

**BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BOVEY TRACEY
ON MONDAY 2ND JULY 2018 AT 7.00PM**

Present:

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ms J H Blair
The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr G J Gribble**/*

Cllr A Allen	Cllr E Kelly
Cllr U Arnold	Cllr Mrs A J Kerswell*
Cllr R J Ashby	Cllr M Tregoning
Cllr R A Bray	
Cllr D K Elphick	

**County Cllr
*District Cllr

In attendance:

Mr M Wells – Town Clerk
Rev K Hooke – Chaplain to the Council
One member of the press
PCSO Paul Wilson
Five members of the public

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ms Blair, invited Reverend Hooke to lead prayers for those who wished to take part, before the meeting opened.

The meeting was chaired by the Town Mayor, Cllr Ms Blair

FC.18/34 Apologies for absence

Cllr M J Evans (Leave)
Cllr S P Leigh (Leave)
Cllr Ms C O Richardson (Personal commitment)
Cllr C W Robillard (Leave)
District Cllr Mrs S Morgan (Attending another meeting)

FC.18/35 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

No interests declared.

FC.18/36 Minutes

The minutes of the annual Town Council meeting held on 8.5.18 (**copy previously circulated*) were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Town Mayor.

The meeting went out of session

FC.18/37 Report of the Chaplain to the Council

Rev Hooke, Chaplain to the Council, advised on the Churches representation at The Nourish Festival in September and noted that the children's Holiday Club will take place on 22nd – 24th October 2018.

FC.18/38 **Report of the Police**

PCSO Wilson circulated a copy of the recorded crime figures for June and noted that 36 recorded crimes had taken place in the parish with a further 52 incidents recorded. He referred to instances of camp fires in Bullands Field and he stressed the importance of residents reporting any fires to the Fire Brigade or Police as there may be a risk of the fire escalating. He stated that he was pleased that the Town Council has joined the Police Crime Commissioner Council Advocate Scheme.

FC.18/39 **Questions and Statements by the Public**

In accordance with Standing Order 3F, the Town Mayor invited Members of the Public present to ask questions or make statements.

Mr P Beecher:

- i) referred to the pension settlement for Ms N Bulbeck (former TDC Chief Executive) and asked if the Town Council could make any further enquiries. The Town Mayor confirmed that this issue is not within the powers and duties of the Town Council.
- ii) stated that the Contemporary Craft Festival had been a successful event and thanked the Town Council for its involvement. On behalf of local residents, he enquired if the Town Council received any financial contribution from the organisers towards the use of Mill Marsh Park.

Mr L Calder (Neighbourhood Watch) noted an increase in low priority crime. He reported that in the Mannings Meadow/ Rendells Meadow area there have incidents of stone throwing at properties, people knocking on windows and doors and then running away. Elderly people, in particular, may feel threatened by this.

One member of the public joined the meeting at 7.08pm.

FC.18/40 **County, District and Town Councillor Reports**

DCC, TDC and Town Cllr Gribble reported that he had attended regular DCC meetings. He noted that priority is given to repairing potholes occurring on the A & B road networks. He noted the TDC consultation meetings regarding the Local Plan are taking place. Locally he had attended various meetings and events including New Park AGM. He noted that Mr Terry Westwood (former Town Clerk) and his wife had recently visited Bovey Tracey.

TDC Cllr Mrs Kerswell advised that she has been elected Chairman of Teignbridge District Council. She noted that at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting a presentation had been made on health and wellbeing schemes and indoor and outdoor pursuits run by TDC. Locally she had attended New Park AGM, a meeting regarding affordable and self build housing and Moorland Community Care AGM. She advised that she will be referring to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee concerns about new legislation for park homes.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 7.15pm.

Cllr Bray advised that he together with Cllr Ashby had appraised the Local Plan Issues Consultation review. He had attended Regeneration and Community Centre meetings.

Cllr Ashby attended Planning Committee and Community Centre meetings and a session to complete the TDC Local Plan review.

Cllr Allen attended a Community Centre meeting and a Devon Highways meeting regarding the Newton Road cycle crossing. He attended, as an observer, a Regeneration Committee meeting where traffic flow discussions were interesting. He met, representing the RP & P Committee, with Ms Nicola Wilson regarding Plastic Free Bovey. He had also attended TDC Local Plan review issues consultation.

Cllr Kelly attended regular Town Council meetings, Neighbourhood Development Plan and Regeneration Committee meetings.

Cllr Elphick reported that Heathfield Community Centre and the Heritage Trust are progressing well. He had attended a meeting with Mr John Fewings (DCC Neighbourhood Highways Manager) regarding the cycle crossing in Newton Road.

Cllr Ms Blair (Town Mayor) attended regular meetings and meetings in her capacity as Ex-officio.

The Town Mayor invited questions to County/District Councillors:

i) Cllr Elphick reported that remedial road work is required at the junction of Battle Road and Newton Road. DCC Cllr Gribble confirmed that all pothole work will be carried out in a priority order.

ii) Cllr Elphick referred an enquiry regarding the legislation of park homes to TDC Cllr Mrs Kerswell. TDC Cllr Mrs Kerswell confirmed that she will progress this at TDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting.

FC.18/41

Reports of any outside bodies

Cllr Gribble (DALC Larger Councils) advised that he had attended a recent meeting. The format and content of future DALC conferences was discussed.

Cllr Gribble (Teignbridge Rural Aid Committee) advised that he had recently undertaken site visits with TDC Cllr Amanda Ford. He noted that funding decisions will be made in July.

Cllrs Evans & Leigh (TALC) No report available as representatives absent.

Cllrs Ashby & Elphick (Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust) Cllr Ashby reported that the season is well underway. A visit to Kelly Mine will take place later in the month. He noted that 2019 will see 60th anniversary of the Moretonhampstead passenger rail line. It is hoped to arrange a commemoration event in conjunction with Buckfast Steam Railway.

Cllrs Ashby, Bray & Kerswell (Bovey Tracey Exhibition Foundation Trust) No meetings have taken place.

Cllr Allen (Bovey Tracey Information Centre Trust) advised that he will attend his first meeting this week and will then decide if he will take up the role.

Cllr Leigh (Police & Crime Commissioner Council Advocate Scheme) No report available as Cllr Leigh absent.

The meeting returned to session

FC.18/42 Election of Sub-Committees:

Members considered the appointment of Members for 2018/19 to the following Sub-Committee (deferred from 8th May 2018): Appeals Committee
It was noted that previously the Committee Chairmen together with the Town Mayor made up this group. Cllr Evans (Chair of Planning Committee) has agreed to be nominated in his absence.

Resolved:

To appoint Cllrs Allen, Evans, Kelly, Leigh together Ms Blair (Ex-officio) to the Appeals Committee.

FC.18/43 Recreation, Parks & Property (RP&P) Committee:

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 4.6.18 (**draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

Members considered the following Committee recommendations/deferred matters.

ii) Referred item (RP&P.18/32) for Full Council to consider a request for the creation of a mobile catering concession at Mill Marsh Park (**copy previously circulated*).
Following discussion it was

Resolved

To decline the request.

iii) Members considered:

- a) Supporting the Bovey Tracey Plastic Free Community Project (RP&P.18/37).
- b) Commit to reducing the use of single-use plastic.
- c) To nominate Cllr Allen as representative on the Campaign.

Resolved

- a) To support the Bovey Tracey Plastic Free Community Project.
- b) Commit to reducing the use of single-use plastic.
- c) To appoint Cllr Allen as Town Council representative on the Campaign.

FC.18/44 Finance, Resources & General Purposes (FR&GP) Committee:

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 18.6.18 (**draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

Members considered the following recommendations:

ii) To approve the payment and receipt transactions between 1st April and 10th June 2018 (**copy previously circulated*). (FR&GP.18/45)

Resolved:

To approve the payment and receipt transactions between 1st April and 10th June 2018.

iii) To consider making an application to the Secretary of State for borrowing approval

(*report previously circulated) for a Public Sector Work Loan to contribute towards capital costs for the Community Centre development . (FR&GP.18/50)

Resolved:

To seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of up to £500,000 up to 15 years for the construction of the Community Centre as set out in the report, noting that there is no intention to increase the precept further for the purpose of the loan repayments.

iv) To receive a referred item (FR&GP.18/52) for Full Council to consider a briefing paper from Cllr Evans (*copy previously circulated).

Resolved:

In the absence of Cllr Evans, this item was deferred for consideration at the next Full Council meeting.

FC.18/45

Planning Committee:

The minutes of the meetings held on 21.5.18, 4.6.18 (*copies previously circulated) & 18.6.18 (*draft copy previously circulated) were received and adopted.

Members considered the following deferred matters.

ii) To receive a referred item (PL.18/57) for Full Council to consider a request to start a Community Land Trust (*copy previously circulated).

Following discussion it was

Resolved:

To support in principle the formation of a Community Land Trust.

iii) To receive a referred item (PL.18/58) for Full Council to consider the draft response to the Settlement Boundary & Local Plan Review Issues Consultation (*copy previously circulated).

Cllr Kelly thanked Cllrs Ashby and Bray for preparing the response. Cllr Ashby thanked the Town Clerk for his input.

Cllr Kelly read out the response.

Resolved:

To accept the document as the Town Council's formal response to the Settlement Boundary & Local Plan Review Issues Consultation. It was noted that any further comments should be referred to the Town Clerk.

FC.18/46

The Town Mayor's Interests:

A copy of the Town Mayor's engagements/announcements (*copy previously circulated) was noted.

23rd May
7th June

Twining Meeting – Dolphin Hotel, Bovey Tracey
Contemporary Craft Festival Preview – Mill Marsh Park, Bovey Tracey

25th June Raising of the Union Flag for Armed Forces Week – Forde House, Newton Abbot
26th June Area Guide Launch – Edgemoor Hotel, Bovey Tracey
29th June Senior School Speech Day & Prize Giving – Stover School, Newton Abbot

FC.18/47 Merchant Navy Day – 3rd September 2018:

Members considered participating in Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2018 by flying the Red Ensign flag on the Town Hall.

Resolved:

To fly the Red Ensign flag on 3rd September 2018.

FC.18/48 Bovey Parish Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr Kelly provided a progress update at the meeting.

FC.18/49 Lloyds Bank – Branch Closure – Bovey Tracey:

A copy of the Bank's response had previously been circulated. It was noted that due protocol has been followed.
Following discussion it was reluctantly

Resolved:

As there appears to be nothing further the Town Council can do, to no longer progress the matter.

FC.18/50 Green Man Festival - 2019:

Members considered:

- i) running the Festival again in 2019, and if so,
 - ii) appointing a lead Councillor/event group to organise the event.
- Following discussion it was

Resolved:

- i) To run the Festival in 2019.
- ii) To appoint Cllr Kelly as lead Councillor to organise the event.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Reminder for Members:

- **You must declare the nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests (under the Localism Act 2011, this means the interests of your spouse, or civil partner, a person with whom you are living with as husband and wife or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners). You must also disclose any personal interest.**
- **You must disclose your interest in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered.**
- **Make sure you say what your interest is, as this has to be included in the minutes. (For example, 'I have a disclosable pecuniary interest because this planning application is made by my husband's employer').**
- **If your interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest, you cannot participate in the discussion, cannot vote and must leave the room unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Clerk.**