



Full Council Minutes

Meeting held at 6pm on Thursday 7th September 2023
in the Conference Room, Parkhouse Centre, Bude

Present: Cllrs Dawe (Chair), Aulsberry-Vockins, Bluett, Browning, Colwill, Corrigan-Turner, Dearing, Diffey, Goode, Herbert-Coulson, Hanna, Haynes, La Broy, O'Sullivan, Purchase, Quinton and Tame

In Attendance: T Cant (Town Clerk), I Saltern (Deputy Town Clerk), F Churchill-Zerilli (Projects & Strategy Manager), J Goode (Communications Officer), T Gliddon (Assistant Clerk admin) and 9 members of the public

Public participation: The Chair of Bude Sea Pool Committee spoke regarding the ownership of the Sea Pool and the possibility of it being devolved to BSTC along with the path over Summerleaze Downs leading to the pool. He also discussed a new building at the top level of the pool site.

A member of the BCBS reported that visitor numbers to the workshop had been down on last year's figures. He also spoke about the upcoming Canal site visits taking place on 7th & 21st October. Members of the public also discussed Item 7 committee structure, dredging of the Bude Canal (C Cllr La Broy to follow up), Pride education books in schools, the National Flag on Shalder Hill, and the new name for the Community Area Partnership.

FC/163/23 To receive apologies and accept reasons for any non-attendance
Apologies had been received from Cllr P Moores due to work commitments and the reasons were accepted.

FC/164/23 To receive Declarations of Interest and note any dispensations granted
Cllr K Goode declared a pecuniary interest in item 9b. No dispensations had been granted.

FC/165/23 To note any reports from Cornwall Councillors
C Cllr La Broy: reported meetings with the Policing Team, who had requested feedback re: the most important issue facing Bude at this time, Budehaven school re antisocial behaviour and floodlighting on Astro turf pitch. He discussed the Levelling Up funding for small businesses still available from CC and the Stage Coach No 6 Exeter/Bude bus route. CC were to undertake a tourism enquiry in the autumn. Traffic consultations for traffic orders were now live. Cllr La Broy took questions from the floor.

FC/166/23 Approval of Minutes and Resolutions – 3rd August 2023
Cllr Haynes requested an amendment to the minutes: FC/148/23 Cllr Haynes had expressed an interest on the agenda item Bude Climate Partnership. FC/149/23 and requested a dispensation to speak on the Bude Climate Partnership item which had been granted.

Resolved: The minutes, with the amendment above, were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

FC/167/23 To receive and note the Minutes of the following Committee meetings

a. Planning Committee – 16th & 30th August 2023

b. Oversight Committee – 17th August 2023

Resolved: that the minutes of the above Committees were noted.

FC/168/23 To approve recommendations of Oversight Committee

a. OS/095/23 – *that BSTC hold a 4 day Bude Lit Fest for 2024, 3 days of ticketed events recording staff time and KPIs where possible and that there be an aspiration to recoup 50% costs from revenue ticket sales and sponsorship*

PP – outlined

Resolved: that the recommendation to hold a 4 day Bude Lit Fest in 2024 be approved.

FC/169/23 To approve proposed new committee structure, terms of reference and membership

The Mayor requested that the Council suspend Standing Order 28.1 in order to continue with agenda item 7.

Resolved: to suspend standing order 28.1

Discussion took place with regard to the previously circulated papers

Resolved: that the proposed committee structure and terms of reference be approved.

Resolved: that membership of the Democratic & Corporate Services Committee comprise Cllrs Browning, Dawe, Diffey, Hanna, Haynes, Goode, La Broy, O’Sullivan, Purchase

Resolved: that membership of the Facilities & Environmental Services Committee comprise Cllrs Aulsberry-Vockin, Browning, Colwill, Dearing, Hanna, Herbert-Coulson, Goode, Purchase, Quinton

Resolved: that membership of the Cultural & Heritage Committee comprise Cllrs Aulsberry-Vockin, Dearing, Diffey, Colwill, Goode, Haynes, La Broy, Quinton, ame

Resolved: that Cllr Aulsberry-Vockin be appointed to the Planning Committee.

Resolved: that Cllrs Bluett, and Corrigan-Turner be appointed to the Staffing Committee.

It was noted that the active working groups were:

Procurement, comprising Cllrs Purchase, Hanna, Diffey, Goode and Colwill.

Officer support being I Saltern, E Mason, and T Gliddon

Emergency Planning, comprising Cllrs Colwill, Goode, Purchase and Hanna.

Officer support being S Hayes and I Saltern

Winter support, comprising Cllrs Tame, Corrigan-Turner, Quinton, Aulsberry-Vockin, La Broy. Officer support being F Chrchill-Zerrilli and I Saltern

FC/170/23 To approve Social Media Policy

It was reported that there was an existing Policy for Staff only and this new Policy would incorporate Town Councillors. Discussion took place.

Resolved: that this item be referred to the Democratic & Corporate Services Committee.

FC/171/23 To approve finance reports

a. Schedule of Payments made between 18th August 2023 - 7th September 2023

Resolved: that the payments made were noted.

Cllr Goode left the meeting

Schedule of Payments to be made on 8th September 2023

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

Cllr Goode returned to the meeting

a. Overview of council's financial position (reserves summary)

The Town Clerk outlined the item and previously circulated papers. Lengthy discussion took place re: the current reserves, re-allocation of funds to new Committees and future budget setting.

Resolved: that Full Council instruct the Democratic & Corporate Services committee to scrutinise the BSTC reserves as a whole, and consider re-allocation of monies appropriately where applicable.

FC/172/23 To agree response to proposal for School Food Support

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

FC/173/23 To receive updates from Lead Councillors on community activities and outside bodies

a. Town Council Environmental achievements 2019-2023

Cllr Purchase reported that she had worked with the Facilities Manager to produce the previously circulated paper. The Facilities Team had worked hard on turning BSTC around to greatly improved environmental practices. The Carbon offset was a little slower, nevertheless this was happening and we were working significantly to reach the goals set.

b. Holsworthy & Stratton Show 2023 – Cllrs had attended the recent show and were pleased with the outcomes.

c. Town Team – Cllr Purchase gave an overview of the recent meeting and the proposed projects

d. Cllr Goode discussed CC Economic Development and an upcoming skills camp on 18th Sept. Any groups interested in running a skills camp should get in touch with Cllr Goode.

e. Cllr Dearing reported on the recent Bude Climate Partnership meeting.

FC/174/23 To receive items of correspondence from the Clerk

a. Additional items received after agenda issue.

None were received.

FC/175/23 To note date of next meeting: Thursday 5th October 2023

Noted.

FC/176/23 To resolve that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw

Resolved: agreed that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

FC/177/23 To receive a verbal update on the Storm Tower

It was reported that a senior member of the team at the tower build had been taken ill and sustained injuries whilst on site. The company had since made changes to the team, with a new foreman now on site. Work was now 7 weeks behind. More resources would be brought in to make up some of the time. £26,000 of the allocated £35,000 contingency had been spent.

The schools education packs had been delivered and would be taken to the relevant schools the following week. The PSM took question from the floor re: costs of delays, contingency spend and education packs for home school community.

Member noted the update.

FC/178/23 To approve recommendation from the Staffing Committee: amendments to some salaries

Resolved: to approve recommendations from the staffing committee

FC/179/23 To agree media statement

The Town Clerk read out the media statement.

The Chair proposed to extend the meeting by 15 mins.

Resolved: to agree to extend the meeting.

Discussion took place.

**Resolved to agree statement relating to the flying of the Pride Flag in June.
The statement would be published on the BSTC website.**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Chair's Signature.....

Date.....