

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**Cllrs present:** A Tame (Chair), K Colwill, L Corrigan-Turner, M Dawe, S Dearing, J Diffey, M Dorey, K Goode, V Herbert-Coulson, P La Broy, C Moriarty,  
C Cllr: P La Broy, S Tilbey

**Officers present:** K Cornwell – Town Clerk (TC)  
T Gliddon – Assistant Clerk - Admin (AC)  
C Irish – Communications Officer (CO)

**Public present: 8      Meeting start time: 6pm**

**FC/206/22**

**To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs: S Browning, P Purchase, L Quinton, P Tilzey, J Wright  
C Cllr C Chopak

**FC/207/22**

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

None received.

**FC/208/22**

**Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations**

None received.

**FC/209/22**

**Minutes – a) Full Council: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022**

**Resolved: The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.**

**b) Minutes – Committees: To receive and note the Minutes of the Committee Meetings listed below**

i) Planning Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

ii) Oversight Committee – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Resolved: that the minutes of the Committees be noted**

**FC/210/22**

**Correspondence received**

Correspondence had been received regarding the proposed changes by Stage Coach to the 6/6a Bude – Exeter Bus route. Cllr K Goode, Transport lead Cllr led the discussion re the impact on the community of the proposed changes. The Mayor allowed members of Connect Bude and public present to speak during debate. C Cllrs present informed the Council that they had met with Scott Mann MP to discuss the situation and would be working together representing the whole area. They have a meeting with C Council portfolio holders, stage coach and Exeter College representatives to discuss options and will report back to the Council following this meeting.

**Resolved: that BSTC make the following statement ‘It is critical for Bude and Stratton to stay connected to Holsworthy, Okehampton, Exeter and beyond. That Bude-Stratton Town Council will lobby to ensure a regular, dependable and accessible public transport network for the Bude area.’**

**Bude-Stratton Town Council engage with Cornwall Council and Scott Mann, working together with cross border parishes, community groups such as Connect Bude and local charities – to restore and improve our connectivity.**

Correspondence had been received re: Equality for All. Whose is looking after the elderly? – noted. Notification of affordable homes at the Poughill Road development coming on to the market had been received.

**FC/211/22**

**Mayors report**

The mayor spoke regarding the recent sad passing of Her Majesty the Queen and the Bude-Stratton proclamation ceremony held at the Bude Light, which was very well attended. She reported that she had attended the debt and money advice meeting this week along with other Cllrs and Community groups to discuss how they could all work together in the coming months to help vulnerable people

in our community. The World surf kayak event had been held here in Bude and she had attended the opening ceremony. This was an Amazing event for Bude to host. The Mayor went on to report that Simon Bellamy had resigned from the Town Council and thanked him for all his work and help while he had served as a Cllr. The call for election in the Stratton ward was open until 14<sup>th</sup> sept.

**FC/212/22**

**Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC**

C Cllr S Tilbey: had attended the Crime panel committee meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> sept, attended by Will Kerr OBE, the new Chief Constable for Devon & Cornwall Police. He had attended a meeting with Holsworthy rural transport along with a Cllr from Morwenstow parish council, to discuss funding for the project. He reported that funding had been obtained to reinstate the CAB in Bude for at least one day a week.

C Cllr P La Broy – Discussed the budgetary pressures at CC and the possibility of only essential statutory services being delivered. He had attended the CCTV group meeting and all is going very well with the cameras operating well during a busy summer, with reported crime figures low. He also attended the BATB meeting. The Bude Valley Management Advisory Group held its first meeting since before the pandemic. The meeting discussed the dredging of the canal and funding, lockgate and harbour management during the drought and general Canal management. Strategic programme needs to look at capital projects. He reported that the Contract to tender for 41 affordable homes at Binhamy / Shorelands had begun.

The C Cllr took questions from the floor.

**FC/213/22**

**Key issues from Lead Councillors**

Cllr K Goode (Transport & Connectivity) – reported that the new bus stop opposite Sainsbury's was finished and was getting good feedback, the signpost to highlight bus stop would be in place soon. Bude Community network Panel (CPN) will be asking the public to put areas that are in need of road improvements in the area from the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr L Corrigan-Turner (Health & Older Community) reported that there had been over 900 responses to survey regarding Stratton MIU and she would be going through every response to report back to CNP and NHS. Having gained a freedom of information document, re the usage of MIU, she reported that the usage had gone up and not just the use from visitors to the area but locals as well, this is all positive news that the MIU is being well utilized.

**FC/214/22**

**Public participation – for public present to make comments concerning the business of the current Council**

Members of the public present discussed the Bude canal, the EA and discharge of water during the drought into the Canal and the 2 minute foundation lease.

**FC/215/22**

**Election of Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the municipal year**

Cllr J Diffey was nominated and seconded.

**Resolved: that Cllr J Diffey be elected as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the municipal year.**

**FC/216/22**

**To note the delegated decision taken under urgency procedures by the Town Clerk for BSTC to be the lead partner and accountable body for the Lottery funding bid submitted by Bude Climate Partnership (BCP)**

TC explained the process, that was fundamentally procedural, that needed to be carried out in order for the lottery bid to proceed. Due to the circumstances surrounding the official ten days of mourning following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, BSTC were unable to call an extraordinary meeting. There was therefore, a need to take a delegated decision. The TC had spent time with the Chair of the BCP and was assured of the oversight arrangements for the project.

**Resolved: that the delegated decision taken under urgency procedures by the Town Clerk for BSTC to be the lead partner and accountable body for the Lottery funding bid submitted by Bude Climate Partnership (BCP) be noted and endorsed.**

FC/217/22

**To consider the Council's response to the consultation by the owners of An Mor Hotel on the potential redevelopment of part of the site to provide a care home**

Cllrs expressed their concerns regarding the potential redevelopment of An Mor . They discussed the small number of residents being consulted and felt this needed to take in the wider community. The need for more affordable care places in the area was discussed.

**Resolved: that BSTC express extreme concerns:**

- for the long term future use of the site
- the local affordable care need being matched with appropriate provision
- the site is inappropriate for a development of this scale
- any consultation should be wider and broader and encompass the whole town not just immediate neighbours
- concerns re: the already under pressure infrastructure of the Town
- the alteration to the skyline and the substantial size of the build in a Conservation Area

**The developer should be invited to discuss the potential development with the Council to answer its concerns.**

Mayor used her discretion and brought forward item 18 next on the agenda, for ease minutes will be written in agenda order.

FC/218/22

**To receive the report commissioned on the provision of Money and Debt advice, to include the provision of warm spaces within the Parish over winter and agree any associated actions and expenditure**

It was reported that the Money and Debt Forum held at the Parkhouse Centre had been well received and attended. The CAB will be returning to Bude with funding of £10K from the Blanchminster Trust and Bude-Stratton Community project had also received funding of £7k for their work with the community. It is hoped that the momentum will continue and the forum meetings can be held twice a year. BSTC are working on a directory of information, with helplines and advice for the community. The meeting encouraged Volunteers to come forward to help with all aspects. The forum would work collectively to identify groups that have not been reached so far.

Cllr M Dorey discussed the ongoing work to set up warm rooms / open house. The last month has been information gathering work with the staff and I Saltern. Step into learning have come on board with one person 3 days a week to help. The Open House will be at the Parkhouse Centre, Neetside Community Centre, the Tree Inn, Stratton and 5 local churches for 7 days a week. Bude Library will be open with a new volunteer once a week to help with computing. Holsworthy Community transport will be utilised. It was reported that Bott in the community had made an offer of help.

Discussion took place surrounding the possible appointment of a co-ordinator and funding streams.

**Res: that BSTC receive and commend the report and progress its recommendations.**

FC/219/22

**To receive a progress report on the Compass Point Storm Tower Project**

The TC reported that the agreements are now ready, we are still awaiting the final sign off from CC as landlords to provide a licence. The Site investigation has taken place and we are awaiting a report from the analysed information. The TC did discuss concerns regarding the Budget for the project given the current economic climate and the fact that this will have to be re-costed. The Cllrs asked questions re: the BSTC insurance risk and further cliff erosion before the project start date, Report was noted.

FC/220/22

**To receive a progress report on the Wheeled Sports Facility Project and delegate the Town Clerk in consultation with the Wheeled Sports Facility Forum to finalise the draft CIL bid for submission to Cornwall Council**

Cllr Dawe reported that the project was moving on, but land had still not been transferred to BSTC from CC. The Cable companies were working together with BSTC. The CIL bid is being completed. C

Cllr P La Broy reported that he had chased the land transfer and it was now a priority case. The report was noted.

**Resolved: that the Town Clerk be delegated in consultation with the Wheeled Sports Facility Forum to finalise the CIL bid for submission to Cornwall Council**

**FC/221/22**      **To receive the outcome of the annual Audit of the accounting return and note the publication of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit**

**Resolved: to Note the outcome of the annual Audit.**

**FC/222/22**      **To approve the sealing of lease on part of former Tennis courts with Bude Croquet Club**

**Resolved: to approve sealing of the lease on part of former Tennis courts with Bude Croquet Club.**

**FC/223/22**      **To approve the sealing of lease on Crooklets former beach office with the 2 Minute Foundation**

**Resolved: to approve the sealing of the lease on Crooklets former beach office with the 2 Minute Foundation.**

**FC/224/22**      **To fill vacancies on Council Committees, positions on outside bodies and lead Cllr roles**

i)      Planning Committee (1 vacancies)

Not filled

ii)      Oversight Committee (2 vacancies )

Not filled

iii)      Staffing Committee (1 vacancies)

**Resolved: that Cllr K Colwill be elected to the Staffing Committee**

iv)      BSTC rep: Town Team – Cllrs P Tilzey and K Goode put their names forward  
Written ballot was requested

**Resolved: that Cllr K Goode be elected to represent BSTC on the Town Team**

v)      Lead Cllr roles: Community groups – Cllr J Diffey

Housing- Cllr V Herbert-Coulson

Eco dev – Cllr K Goode

Crime & Comm safety - Cllr K Colwill

It was agreed to add older community to health lead Cllr.

**FC/225/22**      **Financial Report:**

a) Schedule of payments already made between 1<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Resolved: that payments already made be noted.**

b) Schedule of payments to be made on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Resolved: that payments to be made be agreed.**

The Town clerk advised that the issue of anticipated dispute in the next item has now been resolved and it will not be necessary to move to closed session.

**FC/226/22**      **To receive an update and consider the options for the continued provision of electric vehicle charging points at the Parkhouse Centre and agree any associated actions and expenditure**

The TC reported that the electric car chargers were put in as part of the Co Cars provision, not for profit business. BSTC contribution to the project was the provision of two spaces. The chargers have been problematic since they went in for the two public car chargers. The TC has had a meeting with the provider who has agreed to pay for new upgraded supply for the chargers and the possible re-site of the charges. This solution keeps Co Cars running and provides a better solution for public chargers.

The TC took questions from the floor re the length of the contract, charging for parking while cars on charge, size of the transformer and the flood risks.

**Resolved: that subject to queries raised being resolved, BSTC in principal agree to the option put forward to upgrade the charging points.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 9pm

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