the future, taking into account the views from the public Consultation.

Resolved: that BSTC offer a mix of community use and business licences on the land with a charging tariff as considered appropriate.

FC/036/22 **To consider a request from the Pearl Exchange to enter into a new one year lease agreement for the Pitch and Putt Pavilion and to operate the Pitch and Putt facility over the season.**

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the use of the building by the Pearl Exchange and the Heads of Terms previously provided by the TC. Use of the building by other community groups/businesses and how this would be administered was discussed. Discussion also took place surrounding the use of the outside space and the suitability of the building to house the Pearl Exchange in the long term.

The Mayor allowed members of the public to speak during the debate.

Proposal: that the Heads of Terms be adjusted in consultation with concerned Cllrs, and endorsement to be made at an Extraordinary Council meeting.

A recorded vote was requested.

For: M Dawe, T Gibbs, K Goode, P La Broy, T O’Sullivan, P Tilzey

Against: S Bellamy, A Bluett, S Browning, S Dearing, J Diffey, M Dorey, C Moriarty, P Purchase, A Tame, J Wright

Abstained: L Corrigan-Turner

The proposal was defeated.

Further discussion took place.

Proposal: that BSTC enter into a short term 1 year lease with the Pearl Exchange.

A recorded vote was requested.

for: Cllrs S Bellamy, A Bluett, S Browning, L Corrigan-Turner, S Dearing, J Diffey, M Dorey, C Moriarty, P Purchase, A Tame, J Wright

Against: Cllrs P Tilzey

Abstained: Cllrs M Dawe, T Gibbs, K Goode, P La Broy, T O'Sullivan

Resolved: that BSTC enter into a short term 1 year lease with the Pearl Exchange.

Resolved: that Regular liaison meetings take place with representatives from the Pearl Exchange and BSTC reps. BSTC reps to be Cllrs T O'Sullivan and L Corrigan-Turner

FC/037/22 **To consider a request from Body Bounce for a seven week licence for a bouncy castle operation on part of the former tennis courts**

The Council discussed the previous year's use of the area by the Body Bounce group and also took into account the comments from the Public Consultations during their discussion.

Resolved: that BSTC enter into a seven week licence with Body Bounce, to include local Carbon offsetting.

The Chairman requested that the Members agree that the Council meeting should run beyond 3 hours.

Resolved: to continue the Council Meeting beyond 3 hours.

FC/038/22 **To receive an update of the Council's work programme and approve revisions to the schedule**
Resolved: that the items relating to Corporate Services should be referred to the next Full Council meeting. The Democratic Services, Facilities & Environment Service, and Community Services should be referred to the Oversight Committee.

The Mayor moved to item 17 on the agenda (for ease the minutes will be written in agenda order)

FC/039/22 **The agree a letter of support be issued to the fledgling Community Growing CIC**

This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

FC/040/22 **To receive an update on the Housing Emergency and approve the actions of the Housing Emergency Strategy attached**

The PSM discussed a letter to all residents re: 'Housing in the Bude-Stratton Parish'. The letter would go to all households in the parish. The PSM and the TC re-iterated to members that BSTC have no jurisdiction over housing and hold no housing stock and this would be a fact/information finding exercise, with all information to be passed to CC. Discussion took place to decide if BSTC print and deliver the letter to all households within the parish, including a link to the housing survey, at a cost to BSTC of £2,631.97 or have the letter hand delivered by Cllrs (300 letters each). The potential to support a local Community Land Trust was highlighted.

Resolved: that BSTC print and deliver the letter to all households within the parish using the Postal Service, at a cost to BSTC of £2,631.97.

The Mayor moved to item 24(iii) on the agenda (for ease the minutes will be written in agenda order)

FC/041/22 **To agree the renewal of welcome signs to the Towns of the Parish**

Resolved: to refer this item to the Oversight Committee.

The Mayor moved to item 20 on the agenda (for ease the minutes will be written in agenda order)

FC/042/22 **To agree the Council's 2022 Events Programme**

This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

FC/043/22 **To receive a progress report on the Compass Point Storm Tower and agree any associated actions**

The PSM reported that since the news of the delays in obtaining planning permission, Officers along with contracted professionals had been working through the requirements laid out by Natural England and producing the required reports. The National Heritage Lottery Fund have offered an extension to the project and permission to delay the site works. Efford Down (Compass Point) is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) and a Special Area of Conservation(SAC) and has legal protection. SSSIs are covered by the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 and SAC's by the Habitat and Conservation of Species Regulations 2010. Without Natural England's approval neither Planning nor Listed Building Consent will be granted. Without approvals BSTC, any Contractor and CC could be liable for prosecution if any works commence. Without approvals the principal funder NLHF will not grant permission to start. The Council has agreed to reschedule the project to continue preparations in 2022 and commence on site early in 2023 when all the permissions are in place.

FC/044/22 **To receive a verbal progress report from the Economic Development Working Group and recommendations of the Town Team**

This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

FC/045/22 **To receive a verbal progress report from the Grants Policy Review Working Group**

This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

FC/046/22 **To receive a verbal progress report from the Consultation Forum**

This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

FC/047/22 **To make the following Cllr appointments:**

i) Council representation on Bude Climate Partnership. This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

ii) Council representation on Town Team. This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

iii) Rep to the CALC AGM

Resolved: that Cllr P La Broy be appointed as BSTC rep at the CALC AGM.

iv) Joint Youth Lead Cllr. This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

v) Oversight Committee. This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

FC/048/22 **To consider a request from Cllr Rob Uhlig to permit his absence from Council meetings for three months beyond the six month absence period**

Resolved: that the request from Cllr Rob Uhlig to permit his absence from Council meetings for three months beyond the six month absence period be agreed.

The Mayor moved to item 28 on the agenda (for ease the minutes will be written in agenda order)

FC/49/22 **To establish an Environmental and Climate Change forum with the attached Terms of Reference and agree its membership**

This item was not addressed due to time constraints.

FC/50/22 **To agree the process to identify the priority scheme and submit an Expression of Interest to Cornwall Council for the Community Network Highways Scheme**

Cllr K Goode reported on the work she had been doing to identify priority schemes for the Bude-Stratton area.

Resolved: that the TC be delegated, in consultations with Cllr K Goode and Cornwall Cllr P La Broy to identify and submit a priority scheme for the Community Network Highways Scheme.

The Mayor moved to item 18 on the agenda (for ease the minutes will be written in agenda order)

FC/51/22

Financial Report to approve:

i) Schedule of Payments made between 28th January 2022 – 10th February 2022

Resolved: that the payments made were noted.

ii) Schedule of Payments to be made on 11th February 2022

Resolved: that the payment to be made were agreed.

The Mayor moved to item 27 on the agenda (for ease the minutes will be written in agenda order)

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Chair's Signature..... Date.....