



Full Council Minutes

Meeting held at 6pm on Thursday 7th March 2024
in the Conference Room, Parkhouse Centre, Bude

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

In Attendance: T Cant - Town Clerk (TC), I Saltern – Deputy Town Clerk (DTC), F Churchill- Zerilli - Project & Strategy Manager (PSM), T. Gliddon (Assistant Clerk admin)

Public: 3

Public participation: Public present make comments re: Go Cars, Bude Canal & Harbour Society exploring the Canal having historic harbour status, Bude Canal repairs and dredging, CC making space for sand, the Breakwater/Tommy’s Pitt failing repairs – C Cllr La Broy responded to questions re: canal and breakwater repairs. Cllr Dearing responded re making space for sand. Cllr Colwill reported the death of Mrs Barbara Blood.

FC/032/24 To receive apologies and accept reasons for any non-attendance

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Browning (personal) and Hanna (health). The reasons were accepted.

C Cllrs S Tilbey and N Chopak had sent their apologies.

FC/033/24 To receive Declarations of Interest and note any dispensations granted

None received.

FC/034/24 To note Decision Notice relating to Code of Conduct complaint: Tony Gibbs v. Cllr Goode

The Mayor read a statement to members re: the ruling of CC Monitoring Officer, which was to uphold the complaint. The decision was noted.

FC/035/24 To receive the Mayor’s Report

It was reported that the official Storm Tower opening had had to be postponed until 26th March 2024, to which all Cllrs are invited to attend. The Mayor commented on the official opening of the new area in the Bencoolen play area, and tree planting event. The Mayor had been invited to a Lego event which Cllr Purchase attended on his behalf. Cllr Purchase commented that this had been well attended and successful event. The Mayor thanked PSM and her team for all their hard work to get the Storm Tower project to its conclusion.

FC/036/24 To note any reports from Cornwall Councillors

C Cllr La Broy reported that the Cornwall Council budget for 24/25 would have a 4.99% increase, the maximum that could be requested. He also reported that Rodds Bridge was currently closed for repairs and hoped that works would be carried out by the autumn. He also reported re: the Canal and dredging works and repairs to the wooden footbridge at Crooklets beach. Cllr La Broy took questions from the floor.

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a) Full Council: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2024 and extraordinary meeting held on 8th February 2024

Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate account of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

b. Committees: to receive and note the minutes of committee meetings:

i. Planning Committee –14th & 28th February 2024

ii Cultural & Heritage Committee – 8th February 2024

iii Corporate & Democratic Committee – 22nd February 2024

Resolved: that the committee minutes listed above be noted.

c. Recommendations

i. C&D: Adopt - *Transparency Policy, London Bridge Protocol, Social Media Policy, Flag Flying Protocol (proposed amendment: Shalder Hill to be Cat A flags only)*

Transparency policy: Resolved: that the Transparency Policy be adopted with the alteration to the wording ie: 'would' to 'will' to read 'the following information will be made'

London Bridge protocol – Resolved: that the London Bridge protocol be adopted as presented.

Social media policy – Resolved: that with the removal the wording 'and objectives' from the first sentence of section 3a, that the policy be adopted.

Cllr PLB voted against.

Flag flying protocol – Members discussed the C & D recommendation 'to adopt the protocol with the proposed amendment that Shalder Hill Flag pole be for category A flags only'. A recorded vote had been requested.

Votes for the adoption of the recommendation:

Cllrs: Corrigan-Turner, Colwill, Dawe, Herbert-Coulson, La Broy, O'Sullivan, Moores.

Votes against the adoption of the recommendation:

Cllrs: Aulsberry-Vockins, Bluett, Dearing, Diffey, Goode, Haynes, Purchase, Quinton, Tame

Resolved: that the item be taken back to the C & D Committee for further debate

ii. C&D: that officers be 1) requested to investigate the possibility for the youth facility project to be run from the pitch & putt building and funding sources that could provide the revenue aspects of the project. 2) Investigate the opportunity to arrange a short term lease the pitch & putt facility for the 2024 summer season on a commercial basis.

Resolved: that officers investigate the possibility of the pitch & putt building be used for a youth facility project and that the opportunity to arrange a short term lease the pitch and putt facility for the 2024 season be investigated.

FC/038/24 To consider future governance proposals from the Town Team and approve any associated actions

The DTC outlined the proposals from the Town Team. Cllr Purchase made a point of order that the resolution from the previous meeting (**resolved: that C & D Committee recommend to Full Council that BSTC take legal or specialist advice on**) had not been fully carried out, in that legal or specialist advice had not been sought. It was agreed that the item be tabled until legal or specialist advice is sought.

FC/039/24 To appoint a consultant to deliver the Food and Activity Programme for 2024
Resolved: that LJD sport be appointed to deliver the food and activity programme for 2024.

FC/040/24 To receive an update on Compass Point project

The PSM delivered an update to members, reporting that the ten plus storms over the winter and the sheer volume of rain during February had meant the postponement of the official opening, now re-scheduled for March 26th. Tractors will be onsite before the opening to roller the site flat from the tower down to Church Path and scrape Church Path to make good the path. Members thanked the team for their work to bring the project to fruition. The update was noted.

Cllr Goode left the meeting 8.09pm

FC/041/24 To appoint a consultant to undertake the Neighbourhood Development Plan revision

The TC reported that the steering group has met and agreed to appoint a consultant to begin the preliminary works to revise the Bude NDP. Member were advised that the DTC had obtained initial grant funding for this work and would apply for the next tranche of locality funding of up to £10,000 from April 24.

Resolved: that BSTC appoint Stuart Todd associates to carry out preliminary work to revise the Bude NDP.

Cllr Tame left the meeting 8.14pm

FC/042/24 To consider a request for flag flying for June & approve any associated actions

A request to fly the Pride flag during the month of June and on Bude Pride weekend in July had been received from Cornwall Pride. The members had been made aware that as the recommended Flag flying protocol had not been adopted at this meeting, the existing Flag flying protocol stands as is, therefore at the present time no permission is needed to fly the Pride flag during June and over the Bude Pride weekend.

FC/043/24 To agree attendance at Holsworthy & Stratton Agricultural Show

Resolved: that BSTC attend the Holsworthy & Stratton Agricultural Show.

FC/044/24 To note date of next meeting: Thursday 4th April

Cllr Goode re-joined the meeting 8.20pm

The date of the next meeting was noted.

FC/045/24 To resolve to exclude the press and public due to the confidential or special nature of the business to be transacted