



BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN HALL BOVEY TRACEY

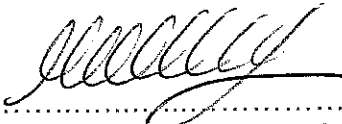
WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2016
Commencing at 7.00pm

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Notice convening the 2016 Annual Town Meeting
3. Approval of and signing of the Minutes of 25th March 2015 Annual Town Meeting
4. Presentation of the Young Citizens of the Year Awards 2016
5. Town Mayor's report – Cllr Ulli Arnold
6. Financial report – Cllr George Gribble
7. County Councillor's report – Cllr George Gribble
8. District Councillors' reports – Cllr George Gribble, Cllr Anna Klinkenberg, Cllr Avril Kerswell

Brief reports on activities of a number of local organisations over the previous 12 months:

9. Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
10. St Catherine's C.E. Primary School
11. Bovey Tracey Primary School
12. Bovey Tracey Town Trust & Samuel Croker's Almshouses Trust
13. Tracey Almshouses
14. A report on behalf of the churches in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield
15. Bovey Community Care
16. Bovey Tracey Exhibition Foundation Trust
17. Bovey Tracey Youth Action
18. Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust
19. Bovey Tracey Residents Association
20. Bovey Tracey Neighbourhood Watch Forum
21. Opportunity for Questions to the Town Council


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Mr M Wells - Town Clerk
15th March 2016

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN'S MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL,
BOVEY TRACEY ON WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2015 at 7.00pm

Present:

The Town Mayor, Cllr E Kelly
The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr U Arnold

County Cllr G J Gribble

Town Cllrs A Allen, R J Ashby, Mrs D E M Black, R A Bray, D K Elphick, M J Evans, Mrs A J Kerswell, Mrs A M Klinkenberg, S P Leigh & M Tregoning

In attendance:

Mrs Muriel Rumford - Representative of the Lord of the Manor of Bovey Tracey.

Jared Wray - Nominee for Young Citizen of the Year Award 2015.

Samuel Oxton, Matt Godfrey, Kieran Harrison and Charley Fowler - Group Nominee for Young Citizen of the Year Award 2015.

Rev K Hooke - Chaplain to the Town Council

PCSO Paul Wilson

32 members of the public including representatives of various organisations.

One member of the press

Mr M Wells - Town Clerk

Mrs L M Warren

The Town Mayor, Cllr Kelly chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. Apologies:

PCSO Paul Wilson (Due to a call-out. He later joined the meeting).

2. Notice Convening the 2015 Annual Town Meeting:

The Town Clerk, Mr Wells, read the notice convening the meeting.

(*Copies of all reports provided for this meeting are available on request from the Town Clerk's office.)

3. Approval and signing of the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting dated 26th March 2014:

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of the previous year (2014) were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Town Mayor, Cllr. Kelly. (*Copies were available at the meeting)

4. Presentation of the Young Citizen of the Year Award 2015:

Cllr Allen read out the nomination briefs for the nominees and explained that the judges had been presented with an unusual situation this year. He thanked the nominators and judges.

Two members of the public joined the meeting at 7.10pm.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Kelly announced that, on this occasion, all nominees would be awarded Young Citizens of the Year for 2015. Mrs Muriel Rumford, Representative of the Lord of the Manor of Bovey Tracey, then presented framed certificates to Jared Wray, Samuel Oxton, Matt Godfrey, Kieran Harrison and Charley Fowler.

Photographs were taken.

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

5. Town Mayor's Report:

The Town Mayor, Cllr Kelly gave his report and stated that his year in office had been memorable and he had been honoured to represent the Town Council at numerous events. He thanked the Town Clerk and fellow Councillors for their help and support.

Two members of the public joined the meeting at 7.18pm.

6. Financial Report:

Cllr Gribble (Chair of FR&GP Committee) presented his report outlining the present position regarding the finances of the Town Council. He made reference to the precept which has been increased by 5.32% to £186,450.00 for 2015/16. He noted that the Town Council has taken over the public toilets at the Recreation Ground which creates additional maintenance expenditure. He thanked the Town Clerk, staff and fellow Councillors for their work and support.

7. Report of County Councillor:

County Cllr Gribble made particular reference to the following:

- a) The financial shortfall.
- b) The consultation currently being undertaken regarding the provision of care for the elderly.
- c) The savings needed to be made within the provision of care for the elderly and tenders for home care are being considered.
- d) Progress with the Wray Valley Trail.
- e) Highway work at Drumbridges is progressing.
- f) Highway improvements are proposed on the A382 between Drumbridges and Newton Abbot.

In conclusion he offered assurances of his continued concern, help and support for local people and facilities.

PCSO Paul Wilson joined the meeting at 7.28pm.

8. Reports of District Councillors:

a) District Cllr Gribble reported that:

- i) There was no increase in Council Tax or car parking charges.
- ii) New refuse collection vehicles have been purchased.
- iii) A new garden waste collection scheme will be introduced in September 2015.
- iv) Staff will receive a 2.2% pay increase from 1st April 2015.

b) District Cllr Mrs Klinkenberg advised that she is Chair of Regulatory and Appeals Committee and a member of the Planning Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee. She noted that the Government has provided grant funding to assist with self-build

projects. Through the Community Fund she had provided financial assistance to various organisations.

c) District Cllr Mrs Kerswell reported that:

- i) She had been in office for nearly eighteen months and currently sits on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Planning Committee.
- ii) The Waste Disposal Levy has necessitated the introduction of a charge, which will be effective from September 2015, for the collection of garden waste.
- iii) Parking on Sundays remains free in most car parks.

9. Report by Devon & Cornwall Constabulary:

PCSO Paul Wilson presented the Police Report. (*Full report available on request*).

10. Report of St. Catherine's CE Primary School:

No representative was present and a report had not been submitted.

A member of the public joined the meeting at 7.40pm.

11. Report of Bovey Tracey Primary School:

Ms R Cosgrove (Chair of Governors) presented the Report. (*Full report available on request*).

12. Reports of Bovey Tracey Town Trust & Samuel Croker's Almshouses:

The Town Clerk presented the Report submitted by Mr David Wedden (Chairman). (*Full report available on request*).

13. Report of the Tracey Almshouse Trust:

No representative was present and a report had not been submitted.

14. Report of the Churches in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield:

Rev Kevin Hooke presented the Report. (*Full report available on request*).

15. Report of Bovey Tracey Exhibition Trust:

Mr R Edmunds presented the Report. (*Full financial report available on request*).

16. Report of Bovey Tracey Youth Action:

Mr J Midgley (Chairman of Trustees) presented the Report. (*Full report available on request*).

17. Report of Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust:

Mrs V Styles (Chairman) presented the Report. (*Full report available on request*).

18. Bovey Tracey Neighbourhood Watch Forum:

Cllr Tony Allen presented the Report. (*Full report available on request*).

19. Public Participation Session:

Mr G Smart referred to motorists speeding along Le Molay-Littry Way and expressed his concern for the school children crossing the road when being collected and returned by the school buses. He suggested placing electronic signage or 30 mph markings on the road. Cllr Gribble noted that speeding is a Police issue and advised that he is in discussion with DCC Highways regarding the matter.

Mr P Beecher:

- i) Supported the comments made by Mr Smart.
- ii) Advised that a meeting of the Residents' Association will be held at the end of April 2015 and invited all to attend.
- iii) Thanked the Town Councillors for all the work they do for the parish.

Mr J Williamson advised that DCC should consider the impact that could be created if various services are privatised. He considered that current volunteers may not be prepared to offer their services. Cllr Gribble agreed to further discuss this matter with Mr Williamson.

The Town Mayor thanked everyone for attending and for their input.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.