

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th JULY 2023

Cllrs present: M Dawe (Chair), A Bluett, K Colwill, L Corrigan-Turner, S Dearing, J Diffey, V Herbert-Coulson, E Hanna, S Haynes, P La Broy, T O’Sullivan, P Purchase, A Tame, L Quinton,
C Cllrs: P La Broy, S Tilbey
Officers present: I Saltern – Acting Town Clerk (ATC), T Gliddon – Assistant Clerk Admin (AC), F Churchill-Zerilli – Projects/Strategies Manager (PSM), J Goode – Communications Officer (CO)
Public: 11 Meeting start time: 6pm

The Mayor read the NALC Respectability and Civility pledge to those present.

FC/122/23 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllrs: S Browning, K Goode, P Moores,
C Cllr N Chopak

FC/123/23 To receive declarations of interest and non-registered disclosable pecuniary and non-registerable interests

None received.

FC/124/23 Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations

None received.

The Mayor used his discretion to make a statement regarding the flying of flags from BSTC flag poles this year.

The Acting Town Clerk (ATC) introduced an urgent item not on the agenda for consideration. The item was regarding an application for Wayleave Consent from National Grid to lay cables across BSTC land from Summerleaze Crescent to the Summerleaze Carpark to service electric charging points in the carpark. It was explained that this needed to be agreed this week or the funding for the works would be lost.

Resolved: to approve the Wayleave Consent

FC/125/23 Minutes

a) Minutes – Full Council: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15th June 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 – 7th and 21st June 2023

ii) Oversight Committee – 15th June 2023

iii) Staffing Committee – 26th June 2023

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

c) Minutes – Recommendations: To consider and agree:

i) SC/38/23(i) That the Staffing Committee recommend the proposed changes to the staffing structure to Full Council along with costings.

Resolved: that the Full Council agree recommendation SC/38/23

ii) SC/38/23(ii) That the Staffing Committee recommend to Full Council a restructure of the Committees in line with the proposals.

Resolved: that this recommendations be deferred to a later Full Council meeting

FC/126/23 To formally note the appointment of Tatiana Cant as the new Town Clerk and proper officer of the Council, commencing on 1st August 2023

The appointment of Tatiana Cant was formally noted by the Council.

FC/127/23

Correspondence received

Sand rail truck path, Summerleaze Beach. *Cllr La Broy reported that the path had been closed due to the urgent need for repairs in the area and CC would reopen it as soon as possible when repairs had taken place.*

Tamar Coast to Coast Way - correspondence was noted

Abbeyfield House – correspondence was noted

FC/128/23

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

C Cllr P La Broy – reported that abstraction of water from river Neet to keep the Canal full had been stopped this week due to low rain fall, in turn the harbour was closed to lock ins. The inaugural Area Partnership meeting had taken place this month. He reported that the Heads of Terms agreement to devolve the skate park from CC to BSTC had been agreed. A By election has been called for the Bude ward of BSTC on the 27th July, this will be the first election where photo ID will be required and CC will be putting out comms to remind voters. He discussed the issue of overnight parking in Bude. He and fellow Cllr had attended meeting at Stratton MIU. He had met with the new Berries Ave action group and attended the chatter bus event. He would be meeting with the dog warden tomorrow. Cllr La Broy took questions from the floor.

C Cllr Shorne Tilbey: discussed the Shared Prosperity Fund and Community Capacity Fund. He had attended the meeting at Stratton MIU. He would be attending D & C Crime Prevention meeting.

FC/129/23

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

Members of the public present spoke re: Compass Point Project and the orientation of the new build. The 200th Anniversary of the Bude Canal and the opening of the Helebridge Barge Workshop to the public this Sunday through to September. Health & Safety checks to the Bude light, the Skate Park, The river Neet weir, Town Team Consultation and Stratton Stores.

FC/130/23

To receive a proposal from Cognition Learning to provide a summer programme with assistance from BSTC and approve the use of the budget / reserves.

Resolved: that the proposal be accepted. That the budget of £5000 + £500 from reserves (if necessary) be approved.

FC/131/23

To receive a progress report on the Compass Point Storm Tower and agree any associated actions

The PSM gave members an update on the progress of works. School visits on site and in schools had taken place as per Lottery stipulations. Visits by the wider public would be taking place later in the summer. Time lapse cameras have been installed to show progress. Feedback from members of the public who have visited the site and spoken with the worker on site has been good. The PSM discussed some of the issues with the cement, replacement stone and pointing. It was reported that the project is behind schedule at this point but the site manager is hopeful that this can be made up and there is no change to the anticipated finish of the project in October. The PSM took any questions from the floor.

FC/132/23

To receive a progress report on the Wheeled Sports Facility (Skate Park) project and agree any associated actions

The PSM reported that due to the underground cabling next to the current site on Summerleaze Downs and the costs that will be incurred to protect the site from damage that an alternative plan be put forward.

The PSM took questions from the floor.

Cllr A Tame left the meeting 8.42pm

Resolved: that BSTC agree the expansion of the site area to include more land owned by BSTC, thus preventing the need to build on or close to the Transatlantic data cable.

FC/133/23 To receive a request from Hayle Town Council to write in support of Cornwall Council to the Secretary of State, South West Water and the Environment Agency regarding holding the water companies to account on the dumping of sewage in our seas.

Resolved: that BSTC write a letter in support.

FC/134/23 To consider a motion from Cllr O’Sullivan "propose that BSTC adopt a policy of requesting the granting of planning permission for future housing developments be conditional upon making sites available to Community Land Trusts where appropriate"

Resolved: that this matter be taken as an agenda item at a Planning Committee meeting.

FC/135/23 To discuss having a meet the Cllr stand at the Holsworthy and Stratton Agricultural Show - 24th August 2023

Resolved: that BSTC have a stand at the Holsworthy and Stratton Agricultural Show.

FC/136/23 Flag Flying requests

i) British Merchant Navy Red Ensign on the Shalder Hill flagpole on British Merchant Navy Day annually on 3rd September 2023

Resolved: that the Navy Red Ensign be flown on Shalder Hill on 3rd September 2023

ii) Allied Flags on Elizabeth Mast- 15-17th September – Bude at War

Resolved: That Allied Flags be flown from the Elizabeth mast 15-17 Sept for the Bude at War event.

FC/137/23 Committee Membership – to elect the voting Members for the following Committees of the Council

i) Oversight Committee (12 voting members) – 2 vacancies

Resolved: Cllr Peter La Broy be elected to the Oversight Committee.

ii) Planning Committee (9 voting members) – 2 vacancies

No nominees were received

FC/138/23 To approve the renewal of the letting of Unit 3 Lower Wharf (in accordance with the policy) and authorise the sealing of the lease

Resolved: that the lease be approved and sealed.

FC/139/23 To note the Q1 position and approve any movements of the Council’s reserves

Resolved: that the Q1 position was noted and approved.

FC/140/23 Financial Report:

i) Schedule of Payments made between 16th June 2023 and 6th July 2023

Resolved: that the schedule of payments made were noted.

ii) Schedule of Payments to be made on 7th July 2023

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

Chair closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Chair’s Signature..... Date.....