

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2023

Cllrs present: A Tame (Chair), A Bluett, K Colwill, L Corrigan-Turner, M Dawe, S Dearing, J Diffey, K Goode, V Herbert-Coulson, E Hanna, P La Broy, P Purchase, L Quinton

C Cllrs: P La Broy

Officers present: K Cornwell – Town Clerk (TC), I Saltern – Deputy Town Clerk (DTC), T Gliddon – Assistant Clerk - Admin (AC), J Goode Communication & Marketing Officer (CMO)

Public: 10 Press: 1 Meeting start time: 6pm

The outgoing Mayor reported that this was the Town Clerk's last full Council meeting before his retirement. On behalf of all the Council, she thanked him for his years of service to BSTC and for his help and support to herself, Cllrs and staff alike.

FC/083/23 Election of Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24 and signing of declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr M Dawe was nominated. Cllr Dawe read a personal statement to the members.

Resolved: Cllr M Dawe be elected as Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24

Cllr Dawe thanked the outgoing Mayor Cllr Tame for her work and support over the last two years.

FC/084/23 Election of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24

Cllr P Purchase was nominated. Cllr Purchase read a personal statement to the members.

Resolved: Cllr P Purchase was elected as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24

FC/085/23 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr: S Browning

FC/086/23 To receive declarations of interest and non-registered disclosable pecuniary and non-registerable interests

None received.

FC/087/23 Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations

None received.

FC/088/23 The Signing of Armed Forces Covenant

The Armed Forces Covenant was signed by the Mayor in the presence of the Council and representatives of the Armed Forces community.

FC/089/23 Minutes

a) Minutes – Full Council: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 5th April 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 – 19th April 2023

ii) Oversight Committee – 20th April 2023

iii) Staffing Committee – 12th April 2023

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

FC/090/23

Correspondence received

- i) To receive a video regarding the loss of trees in the Parish - The members were shown a short video made by two young members of the community, who raised their concerns at the loss of trees in the Bude area. The members Acknowledged the effort of the young people involved and requested that Cllr Purchase to reach out to discuss any further actions that could be taken to involve the youngsters in the future.
- ii) Request for Allotments – TC reported that it is a statutory requirement for Town Councils to look at requests for allotments if requested by 10 residents. The Council has looked for land in the past and would continue to do so. The correspondence was noted.
- iii) Bus Route 128/129 – The correspondence was noted, C Cllr La Broy would cover the topic in his report.

FC/091/23

Mayor Report

The Mayor again thanked the outgoing Mayor and also the outgoing Deputy Mayor Cllr Diffey. He went to report on the current vacancies on the Town Council, the Compass point project, skate park project, Lords Court/Stratton Stores, Bude Town Team, the Coronation event at the Castle grounds, and Flags, and finally he thanked the Town Clerk for his work and wished him well on behalf of the members on his retirement.

FC/092/23

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

CC La Broy: Gave apologies from C Cllrs Chopak and Tilbey. He outlined the latest discussion with CC and the bus company re: bus service 128/129, he is awaiting confirmation that the Stratton element of the service is to be reinstated. The Canal and harbour dredging has been delayed until the end of the summer season 2023. The outer sea lock chamber is full of sand and due to issues with marine conservation area agreement there will be a delay to the locking in season. Treatments to tram way at Summerleaze beach will hopefully progress within the next year. A meeting with Budehaven school has been arranged and he will report back. Cllr La Broy and his wife had attended a Royal Garden Party this week where he was proud to represent Bude.

Cllr La Broy took questions from the floor.

FC/093/23

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

A member representing the North Kernow Community Land Trust spoke regarding the now up and running trust and the good growth fund.

A member of the Bude Harbour and Canal Society (BCHS) congratulated the new Mayor on his appointment.

Cllr A Tame left the meeting 6.34pm

The member of the BCHS discussed this year's celebrations for the Bude Canal 300th year anniversary at White Heart Hotel.

FC/094/23

To review the Councils Reserves and make any necessary reallocations

The TC outlined the current position and reallocations and took questions from members.

Resolved: to agree the necessary reallocations of reserves.

FC/095/23

To discuss and determine in principle a Loan or Grant arrangement with North Kernow Community Land Trust(NKCLT)

The TC discussed the NKCLT with the members and the earmarked reserves that BSTC have for a CLT received from Cornwall Council CIL funds. Discussion took place.

Resolved: that BSTC support the NKCLT and would want to develop an ongoing relationship following the receipt of assessments / reports on our recent purchase, 1 Lords Court, Stratton. The matter will be referred to the Properties Committee for discussion.

FC/096/23

To agree the purchase of an electric powered mower

Resolved: that BSTC purchase an electric ride on mower at a cost of £12,500 (ex vat).

FC/097/23

To authorise the contract for the resurfacing of the Facilities Unit Compound

Resolved: that BSTC agree resurfacing of the facilities unit compound at a cost of £12,220.

FC/098/23

To authorise the contract to install PV Panels on the Parkhouse Centre

Resolved: that BSTC authorise the contract to install PV Panels on the Parkhouse Centre at a cost of £28463 - £37074 (with battery storage)

FC/099/23

Committee Membership – to elect the voting Members for the following Committees of the Council

Current membership will continue unless changes are agreed

- i) Oversight Committee (12 voting members) – Cllr Bluett resigned from the Committee. It was noted the Cllr Hanna is already on the committee. No other nominees were put forward.
- ii) Planning Committee (9 voting members): No new nominees were put forward.
- iii) Staffing Committee (9 members) Cllr Dawe is now Chair of the Committee as sitting Mayor.
- vi) Property Committee (9 Members) Cllr Purchase agreed to join the Properties Committee

Resolved: to vote enbloc and agree the changes as detailed above.

FC/100/23

To confirm the roles and names of Lead Cllrs and the appointment of members as delegates to outside bodies

Resolved: Cllr Hanna be appointed joint lead for youth provision. Cllr La Broy be appointed the lead for Heritage. That Cllr Herbert-Coulson be appointed lead for the Armed Forces Community. That *Health and older community* now be known as *Health, Accessibility and the Older Community*

FC/101/23

To delegate authority to the Oversight Committee to evaluate and award the contract to renew play equipment in the Bencoolen Play park

Resolved: that the Oversight Committee be delegated to evaluate and award the contract to renew play equipment in the Bencoolen Play Park.

FC/102/23

To approve the License and operating agreement for the Parkhouse EV chargers

Resolved: that BSTC approve the license and operating agreement for the Parkhouse EV Chargers.

FC/103/23

To authorise the sealing of the lease with the Pearl Exchange

Resolved: that BSTC authorise the sealing of the lease with the Pearl Exchange.

FC/104/23

To retrospectively approve the use of the Seal for the purchase of 1 Lords Court

Resolved: that BSTC retrospectively approve the use of the Seal for the purchase of 1 Lords Court

FC/105/23

To receive and approve the current version of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Scheme of Delegation and Committee Terms of Reference

Resolved: that BSTC receive and approve the current version of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Scheme of Delegation and Committee Terms of Reference

FC/106/23

Financial Report to approve:

i) Schedule of Payments made between 21st April 2023 – 4th May 2023

Resolved: that the schedule of payments made be noted

ii) Schedule of Payments to be made on 5th May 2023

Resolved: that the schedule of payments made be approved.

Chair closed the meeting at 7.40pm

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