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To all members of the **Town Council**

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Full Council** in the **Conference Room**, The Parkhouse Centre, Bude on **Thursday 3rd August 2023** at **6.00pm** for the purpose of transacting the under mentioned business.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Saltern'.

Mr Ian Saltern – Deputy Town Clerk

Date of issue – 28th July 2023

AGENDA

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests
3. Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations
4. Minutes – Full Council: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th July 2023
 - b) Minutes – Committees: To receive and note the Minutes of the Committee Meetings listed below (acting under delegated authority)
 - i) Planning Committee – 5th and 19th July 2023
 - ii) Oversight Committee – 20th July 2023
 - iii) Staffing Committee – 27th July 2023
 - iv) Properties Committee – 27th July 2023
 - c) Minutes – Recommendations: To consider and agree:
 - i) SC/46/23 - *that the staffing Committee agree the changes to the Parkhouse Centre Caretaker's present contract/tenancy agreement.*
5. Correspondence received (previously circulated):
Items 1-4 – various BSTC Flag protocol
6. Opportunity for Cornwall Councillors present to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to BSTC
7. Public participation – for public present to make comments concerning the business of the current Council.
8. To retrospectively approve the quotation from M&E Alarms for necessary upgrading of the fire alarm system within the Parkhouse Centre as agreed at the Oversight Committee (OS/080/23) held 20th July 2023.
9. To receive an update from the Bude Climate Partnership concerning the Bude Area Community Jury on Climate Change.

10. To consider a request from the Bude Climate Partnership that the Town Council gives its support to the Bude Area Community Jury on Climate Change, and commits to reviewing the recommendations made by the Jury at the end of the process.
11. To consider an invitation from Cornwall Council to review renewals for Public Spaces Protection Orders (dogs).
12. To receive an update on the Wheeled Sports Project and to consider the use of the beach office at Crooklets as a youth facility to strengthen funding applications. In the interim, to consider providing access to the beach office for the Bude At War event in September.
13. To receive an update and financial report for the Compass Point Project and consider the recommendation to keep the existing outside flooring in situ, make safe and to consider the future of the flag pole located next to the Storm Tower.
14. To receive an update regarding the Bude Flood Alleviation Works
15. To approve the change from licence to lease for econetiQ and to authorise the sealing of the lease
16. Financial Report:
 - i) Schedule of Payments made between 21st July – 3rd August 2023.
 - ii) Schedule of Payments to be made on 4th August 2023.

Dear Bstc

I wanted to respond to the mayor's recent statement about pride flag lowering.

I understand that we have several different perspectives here. I thought it might be useful to share my perspective and how things are coming across to a relatively neutral outsider. This is in the interests of mutual understanding and in the hope that we can avoid a long running dispute that damages Bude.

There is the perspective that the pride flag flies all month on 3 flag poles and most of the month the other. So, to be experiencing such negative publicity over something that seems to them so minor, feels unfair.

There is the perspective Homosexuality or queerness is something wrong and shameful, that needs to be discouraged and any association with our armed forces is offensive.

I am sure a lot of people are just sick of hearing about it and want to move on to other matters.

My personal perspective is having watched the public council debate that took place on this matter last year, is that it appeared to me like a lot of the upset about flag flying was coming from a place of prejudice and almost exclusively coming from a specific and narrow part of Bude. They seemed to be strongly offended by the association between pride and the armed forces and in consequence were asking for the flag to be lowered. Ironically this goes against the policy and spirit of our current armed forces and the Royal British legion.

If you are accustomed to privilege, then equality can feel like oppression. In this case people may have been accustomed to a world where their views count more and where others share social views closer to their own. But we live in world now that is quite different compared to say 30-40 years ago.

This may sometimes feel like oppression to those used to access to power or a different social consensus. But this does not make it true from all perspectives. This year to me it feels like we have taken a backward step as a town, and I am concerned.

The reason this issue is going to run, and run is because no one has been able to articulate in my view, a coherent and convincing reason why an association between pride and the armed forces is a problem? In the absence of this, it just looks like we are pandering to prejudice.

Why is it for example an issue to fly a pride flag on Armed Forces Day but not on the Kings birthday? Why do people see such a fundamental difference for Armed Forces Day that they feel so strongly they are willing to go against the views of the actual armed forces and the British legion. Doing so unfairly tarnishes the reputation of these organisations in the media at a time when they are both working hard to do the exact opposite.

If there is no satisfactory answer to this, then this is going to keep going, year after year until there is genuine debate or enough time passes for the objections to the pride flag to pass. I really hope it's the former and quickly before further damage is done to the reputation of the Armed Forces, the British Legion and Bude.

Many thanks for reading this.



25th July 2023

Dear Bude Town Councillors,

I am writing with a request for a formal response to my questions previously made via social media relating to the Pride Flag controversy on Shalder Hill. Whilst social media is now broadly regarded as a legitimate channel for contacting formal bodies, I understand that my question and concerns might only garner a formal response from you if done so through a letter, and so I am hoping that this will now generate that courtesy.

I am writing both as a local resident and as a volunteer for the Bude Pride Education team, but also with some significant level of experience in matters such as these which I hope might qualify me to offer some balanced perspectives and advice.

Whilst I grew up nearby and attended school in Bude, like many I left to study and start my career elsewhere. I was thrilled to be able to return to live in the area nearly 5 years ago with my husband who has established a successful business here. I am a global leader of a Nasdaq 50 U.S. headquartered software company with more than 20,000 people under my charge across more than 100 locations. As such, I fully understand the challenge of leadership amongst diverse communities and the importance of hearing and balancing the organisation's response to differing views across a broad set of populations and cultures. I also have the privilege of leading our global crisis management team as well as our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts across the company.

In the past few years we have had to manage highly divergent views and deep tensions in our peoples' reactions to: the 'me too' movement that laid bare ongoing sexual harassment and violence against women (often at work and in our communities), the handling of the global Coronavirus pandemic, civil rights disputes such as Black Lives matter and the rise of violence against Asians across the globe, mixed reactions to the Russian/Ukraine conflict, the U.S. case of Roe v Wade and the subsequent deeply entrenched views around the rights of women to access abortion and reproductive healthcare, and the currently frightening and heightening level of hate crimes against the LGBTQIA+ community including withdrawal of access to services and gender affirming healthcare, and the broader suppression (and in some instances criminalisation) of the LGBTQIA+ community especially in areas of the U.S. but also around the world where non-heterosexual relationships remain illegal and are often inhumanely punished.

Because of the above, I have a significant amount of empathy for your challenge in trying to placate differing populations around what they deem to be controversial issues. I also know how, what can often seem like a small issue to some, is actually an incredibly important and significant symbol or signal, not only to those it impacts directly, but also to the broader community, especially when it signals a level of intolerance or marginalisation of already marginalised groups.

This is the main reason that I am writing along with a number of broader concerns I have about both the management of the flag issue under debate, as well as the Mayor's own statement which I outline below for your consideration and response.

Firstly, let me say that I do not belong myself to the LGBTQIA+ community. I do however feel incredibly strongly about supporting any minority group that struggles to be able to live their lives in the way that those of us who are considered more typical have the privilege to enjoy. I believe that by supporting the marginalised we create a better society for all. I hope that we are aligned in that as a desired outcome for the people of Bude and the surrounding areas.

Having followed this issue since the heated discussions at last years' council meetings, I was previously incredibly impressed and grateful for the council's overall stance on supporting Pride activities in the town. I know that this took courage in the face of resistance from several individuals, some of whom claimed to be acting on behalf of representing groups (the Bude Royal British Legion for example). It was clear to me then that the council was intending to act as an ally through the provision of financial support and spaces for Pride events. As such, I was surprised by what seemed like a U turn this year on the simultaneous flying of flags on Armed Forces Day.

I want to make it clear that I am fully supportive of and grateful for the important celebration and recognition of our Armed Forces and all who serve or have served in them. It is utterly right that a flag should be flown for Armed Forces Day.

Like the Mayor, I was also disappointed to see that our town attracted so much negative press about the decision to remove the Pride flag from Shalder Hill on Armed Forces Day.

Unlike the Mayor, I believe that the decision to not fly the Union Jack with the Pride Flag was the wrong decision that gave signals that the two causes are incompatible and that in the face of resistance, prejudice won over compromise. I believe that the flags should have been flown together and the council should have explained why this was wholly appropriate and in line with National guidance from both the National RBL and the military.

I understand that the Mayor's recent statement regarding the Pride flag issues clearly demonstrated his personal opinion on the decision and on recent events. I am curious as to whether this, in fact, represents the viewpoint of the full council?

I ask this because I was concerned that the statement made did not allow for any response, debate, or discussion, nor sharing of others' views either from the other council members or from the public. This seemed strange when the mayor's statement also made numerous assertions about the importance of hearing and acknowledging others' opinions and perspectives. Similarly, his statement made allegations that distorted versions of the facts were shared, whilst simultaneously shutting down the debate and making some assertions that I believe may also have been considered distorted and defensive.

I have still not seen a clear or logical argument for why the two flags could not have flown together in the same way that they were flown together during the Pride Parade and at the Bude Pride Education tent this year, with the Union Jack at the top of the pole and the Pride flag underneath. Are you able to share why as a collective you believe this was not a more appropriate stance to take? Without a formal response on this it seems purely that it was based on yielding to the prejudiced views of a minority.

For example, I know for a fact, from a firsthand witness to the communications, that at least one of the members of the Bude RBL that argued for the removal of the Pride flag, has shared highly offensive and derogatory views of the LGBTQIA+ community in a private RBL chat channel. To be clear, I know that not all of the members of Bude RBL think alike. That, along with a clear diversion from national RBL practices, is why it is hard for me to believe that the request to not have the flags flown simultaneously is representative of the views of their group overall. I also fail to believe that there is not some significant underlying motivation of prejudice from at least some of those objecting which the council has either willingly or unwittingly reinforced.

Regardless of the local RBL views, I fail to see how a Pride Flag is incompatible with Armed Forces Day. The National Royal British Legion and Armed Forces fly the flags together so why on earth should it be different in Bude? Even our Prime Minister has apologised last week for the unacceptable

treatment and marginalisation of this community in the Armed Forces. Isn't it time we caught up in Bude?

What is sad about this is that I think it undermines the previous progressive stance of support that the Council took on this issue which garnered really positive press in Forbes magazine. It gives a message that Bude is only supportive of Pride on a surface level when no one is objecting too loudly. Moreover, it betrays the countless armed forces members who are active in service or who have given their lives in service who were members of the LGBTQIA+ community. In fact I have heard directly from LGBTQIA+ members of the Armed Forces that they feel offended by the segregation of the flags and that they worry about the message it gives to acting or previously acting service people. They feel discounted and 'swept beneath the carpet' unless they are expected to risk their lives.

The irony of this is that many of those in our armed forces fight precisely to maintain the freedom and rights of ALL of our diverse citizens to live safely and in peace. It seems that we could do with mustering more courage in our own communities locally by fighting the good fight for what is right. Instead, lowering a Pride Flag in this way gave a message that we are not strong in representing minorities who face hate, violence, and discrimination in their everyday life.

I know that the Pride team invited the Mayor to come and talk at the Pride event this year as the previous Mayor, Amanda Tame, had done so well previously. It was great that Kevin Colwill came and made a speech, and numerous other supportive councillors such as Sian Deering, Jackie Diffey and Philippa Purchase (possibly others) also came and supported the event. I know there was significant gratitude for that, but it concerns me that the Mayor didn't even respond to the invitation this year. I appreciate that this might have been due to some personal frustration or anger about the noise in the press, but I believe that a response of some kind would have been appropriate and balanced. Not attending and not even responding, and hiding behind a one way statement, appears like a clear snub and disregard for the Mayor's own plea to "listen a little more and work together better" as he recommends in his statement.

One thing I have learned in my leadership experience is that it is always important to ensure freedom of speech, even where those views might be unpopular. Bude Pride Education seeks to educate people and to allay unreasonable fears and has regularly invited those with opposing opinions to come together to talk about their concerns or viewpoints. This has not always been taken up nor reciprocated which is a shame.

In his statement the Mayor recognised "differences of opinion" and that "those views are heartfelt". But let's face it, heartfelt perspectives are not always things that should be accommodated with practical action by the authorities. For example, it is no longer acceptable to discriminate against women because they are pregnant or against different racial groups because of the heartfelt views of others. Hitler had a heartfelt perspective that Jews and Homosexuals were an inferior group that should be extinguished. I think we would all now agree that that was not something that should have been supported either.

This is why strong governments and leaders establish core principles from which we do not waiver even in the face of divergent views. There are views which should be universally unacceptable to any council including breaking the law and discriminating against minority groups. The danger of not standing up for minority groups in situations like this is that it can also send messages to other minority groups that we will not stand up for them in a similar situation. I hope that the residents and visitors of Bude who are not reflective of the white, heterosexual majority, do not feel this. Just 'getting along' for the sake of a veneer of community peace should not require the suppression of minority voices or rights even if it is uncomfortable for the majority or requires councils to take a stand on an issue rather than trying to appease everyone.

In his statement, the Mayor states "We've presented a picture of ourselves to the outside world that confirms some of the worst stereotypes that abound in society today – which is not true or fair representation of our community. "I could not agree more. By taking down the Pride Flag on Armed Forces Day at Shalter Hill we have demonstrated that we believe LGBTQIA+ communities should not

be associated with the Armed Forces, we have demonstrated that as a community, Bude will pander to minority prejudices rather than helping to ensure a tolerant and progressive community for all.

I also agree with his statement that “on a month that calls for and celebrates tolerance, acceptance and inclusion, to choose division and conflict is to me a fundamental failing and one we should, as a community be ashamed of”. This is precisely what I believe the council’s decision to remove the Pride flag on Armed Forces Day has created and I agree that the Mayor should feel ashamed of that. Not flying the flags together physically and symbolically divided the community. It was the opposite of inclusion; it was a highly visible divisive act. In fact, I think it actively supported the ‘digging of trenches’ that he described.

I would also urge him to remember that international journalists chose to write about this issue precisely because nationally this is seen as unacceptable and something to be ashamed of. Perhaps that should cause some deeper reflection rather than defensiveness?

I fundamentally disagree that distorted facts were shared across social media. I would challenge the Mayor to clearly point to anything that has been shared by the Pride community that is objectively untrue. I believe that it would be abhorrent, and an abuse of power, to hear the Mayor accusing the Pride community and their allies of lying without giving a right to reply. What is it that he believes was shared that wasn’t accurate? Perhaps he was referring to the claims that there is no prejudiced motivation behind the objection from some members of the Bude RBL to flying the flags together?

I also vehemently disagree that any “fundamentalist position” has been taken. When your right to marry and love who you want to is under daily physical and verbal attack, arguing for your right to be seen and heard and supported by the community matter. This is not a fundamentalist position; it is a basic human right. It may feel like an overreaction to some but sharing a flagpole for the privileged majority is a small price to pay to let all our community know that we support them in their basic human rights. If that is considered ‘fundamentalist’ then I believe it is wholly appropriate. After all aren’t fundamental rights what we would hope to achieve for our community?

With respect to the mayor’s comments on ‘preaching’ less, I disagree. Preaching is often used as a derogatory term to imply that people are spending too much time trying to get others to hear their perspective. I subscribe to a different point of view. Until there is true equity in the world, I believe that preaching will be necessary to educate, to lead people to the truth and to represent the views and needs of those less fortunate. John Stuart Mill perhaps said it best:

“Let not anyone pacify his conscience by the delusion that he can do no harm if he takes no part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing. He is not a good man who, without protest, allows wrong to be committed in his name, and with the means which he helps to supply, because he will not trouble himself to use his mind on the subject”.

Ultimately, I believe that Councils, like all leaders, need to set examples as role models. My hope is that this council will choose to role model inclusion, acceptance, and progress, and not unwittingly support an agenda of fear, prejudice and ignorance.

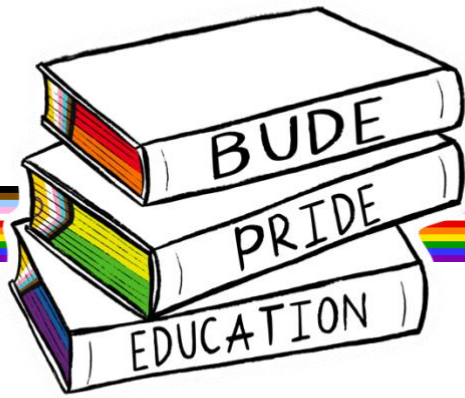
I would appreciate a logical explanation for the flag protocol that requires that on Armed Forces Day a flag pole cannot be shared with a Pride flag. I would like to recommend a change to that protocol, and I would like the council to clearly publish the logic behind their decision. In my opinion the lack of clear communication around the decisions running up to the events contributed greatly to the escalation in the press. I expect that this issue will continue to resurface until there is more open communication.

On the matter of communication, I also wanted to note the Mayor’s reference of guidelines relating to bullying and harassment. As you may know, the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 indicates that someone’s actions amount to harassment when they make the victim feel distressed, humiliated, threatened, or fearful of further violence. I would like to make it clear, that in my mind, raising concerns to the council and asking for their response is not tantamount to harassment. Moreover, I believe it is their duty to respond to ensure strong community debate and healthy dialogue for all citizens. I fully support the need for that to be done in a way that is respectful and professional, but it

is also critical to ensure that the council's responses and actions are helping to safeguard minority groups in our communities from becoming distressed, humiliated, threatened, or fearful of violence. All of these things are regularly a reality for our marginalized communities including in Bude, and it is naive to believe that Bude is a happy, carefree place for all.

Finally, I wanted to acknowledge and thank you for the important role you play as voluntary leaders for our community. I appreciate that it is a difficult task and weighs heavily in terms of the burden of responsibility. Leaders are human and we don't always get things right first time. For what it is worth, I would also be happy to help advise the council on a pro bono basis from time to time on matters such as these if you would like to seek a professional perspective from an expert with experience in addressing these kinds of issues at scale. I undertake this role both in my professional day to day employment as well as a volunteer for various organisations and as a board member of a Foundation.

Yours Faithfully,



25th July 2023

RE: Response to Your Statement and Proposed Actions

Dear Mayor Mike Dawe and all Bude Stratton Town Councillors,

First and foremost, we are grateful for your willingness to address the recent events that have taken place in our community. As a key event and organisation in Bude - as well as citizens here - we understand the challenging role you have as our mayor.

We agree that open communication fosters a stronger, more inclusive community. However, we're writing to address misunderstandings in your recent statement and offer some constructive thoughts on moving forward.

We acknowledge your concern regarding "harmful stereotypes" about our town - we don't want these either. However, we're concerned that you might consider them to be just that. For the LGBTQ+ residents in Bude these prejudices are real and based on our daily experiences.

Our town is close-knit. We're proud to live in a town that cares so much about its surroundings. But the idea that everyone gets along despite their differences does not accurately reflect the experiences of marginalised groups in Bude.

The LGBTQ+ community in Bude is regularly subjected to prejudice and discrimination.

Homophobia is, unfortunately, not an isolated issue. In the last year alone, there have been LGBTQ+ hate crimes in Bude; harmful stereotypes about MPOX (monkeypox) spread online; online prejudiced trolling towards LGBTQ+ events and individuals; daily uncomfortable stares towards same-sex couples; great the discomfort and prejudice faced by LGBTQ+ individuals in town year-round.

These examples serve as painful reminders of the work that needs to be done to make Bude the safer and more accepting environment you described in your statement. They demonstrate the unresolved issues we need to address.

As a community, as a council - and I hope as our Mayor, I hope we can agree it's time we must face this uncomfortable truth. Only then can we work collaboratively to overcome it.

In response to your call for working together as a community, we wholeheartedly agree. The sooner we can put the last few weeks behind us - the faster we can work together to make Bude the kind of place that gets international recognition for its ability to be steps ahead of rural towns all over the UK where prejudices remain entrenched.

To move forward constructively, we propose that the council focuses on these actions:

1. **Creating a Safer Environment:** The council should actively work to make Bude a safer place for LGBTQ+ individuals throughout the year. We believe the best way to begin this process is to engage with local LGBTQ+ residents in an open focus group-style session so our voices and experiences can be heard. Through these open dialogues, we hope the council can first understand and then take concrete actions to address the challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community. We are keen to help ensure good attendance from the community by boosting any outreach or advertising for it.
2. **Social Media Policies:** It is imperative that the council reviews and revise the community management and social media policies to prevent the spread of misinformation and harmful content, as we've seen in the last few weeks. The lack of official communication or response from the council left a vacuum filled by misinformation. It put people on all sides at the harm of real-world violence and the emotional trauma of dealing with a bombardment of online comments. It's something we as an organisation will be reviewing, and we hope the council will also take prompt action to have an effective and working policy ready for when issues arise.
3. **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Training:** To better serve all community members, the council and its staff could benefit from Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion training. EDI training will enhance the council's understanding of marginalised communities and their unique challenges, ultimately promoting a more inclusive and compassionate environment. This sometimes feels tokenistic - but good EDI practice doesn't just improve the lives of marginalised people; it's been shown to improve the lives of all people. We think this is an incredible opportunity for the council to lead our town and the rest of Cornwall into the future. One that will help create an even stronger tourism industry, an empowered community, and a caring town for all.

Addressing the issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community and other marginalised groups requires active engagement, empathy, and a commitment to fostering inclusivity. By acknowledging the realities faced by these communities, we can take significant steps toward building a more harmonious and accepting Bude for everyone.

We recognise this work isn't easy and takes time to get right. But we're invested in making Bude a wonderful town - just like the council is. We're ready to support, advise and share our knowledge to make this work as barrier free as possible for the council. We look forward to witnessing and working with you on your work towards a positive change and a stronger sense of togetherness in our town.

Please consider the proposed actions seriously, as they can contribute to meaningful progress and reconciliation within our community. Together, we can create a more vibrant and united Bude that embraces the diversity of its residents and ensures the well-being and safety of all.

We'd like this letter to be shared with all Bude Stratton Town Councillors as correspondence before the next Full Council meeting on the 3rd August, so that it may be reflected upon then.

Sincerely,

Bude Pride Education

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26/07/2023

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Dear Mayor and Esteemed Councillors,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today with a deep sense of concern and reflection after attending a recent Bude and Stratton Town Council meeting.

While I commend the council for its efforts to serve the community, I am compelled to share my observations and concerns regarding the presence of misogyny and biases within the council.

Throughout the meeting, I couldn't help but notice a recurring pattern that troubled me deeply: a seemingly unintentional yet evident air of misogyny that seemed to silence women, undervalue their contributions, and overlook their lived experiences.

Multiple times, I witnessed women articulating valid arguments that were seemingly dismissed or not given due recognition until reiterated by male councillors. This dynamic perpetuates a disheartening message, unintentional as it may be, that women's voices carry less weight within the council's deliberations.

One particular remark stood out when a councillor suggested that those unable to attend meetings should reconsider their role as councillors. While I understand the importance of attendance, this statement fails to acknowledge the broader societal issues and responsibilities that disproportionately affect women. Patriarchal norms often place additional caregiving burdens on women, making it challenging for them to attend meetings at times convenient for male councillors. This approach could leave councillors with all kinds of different lived experiences and circumstances excluded from essential decision-making processes.

My concern extends beyond these isolated incidents and indicates a potential systemic issue of misogyny within the council. An environment that creates feelings of inadequacy and deters talented women from seeking leadership roles, ultimately hampering the council's ability to represent the diverse perspectives of our community effectively.

Furthermore, I must address the alarming tactics employed by the mayor during the meeting. Describing what should be passionate public engagement as "firey" sends a disheartening message, implying that an enthusiastic and impassioned approach to civic involvement is undesirable.

Our local town council should encourage and value the active participation of its citizens, ensuring an inclusive and respectful atmosphere for all. The Mayor's approach to the public last month did not uphold the standards of objectivity, leadership and selflessness.

It is essential for the council to take immediate action to address these concerns and foster an environment where all individuals feel heard, valued, and empowered to participate actively in community matters.

Therefore, I would like to see the council establish a mechanism for tracking the council's progress in addressing these concerns and regularly sharing updates with the community.

I know the Bude and Stratton Town Council wishes to portray itself as an inclusive and forward-thinking institution, genuinely representing the interests of all community members.

By acknowledging and taking active steps to combat misogyny and promote inclusivity, the council can set an inspiring example for other local authorities.

I request that this letter be shared with all councillors and read out at the next meeting, as it is essential for every member of the council to be aware of these reflections.

Moreover, I request this matter and letter to be escalated to Cornwall Council to carefully consider these matters and guide Bude and Stratton Town Council on fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment within the council.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. I hope that, for the sake of our wonderful town and the incredible citizens who live here, you can lead the way in making positive change and move towards a brighter and more equal future for our community.

Sincerely,



Cornish Town and Parish Councils

Your ref:

My ref: PSPOcons

Date: May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Public Spaces Protection Order renewals

We have a number of dog related Public Spaces Protection Orders which will expire on 15 October 2023. These were agreed in 2020 and have been in force for a period of 3 years, they now must be reviewed and if appropriate renewed.

We are now seeking views as part of the formal consultation process regarding the existing restrictions. This consultation is being made available to all our key stakeholders including Town and Parish Councils, major land owners, the police and other interested local and national bodies.

We have 4 orders for renewal:-

[Dog Fouling](#) – This order currently makes it an offence for a person in charge of a dog not to clear up after them in any public space. The detail and exemptions are set out in the order which can be seen by clicking on the hyperlink.

[Dog Exclusion Order](#) – This makes it an offence to take a dog into an excluded area. The detail, exemptions and list of areas included are set out in the order which can be seen by clicking on the hyperlink.

[Dogs on Leads](#) – This makes it an offence not to have a dog on a lead in certain prescribed areas. The detail, exemptions and list of areas included are set out in the order which can be seen by clicking on the hyperlink.

[Dogs on Leads by direction](#) – This gives the ability for an authorised officer to require a dog to be put on a lead should it be causing a nuisance. The detail and exemptions are set out in the order which can be seen by clicking on the hyperlink.

Breach of any of these orders may result in a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice or a maximum of a £1,000 fine.

The Council is proposing to renew these orders in their current format. We are however seeking your views on this and if you would like any changes. In particular Town and Parish Councils should consider if the areas set out in the schedule are still appropriate for the restrictions to be applied.



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You can let us know your views by emailing or writing directly or completing the attached short questionnaire. **Please ensure all responses are received by 15 August 2023.** Emails to cep@cornwall.gov.uk

If you would like further information or would like to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Renewal of PSPOs – Dogs on Leads, Dog Fouling, Dogs Prohibited and Dogs on Leads by Direction Stakeholders Questionnaire

Q1) Please provide the following details:

Name of organisation :

Your name:

Your role within the organisation :

Dog Fouling <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/esadwlqa/pspo-for-dog-fouling.pdf>

Q2 – Are you happy for the current order to be renewed? YES / NO

Q3 – If ‘No’ what changes would you like?

Q4 - Any other comments?

Dog Exclusion Order <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/bjpmam5t/pspo-dog-exclusion-order-2020.pdf>

Q5 – Are you happy for the current order to be renewed? YES / NO

Q6 – If ‘No’ what changes would you like?

Q7 - Any other comments?



Dogs on Leads <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/wflgw44z/pspo-for-dogs-on-leads.pdf>

Q8 – Are you happy for the current order to be renewed? YES / NO

Q9 – If 'No' what changes would you like?

Q10 - Any other comments?

Dogs on Leads by Direction <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/yzypdrlu/pspo-for-dogs-on-leads-by-direction.pdf>

Q11 – Are you happy for the current order to be renewed? YES / NO

Q12 – If 'No' what changes would you like?

Q13 - Any other comments?



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The Wheeled Sports Project

Update

Legal

Progress has been made with the licences for the devolution of the current skate park and extra piece of land, we have had officer to officer reviews with Cornwall Council as well as seeking advice from our own lawyers. We are waiting for the final draft which can then be converted to a lease ready to approve seal.

Reports & Tender

- The updated ecology report for the whole site has been received and we have commissioned the utilities survey for August.
- Everything for the tender for the ground investigation work is being finalised, we will also require permission from Cornwall Council to proceed on the land before these can take place, a request for mobilisation this September has been submitted.
- We have been advised that the ground we are looking to commence work on have Archaeological Potential for Bronze Age Barrows (burial mounds) and settlements. As such we have commissioned a Heritage Impact Assessment to be undertaken for the site along with the mitigations that will be required including a watching brief for any ground excavations on site. This will impact the cost of the project going forward as they were not previously factored in. We are awaiting forecasts for this.
- Dates have been scheduled for the tender draft for early September with submission to follow assuming we have the final permissions and reports in place.

Funding

Having reviewed the funding guidance for all applications we are of the opinion that to enable successful bids there is a need and expectation for us to have a large activities programme alongside the capital build project.

Following the recent decision by 2-Minute Beach Clean to surrender their lease of the beach offices we are proposing that the use of this building could be brought into the activities programme for the wheeled sports project.

This would include seeking funding for this building to be renovated for a youth facility along with a youth worker which would be funded for a year from the applications if successful.

We have sought advice from our fellow officers in the County and this route has been taken before and proved successful.

Overview:

We are therefore looking for approval from Council to allow this proposal to be put forward within the funding applications on the basis that if successful this building would be allocated as a youth space for the community. Further plans and details of this proposal will be tabled in October once further developed for the funding applications.

In the interim period, improvements are being made to the exterior of the building by the Facilities Manager, there is also a request from Bude at War to make use of the building from September 15-17th 2023 for their event.

Option:

1.a- To approve the use of the beach offices at Crooklets for inclusion in the funding applications for the Wheeled Sports Project, with additional detail being put forward in October once the bids have been fully developed.

1.b- To approve the use of the beach office by Bude at War for the 3 days in September 2023.