



BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
PHOENIX HALL, ST. JOHN'S LANE
BOVEY TRACEY

WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH 2018
Commencing at 7.00pm

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Notice convening the 2018 Annual Town Meeting
3. Approval of and signing of the Minutes of 29th March 2017 Annual Town Meeting
4. Presentation of the Young Citizens of the Year Awards 2018
5. Town Mayor's report – Cllr Mrs Avril Kerswell
6. Financial report – Cllr George Gribble
7. County Councillor's report – Cllr George Gribble
8. District Councillors' reports – Cllr George Gribble, Cllr Avril Kerswell & Cllr Sally Morgan

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. Bovey Tracey Information Centre Trust
22. Opportunity for Questions to the Town Council

Avril Kerswell

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Cllr Mrs Avril Kerswell - Town Mayor
13th March 2018

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN'S MEETING HELD IN THE PHOENIX HALL,
BOVEY TRACEY ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2017 at 7.00pm

Present:

The Town Mayor, Cllr A Allen
The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs A J Kerswell

County Cllr G J Gribble

Town Cllrs R J Ashby, Ms J H Blair, R A Bray, M J Evans, E Kelly, & C
W Robillard.

In attendance:

Nominees for Young Citizen of the Year Award 2017.
25 members of the public including representatives of various
organisations.
One member of the press

Mr M Wells - Town Clerk
Rev K Hooke - Chaplain to the Council

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

1. Apologies:

Cllr D K Elphick (Personal commitment)
Cllr Ms C O Richardson (Personal commitment)
Cllr M Tregoning (Unwell)
Ms E Steer (Bovey Tracey Information Centre Trust)
Mr D Risdon ((Bovey Community Care)
Mr A Mann (Tracey Almshouse Trust)
Mr R Edmunds (Bovey Tracey Exhibition Foundation Trust)

2. Notice Convening the 2017 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 23rd March 2016:

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of the previous year (2016)
were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Town Mayor,
Cllr. Allen. *(*Copies were available at the meeting)*

4. Presentation of the Young Citizen of the Year Award 2017:

Cllr Allen thanked the nominators and judges and then read out the
nomination briefs. Mrs Viv Styles, Representative of the Lord of the
Manor made the presentation of the Young Citizen of the Year Award
for 2017 to Lara Kingdon. Certificates in recognition of his/her
nomination were presented to the other nominees:

Alfie Fagan, Dan Ogley, Cellan Stokes, Hope Fox, Oli Smith, Owen Foster, Ellie Young, Thomas Young and Elliot Webb.

Photographs were taken.

Young Citizens of the Year nominees, their families and friends left the meeting at 7.20pm.

5. Town Mayor's Report:

The Town Mayor, Cllr Allen presented his report. He noted the progress being made with the development of a new Community Centre on the Old Thatched Inn site. He referred to traffic and parking issues in the town and advised on progress being made to improve the situation. Following the receipt of a Big Lottery Fund grant, the Town Council, in conjunction with Grimspound Border Morris Group, is organising the Green Man Spring Festival which will take place on 29th April. He noted that the town received a Silver Gilt award in the pennant category in the South West in Bloom Award. A five star (top award) was achieved in the Best Parks category. He noted the sad loss in the autumn of Cllr Anna Klinkenberg.

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 increase in precept and highlighted the reasons which made it necessary to justify the small increase.

7. Report of County Councillor:

County Cllr Gribble presented his report and made particular reference to the following:

- a) Due to the forthcoming County Council election the Council is now in the purdah period.
- b) The Revenue Budget and Capital Programme is available on DCC's website.

8. Reports of District Councillors:

a) District Cllr Gribble reported that:

- i) The budget setting resulted in an increase in Council Tax.
- ii) There were changes in relations to the new homes bonus scheme.
- iii) Rural Aid will continue to provide grants for parish projects.

b) District Cllr Mrs Kerswell:

- i) Noted the sad loss of Cllr Anna Klinkenberg.
- ii) Referred to the recent Boundary changes and noted that Lustleigh is no longer in the Bovey area.
- iii) Advised that she is Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee and a member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- iv) Through her Community Fund she has supported various local organisations including the Heritage Trust, Horticultural Society and Heathfield Youth facilities.
- v) As Chairman of the Hospital League of Friends, she advised that the hospital building has been registered as an asset of community value and the full moratorium period is underway. She noted that an open meeting of the League of Friends will take place at the Methodist Hall on 25th April at 7pm.

c) District Cllr Mrs Morgan reported that:

- i) She had been elected in December.
- ii) She had voted to oppose the cut in Council Tax relief.
- iii) She has been in discussion regarding the implementation of a 20 minute car parking moratorium.
- iv) Through her Community Fund she has supported the Nourish event, improvements to Bovey Tracey Primary School's playground and Bovey Futures.

One member of the public joined the meeting at 7.30pm.

9. Report by Devon & Cornwall Constabulary:

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

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

Cllr Allen (Town Mayor) presented the Report submitted by Mr M West (Head of School). (Full report available on request).

11. Report of Bovey Tracey Primary School:

No Report had been submitted.

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:

Cllr Allen (Town Mayor) presented the Report submitted by Mr A Mann (Chairman).

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

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

15. Report of Bovey Community Care:

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

16. Report of Bovey Tracey Exhibition Trust:

Cllr Gribble (Vice-Chairman of the Trust) presented the Report submitted by Mr R Edmunds (Chairman) (Full financial report available on request).

17. Report of Bovey Tracey Youth Action:

Mrs M Johnson (Administration Manager) presented the Report.

18. Report of Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust:

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

19. Report of Bovey Tracey Residents' Association:

Mr P Beecher (Chairman) presented the Report. (Full report available on request).

20. Bovey Tracey Neighbourhood Watch Forum:

Mr L Calder presented the Report. (Full report available on request).

21. Bovey Tracey Information Centre Trust:

Mr A Griesiell presented the Report. (Full report available on request)

22. Public Participation Session:

Mr P Beecher reported that following a meeting with Cllr Gribble and a Highways Agency officer regarding motorists speeding on Le Molay-Littry Way, it had been suggested that the provision of illuminated speed warning signs may deter offending motorists.

A member of the public referred to the poor state of repair of the King of Prussia building. Cllr Kelly advised that a local group is looking to purchase the property and he confirmed that the Town Council has reported the dilapidation of the building to the Heavitree Brewery.

A member of the public enquired if a noticeboard will be located in the town centre. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council is currently looking for a suitable site.

Mrs S Watson referred to the cycle trail and enquired when it will go through to Moretonhampstead. Cllr Gribble confirmed the land acquisition at Lustleigh is progressing.

A member of the public stated that she considered the exit from the Co-operative store car park at the Riverside is dangerous due to the siting of a commercial agent's board. The Town Clerk confirmed that the board is due to be adjusted. The member of the public also noted that she considered the pedestrian crossing in Station Road is dangerous. The Town Clerk advised that this has been noted previously and has been reported to Highways and Planning.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.