



Full Council Minutes

Meeting held at 6pm on Thursday 4th April 2024
in the Conference Room, Parkhouse Centre, Bude

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

In Attendance: T Cant - Town Clerk (TC), I Saltern – Deputy Town Clerk (DTC)

Public: 14

Public participation: A member of the public asked a question regarding Cornwall Council housing. A member of the public congratulated the Town Council on the launch of the relocated Storm Tower.

- FC/046/24 To receive apologies and accept reasons for any non-attendance**
Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bluett (work), Browning (health), Dearing (personal), Goode (personal), Hanna (personal), Purchase (personal), Tame (health). The reasons were accepted.
- FC/047/24 To receive any Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda**
None received.
- FC/048/24 To receive a presentation from Connect Bude**
Mr Adrian Gannon gave a presentation on behalf of Connect Bude regarding forecast passenger demand for a reinstated railway line between Okehampton and Bude. Research thus far suggests that were the line reinstated it could generate a sustainable level of use. Councillors asked questions of Mr Gannon and thanked him for his attendance.
- FC/049/24 To receive the Mayor’s Report**
The Mayor thanked staff and Councillors for assisting with the launch of the relocated Storm Tower and congratulated all for a great event. The Mayor mentioned that the early concept plans for the new skatepark were now in the public domain and had been well received.
- FC/050/24 To note any reports from Cornwall Councillors**
C Cllr La Broy also thanked staff for all their efforts in delivering the Storm Tower project and the launch event. He reported that on 11th and 12th of May the charity Adsurf would be holding an adaptive surfing roadshow in Bude. A plastic bridge has been proposed to replace the dilapidated wooden structure over the Flex stream at Crooklets and he would be contesting this proposal. The dredging of the canal was taking longer than anticipated, due to the adverse weather. Cornwall Council is seeking to repair the sand rail tracks on the Lower Wharf and he will lobby for the reopening of the footpath leading to the beach.
- FC/052/24 Minutes**
a) Full Council: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 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 listed below:
i. Facilities and Environmental Services Committee – 29th February 2024
ii. Planning Committee – 13th & 27th March 2024
ii Cultural & Heritage Committee – 21st March 2024
iii Corporate & Democratic Committee – 28th March 2024
Resolved: that the committee minutes listed above be noted.

c. To approve recommendations: Corporate & Democratic Committee – 28th March 2024
i) Flag Flying Protocol. Councillors discussed the Protocol and the issues around Shalder Hill. Members of the public were invited to comment

Resolved: that BSTC adopts the Flag Flying Protocol as presented with the following amendment to section 1. Requesting a flag to be flown by the Town Council, paragraph two (page 2) viz: “Requests from and for the community (residents of Bude-Stratton civil parish) for flags to be flown.....”

ii) To receive a report on specialist advice obtained concerning Town Team governance and approve a way forward

Resolved: That BSTC would pursue the offer of mediation from Cornwall Council; that Officers would extend the invitation to attend the proposed Cornwall Council workshop to any Councillor, and that the specialist advice received by the DTC would be shared with the Chairman of the Town Team

iii) To receive an update on the Hollabury Road allotments and approve a way forward -

Resolved: To inform the allotment holders that regrettably, for the reasons outlined by the LPO, BSTC will no longer be pursuing the issue of securing the allotments.

iv) To agree to appoint an operative for the pitch and putt facility for the summer season

Resolved: That BSTC seek expressions of interest for operating the pitch and putt facility over a period to be agreed by Officers, and that Officers have delegated responsibility to select a winning tender. Should no suitable tenders be received, BSTC will seek seasonal staff to operate the facility for a period of 8 weeks.

v) To review categorisations for organisations booking the Parkhouse - **Resolved: That sole traders employing no staff be recategorized at the lower hire rate for the Parkhouse Centre.**

FC/052/24 To agree any BSTC chairmanship of Bude Climate Partnership
Councillors discussed the paper previously circulated from BCP Project Director –
Resolved: that the DTC would remain the Chairman of the Bude Climate Partnership Partners meeting until May, when the appointment would be reviewed.

FC/053/24 To consider a request for flags to be flown from Town Council flag poles
Councillors discussed the request in light of the previously agreed Flag Flying Protocol -
Resolved: That the Gilbert Baker flag would be flown from the Parkhouse flagpole and the Elizabeth mast flagpole, and the Pride Progress flag flown from the Castle flagpole, for the month of June to mark Pride Month and during Bude Pride Weekend (27th and 28th July).

FC/054/24 To receive any correspondence from the Clerk
None received.

FC/055/24 To note date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd May 2024

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8pm

signed by the Chair