



Full Council Minutes

Meeting held at 6pm on Thursday 5th October 2023
in the Conference Room, Parkhouse Centre, Bude

Present: Cllrs Dawe (Chair), Aulsberry-Vockins, Bluett, Browning, Colwill, Corrigan-Turner, Dearing, Goode, Herbert-Coulson, La Broy, O'Sullivan, 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 20 members of the public

Public participation:

A member of the Bude Canal & Harbour Society reported on the visitor numbers to the Barge Workshop this summer season. Other subjects discussed were Bude at War, Bus routes Bude – Newquay, Pearl exchange, proposed Crematorium at Widemouth Bay (A39).

FC/180/23 To receive apologies and accept reasons for any non-attendance
Apologies had been received from Cllr Diffey (family commitment), Hanna (illness), Haynes (work commitment), Purchase (family commitment), and Quinton (personal) and the reasons were accepted.
C Cllrs Tilbey and Chopak gave their apologies.

FC/181/23 To receive Declarations of Interest and note any dispensations granted
No declarations of interest were received and no dispensations granted.

FC/182/23 To receive a brief presentation from the Pearl Exchange
No members of the Pearl Exchange attended the meeting.

FC/183/23 To note any reports from Cornwall Councillors
C Cllr P La Broy – reported on the meetings he had attended this month, Economic growth & development, CC full meeting, met with residents Casebourne Mews to re-establish the gardens in the area. He is working with CC highways to work on local footpath upgrades and the levelling up fund has now had two applications from Bude projects. The recent Traffic Consultations are complete with Bude schemes to go ahead as planned.
Cllr La Broy took questions from the floor.

Cllr Dearing arrived at the meeting 6.15pm

FC/184/23 a) Minutes - Full Council: to approve the minutes of the previous meeting 7th September 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:
i) Planning Committee – 13th & 27th September 2023
ii) Corporate & Democratic Services – 21st September 2023
iii) Facilities & Environmental Services Committee – 28th September 2023
Resolved: that the minutes (listed above) were received and noted.
c) Minutes – Recommendations: To consider and agree:

CD/014/23 - lease for EV chargers at The Parkhouse Centre – *Res: to recommend to Full Council that BSTC do not agree to change from a licence to a lease.*

Resolved: that the recommendation be deferred until a meeting scheduled with representatives of the company took place.

Chair used his desecration to allow item 17 next on the agenda for ease the minutes will be written in agenda order

FC/185/23 To receive a verbal report from the Staffing Committee

The TC reported that all areas of BSTC had experienced a significant amount of IT downtime in recent weeks due to disruptions. A plan of action to look at the IT resource was ongoing. Staff appraisals were being carried out. A new Legal and Policy's Officer had now been appointed. The role for Projects Officer would be re-advertised. The report was noted.

FC/186/23 To receive the Mayor's Report for August and September

The Mayor had attended the Okehampton Civic Parade which Connect Bude also attended. He had alongside Cllr La Broy judged the artwork received from local young people of the Storm Tower: prize giving to be the following week at the Castle. The Wave benches made from the Triangle tree were to be unveiled in the Triangle on Thursday 12th October at 3pm.

C/187/23 To note request from Friends of Bude Sea Pool for BSTC to take over ownership of the Bude Sea Pool, and decide whether to investigate further at committee level

The Chair used his discretion and allowed the Chair of Friends of Bude Seapool (FoBSP) to speak during the debate.

The Chair FoBSP spoke regarding the ownership of the Sea Pool and the possibility of the building being devolved from CC to BSTC, along with the public pathway leading to the pool over Summerleaze Downs. He also discussed the vision for a new building at the top level of the pool site. Discussion took place and the group was advised to explore options for taking on ownership of the facility themselves.

The Council noted the request.

FC/188/23 To approve finance reports:

a. Schedule of Payments made between 8th September 2023 and 5th October 2023

Resolved: that the payments made were noted.

b. Schedule of Payments to be made on 6th October 2023

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

FC/189/23 To agree response to request for financial support from the Pearl Exchange

Chair reported on meeting with Pearl Exchange.

Resolved: that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted, it is agreed to discuss the item in the closed session at the end of the agenda.

FC/190/23 To receive a verbal update on Compass Point project and agree any associated actions

The PSM advised members that there had been a meeting of the Compass Point Project team today. The current situation with regard to the delay in finishing the project was outlined, with the end date now being approximately 22nd January 2024. The Tower and roof would be complete by 12th December 2023, with the external works being completed in Jan 2024. The Cross would be replaced on the tower and time capsule put in place on 11th December. All Cllrs were invited to attend. The PSM took questions from the floor and the update was noted.

The members thanked the PSM for all the work undertaken during the project.

FC/191/23 To receive updates from Lead Councillors on community activities and outside bodies

Cllr Goode – reported that the Bude Climate Partnership would be holding an evening meeting re: Sustainable Tourism on 13th October along with connect Bude.
Cllr O’Sullivan – discussed the Holsworthy to Bude multi use trail representatives.

- FC/192/23** **To agree any updates to Lead Councillor representation**
Resolved: that Cllr Aulsbery-Vockins be appointed joint lead for youth.
Resolved: that Cllr Tame be appointed joint lead for Inclusion.
- FC/193/23** **To elect member to fill vacancy on Planning Committee**
No members nominated.
- FC/194/23** **To receive notification on celebration of D-Day Landings and agree any council involvement**
Discussion took place with regard to a fossil fuel beacon. The PSM discussed options with members.
Resolved: the item be referred to Heritage & Cultural Services Committee to explore options.
- FC/195/23** **To review Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) 2014 - Employers Discretions Policy**
The Town Clerk outlined the item to the members and the Policy was reviewed.
Res: that the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) 2014 - Employers Discretions Policy was reviewed and noted.
- FC/196/23** **To consider options to purchase Hele Valley Woodland**
Cllr O’Sullivan had brought the agenda item forward to open the discussion re the land for sale at Hele Valley.
Chair used his discretion and allowed members of the public present to speak during the debate. Lengthy discussion took place re the use of the land for the wider community and possible options available to a community group to look at going forward with a view to acquiring the land.
Resolved: that BSTC offer support in principle for the preservation of the woodland and public access. That this item be referred to the Corporate & Democratic Services committee for further investigation.
- FC/197/23** **To receive any additional items of correspondence from the Clerk**
The Town Clerk reported that there had been an approach from the Royal British Legion (RBL) to organize the Remembrance Day Parade this year. The Clerk had agreed to put arrangements into place this year. This would not set a precedent for BSTC to organize the event in perpetuity. The report was noted by the members.
- FC/198/23** **To note date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd November 2023**
The date of the next meeting was noted.
- FC/199/23** **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.

