

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2023

Cllrs present: K Colwill, L Corrigan-Turner, M Dawe, S Dearing, M Dorey, K Goode, V Herbert-Coulson, E Hanna, C Moriarty, P Purchase, L Quinton,

Officers present: K Cornwell – Town Clerk (TC), I Saltern – Deputy Town Clerk (DTC), T Gliddon – Assistant Clerk - Admin (AC), C Irish – Promotions & Marketing Officer (PMO)

Public: 2 Meeting start time: 6pm

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor the TC requested nominations for a Cllr to Chair the meeting

Resolved: Cllr Purchase was elected and took the Chair for the meeting

The Chair read out a statement regarding the NALC Civility and Respect pledge that has been signed by BSTC, and she stated that anyone deemed to be disrespectful to others at the meeting will be asked to leave the room.

FC/017/23 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllrs: A Bluett, S Browning, J Diffey, P La Broy, A Tame, P Tilzey, J Wright. C Cllrs P La Broy & S Tilbey

FC/018/23 To receive declarations of interest and non-registered disclosable pecuniary and non-registerable interests

None received.

FC/019/23 Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations

None received.

FC/020/23 Minutes

Minutes – Full Council: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26th January 2023

Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record and were 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 – 11th and 25th January 2023

Resolved: that the committee minutes above were received and noted.

FC/021/23 Correspondence received

Tamar toll action group – **Resolved to note.**

Letters of thanks had been received from the recipients of the recent grant awards. These were noted.

FC/022/23 Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC

In his absence the TC gave a precis of a short update received from Cllr La Broy. He had attended the Economic Growth & Development and CC Full Council meetings. Cllr La Broy has also met with the Bude Hockey Club to discuss a possible new all-weather pitch and its location in Bude. It was reported that the Canal dredging has been unavoidably delayed until the autumn 2023. A revised highways scheme for the Crooklets area has been submitted with the aid of Cllr Goode.

In his absence the TC gave a short update from Cllr Tilbey. Hereported that he had attended a meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner and that the Bude Police Station information desk was now open but only sporadically while staffing issues are resolved.

FC/023/23 Public participation – for public present to make comments concerning the business of the current Council

A member of the public asked where he could get a copy of the CC Shore line management plan. The office would supply a copy from CC website.

A member of the public asked about the recent Full Council meeting and the Grants awarded.

A member of Bude Pride attending thanked BSTC for their grant award.

- FC/024/23** **To consider a request from a member of the public to fly a flag during May to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic**
Resolved: that BSTC agree to fly flags from Shalder Hill and The Summerlease Downs poles to mark the 80th Anniversary of the 'Battle of the Atlantic'. The TC was authorised to discuss with the applicant which flags are to be flown.
- FC/025/23** **Motion from Cllr Ethan Hanna - To adopt a Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty**
Cllr Hanna spoke to the item and highlighted points from the treaty.
Resolved: that BSTC endorse the call for a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty. That is, for world leaders to work together in a spirit of international cooperation to: end new expansion of oil, gas and coal production in line with the best available science as outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and United Nations Environment Programme; Phase out existing production of oil, gas and coal in a manner that is fair and equitable, taking into account the responsibilities of countries for climate change and their respective dependency on fossil fuels and capacity to transition; Invest on transformational plan to ensure 100% access to renewable energy globally, support dependant economies to diversify away from exploitative companies and fossil fuels, and enable people and communities across the globe to flourish through a global just transition
That BSTC write to CC and Councils within Cornwall communicating this decision to them, urging them to pass similar motions of their own.
That BSTC call on CC to commit to divesting their pension fund from fossil fuels.
That BSTC write to Scott Mann MP and the CNP communicating this decision and urging them to sign the treaty and call on the government to stop all fossil fuel licences.
That BSTC write to Bude Climate Partnership communicating their decision to them and urging all partners to pass similar motions of their own.
- FC/026/23** **Request from Bude Community Area Network in response to concerns raised by local fishing trade; That BSTC writes to Cornwall IFCA expressing concerns over the significant depletion of local lobster and crab stocks caused by large vessels with vivier tanks operating inshore. BSTC offers full support to the proposed emergency byelaw that will restrict larger vessels with vivier tanks to operating outside of 6 nautical miles of the coast.**
Discussion took place following the correspondence from Bude Community Area Network and the information reported by C Cllr La Broy.
Resolved: That BSTC writes to Cornwall IFCA expressing concerns over the significant depletion of local lobster and crab stocks caused by large vessels with vivier tanks operating inshore. BSTC offers full support to the proposed emergency byelaw that will restrict larger vessels with vivier tanks to operating outside of 6 nautical miles of the coast. BSTC contact enforcement to request that a patrol visit Bude waters.
- FC/027/23** **To agree the approach to formulating a response to the consultation on the Cornwall Council Devolution Deal**
The TC informed the Council that he felt it appropriate for BSTC to make a response to the consultation. The Cllrs discussed the public consultation that had taken place and it was suggested that following the meeting to be held in Bude on Monday 6th February 2023 that TC along with Cllrs assess the information and to make an appropriate response to the consultation.
Resolved: That BSTC complete the consultation
Resolved: that BSTC are not in favour of a Mayor for Cornwall
Resolved: following CC meeting that VHC and M Dorey complete consultation with the TC
Resolved: that comms be put out re: the consultation response by BSTC and urge Bude-Stratton residents to fill out consultation.

- FC/028/23** **To approve the offer from Cornwall Council Town Centre Revitalisation Fund**
 The BSTC Town Team rep Cllr Goode, The TC and DTC, spoke to fellow Cllrs re this item. Questions and discussion re: public consultation, collaborative working, Town Team accountability and outside contracts took place.
Resolved: That BSTC approves the offer from CC for the Town Centre Revitalisation Funds, agrees to the terms and conditions and authorises the use of the funds as detailed in the letter. BSTC would for ask clear answers as to how the consultation will be designed, the questions and who will be consulted. BSTC asked for formal reporting from the Town Team to BSTC.
- FC/029/23** **To approve the submission of Lottery Funding Bids: National Lottery community Fund – Skate Park**
 The DTC outlined the item to Cllrs.
Resolved: that the DTC be approved to submit bids to the National Lottery Community Fund for the Skate Park and Tank Trap Memorial.
- FC/030/23** **To discuss the future letting of Pitch and Putt building**
 TC discussed a previously circulated paper. It had been previously resolved that the Pitch & Putt Building would be for community use and expressions of interest would be sought.
Resolved: to advertise the building for community use, catering and Pitch & Putt course as an integrated offering along with sub-letting.
- FC/031/23** **To agree the final design of the ‘Welcome to Bude’ sign and approve its commission**
 Cllrs discussed the options on the table. Questions were asked re: the design and quote.
Res: that Cllrs K Goode, M Dorey, V Herbert-Coulson and L Quinton work with TC to look further at a design brief.
- FC/032/23** **To establish a Tree champions network**
 Cllrs P Purchase outlined the proposal, this is to monitor planning applications with tree works elements within and check that planning conditions are adhered to. Also to alert the Planning Committee to works being carried out un-necessarily. This would be voluntary work not official enforcement. Any costs incurred would be for training volunteers
Res: that BSTC create a Tree Champion Network which: a) works with the Planning Committee to consider planning applications which have an impact on trees, monitor tree planting conditions within applications and apply for TPOs if required. The Tree Champions could also identify where trees have been removed without appropriate permission and report to Planning Committee to initiate enforcement action. b) works with the Facilities Manager and the Env and Climate Change Forum to help identify suitable areas and species for tree planting, and to provide maintenance for newly planted trees. That BSTC advertises for a volunteer to co-ordinate the Tree Champion Network plus 3-4 volunteers to be Tree Champions. That the Co-ordinator reports to the Facilities Manager and has a non-voting seat on the Planning Committee.
- FC/033/23** **To ratify the submission to the Community Network Highways Scheme**
 Cllr K Goode updated the Council that two larger schemes previously presented by BSTC had not been successful at this time. A further smaller scheme to design and build a solution for Crooklets Road (“across the Downs” road between the golf course) could now be submitted.
Resolved: that BSTC ratify the submission of the CN highways scheme. BSTC would like to express their disappointment to C Cllrs that previous schemes had not been taken forward and would like to ask how the other two projects can be brought forward in the future.
- FC/034/23** **Key issues from Lead Councillors**
 Cllr M Dorey: adaptive surfing (surf vets) have setup a new charity called Adsurf here in Bude.
 Cllr M Dawe – Had been approached for land to reinstate Stratton football club

Cllr V Herbert-Coulson – Had had a meeting along with the TC and Mr I Mason to discuss the setting up of a Community land trust, It is a brilliant vision and will be discussed at the next Council meeting
Cllr K Colwill – reported that the new Police Chief Constable has issued an invitation for Parish and Town Council to have talks with him, Cllr Colwill has issued an invitation for him to come to a BSTC meeting.

Cllr S Dearing –had met with Bude Pride who asked to share their disappointment in the BSTC flag protocol.

Cllr S Dearing – had attended the Bude Climate Change Partnership meeting along with Cllr E Hanna. She reported that Bude Friends of Earth and Bude Area Network Panel were now members of the Partnership. BSTC has received first tranche of Lottery funding and this is now being passed to key delivery partners.

FC/035/23 **To open Tenders for Bencoolen Play Park and delegate the Oversight Committee authority to assess bids and award the contract**

The TC had received one tender and opened this at the table in the presence of the Council.

The tender was for £100K

Resolved: to delegate the Oversight Committee authority to assess bid/s and award the contract

FC/036/23 **To fill the following vacancies:**

i) Oversight Committee (2) - no nominations were received.

ii) Planning committee (1) - no nominations were received.

iii) Representative on Town Team (1) – Cllr P Purchase was nominated.

Resolved: that Cllr P Purchase be elected as a BSTC representative on the Bude Town Team.

FC/037/23 **To assign Mayor's interests whilst on maternity leave:**

i) Battle of Stratton Memorial

Resolved: Cllr P Tilzey take over the Mayors interest

ii) Royal British Legion

Resolved: Cllr V Herbert-Coulson take over the Mayors interest

iii) Cavanna Homes

Resolved: Cllr C Moriarty take over the Mayors interest

FC/038/23 **Financial Report to approve:**

i) Schedule of Payments made between 13th January and 2nd February 2023

Resolved: that the schedule of payments made be noted

ii) Schedule of Payments to be made on 3rd February 2023

Resolved: that the schedule of payments to made be approved.

FC/039/23 **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**

Resolved: 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