

**BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BOVEY TRACEY
ON MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2019 AT 7.00PM**

Present:

The Town Mayor, Cllr Ms J H Blair

Cllr A Allen	Cllr G J Gribble**/*
Cllr U Arnold	Cllr E Kelly
Cllr R J Ashby	Cllr Mrs A J Kerswell*
Cllr R A Bray	Cllr S P Leigh
Cllr D K Elphick	Cllr Ms C O Richardson
Cllr M J Evans	Cllr C W Robillard

**County Cllr

*District Cllr

In attendance:

Mr M Wells – Town Clerk
Mrs L Warren
Rev K Hooke – Chaplain to the Council
District Cllr Mrs S Morgan
One member of the press
Nine 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.

Cllr Ms Blair reminded Councillors that prior to the elections the purdah period has now commenced. All Councillors have been provided with guidance information.

FC.19/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr M Tregoning (Unwell)
PCSO P Wilson.

FC.19/21 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Gribble declared a personal interest in FC.19/28iv (draft Position Statement) & FC.19/36 (Community Centre Development – Workshop/Garage Facility).

FC.19/22 Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21.1.19 (*copy previously circulated) were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Town Mayor.

The meeting went out of session

FC.19/23 Report of the Chaplain to the Council

Rev Hooke, Chaplain to the Council, advised that a service to welcome Fr M Debney to St John's Church will take place on 31st March at 3.30pm.

FC.19/24 **Report of the Police**

A copy of the Neighbourhood Police report for the period 1st – 28th February 2019 was circulated to Councillors.

FC.19/25 **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 A Cornish advised that his 11 year old son is representing GB in the 2019 World (Belgium) and European (Latvia) Race BMX Championships. He stated that a community group is being set up to raise funds, celebrate local business support, promote how business has provided assistance and promote volunteering in the town. He requested the Town Council to support in principle the objectives and advise on any available funding sources.

Cllr U Arnold joined the meeting at 7.10pm.

Mrs S Morgan referred to the recently submitted Phase 1 BT 1 planning application. Residents are keen to ensure that two fields owned by the National Trust are not developed. She requested the Town Council's support with this matter and would appreciate any available advice.

Mr T Wilson referred to FC19/28iv (draft Position Statement) and noted the variation in the estimated cost for the building of a new school compared to a previous figure, highlighted in TDC's Infrastructure Delivery Plan. He suggested that a feasibility study may clarify the situation.

FC.19/26 **County, District and Town Councillor Reports**

DCC, TDC & Town Cllr Gribble reported that the poor weather conditions have created various roadside drainage issues. Pothole repairs are being dealt with on a schedule. Hedgetrimming has been carried out on the A382. Drainage work on the A382 south of Moretonhampstead is due to be undertaken and this will involve the closure of the road. He noted that he had attended regular meetings together with meetings concerning Dementia Awareness, Exhibition Foundation Trust, Over Sixties Club and Heathfield Youth Group.

TDC Cllr Mrs Morgan advised that she had attended Budget and Overview and Scrutiny meetings.

TDC Cllr Mrs Kerswell noted that she will attend a TDC planning meeting on 19th March 2019. She stated that a recent dementia awareness presentation had been very informative.

Cllr Kelly enquired about future plans for the reedbeds close to the A38 at Drumbridges. Cllr Gribble confirmed that the works related to the formation of the southern reedbed pond.

Cllr Elphick had attended a meeting for members of the public interested in becoming a Town Councillor, Heathfield Community Centre meeting and a meeting with representatives concerning the possible alternative use for the Football Pavilion.

Cllr Arnold advised that the Business Association, named Bovey for Business, is now formed. The first meeting will take place in May when Cllr Evans will give a talk about

dementia awareness. Cllr Arnold noted that the Regeneration Group has progressed a proposed one way traffic system to its final draft stage and it is planned that this will be submitted to Full Council shortly. Neighbourhood Development Plans are progressing.

Cllr Ashby had attended regular Planning Committee meetings and Community Centre Steering Group meetings. He noted that a revised planning application for the Community Centre will be submitted shortly. He advised that he also been involved in meetings regarding Brimley Field.

Cllr Allen had attended a site meeting for a proposed travellers' site at Bovey Straight. He had attended Community Centre Steering Group meetings and had chaired the last meeting. He had made a presentation to the Activities Trust concerning Plastic Free Bovey. He attended the meeting for prospective Councillors. He had been on the Young Citizen Award selection panel and had read out the nominations at the presentation event. He noted that the Information Centre Trust is seeking a new trustee and volunteers.

Cllr Leigh had attended personnel, regeneration, Neighbourhood Development Plan, FR&GP meetings and the annual town meeting.

Cllr Kelly had attended Neighbourhood Development Plan meetings, Business Association and Regeneration meetings.

Cllr Bray had attended Regeneration, Community Centre Steering Group and Exhibition Foundation Trust meetings.

Cllr Evans had attended planning, Neighbourhood Development Plan, Teignbridge Dementia Action Alliance meetings and a planning café event.

Cllr Robillard noted the recent Fairtrade event. He advised that the bollard at St Paul's Close/College has now been painted.

FC.19/27

Reports of any outside bodies

Cllr Gribble (Devon Association of Local Councils) advised that the next meeting will take place on 13th June.

Cllr Gribble (Teignbridge Rural Aid Committee) advised that the AGM will take place on 15th May.

Cllr Leigh (Teignbridge Association of Local Councils) advised that there has been no recent meeting.

Cllr Elphick (Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust) advised that there has been no recent meeting.

Cllrs Ashby & Mrs Kerswell (Bovey Tracey Exhibition Foundation Trust) noted that the AGM had recently taken place. The next meeting will take place in September.

Cllr Allen (Bovey Tracey Information Centre Trust) advised that the Trust has a new treasurer and is currently seeking a new trustee.

Cllr Allen (Plastic Free Bovey) advised that the town has achieved plastic free status. He noted that congratulations should be extended to Ms Nicola Wilson. He stated that the group is seeking a new chairman.

Cllr Robillard (Police & Crime Commissioner Council Advocate Scheme) advised that he had attended his first training course. He noted that new officers are being trained and gave feedback on the use of drones by the Police.

The meeting returned to session

FC.19/28 Recreation, Parks & Property (RP&P) Committee:

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 18.2.19 (**draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

Members considered the following:

ii) A recommendation to approve the revised Community Centre plans (**copy previously circulated*) (RP&P.19/05) . Cllr Kelly provided a summary and outlined the revisions.

Resolved:

To approve the revised Community Centre plans.

iii) A request on behalf of Bovey Tracey Football Club (BTFC) to sublet the Recreation Ground pavilion (** copy of "Inspire Interventions" previously circulated*) (RP&P.19/10). Cllr Kelly provided a summary. Following a discussion it was

Resolved:

To decline the request.

iv) Approving a draft Position Statement (**copy previously circulated*) following correspondence referred by the NDP Group.

Resolved:

To approve the draft Position Statement, incorporating the following additional amendment: The Town Council intends to preserve this land for its proposed use as a school, with or without additional community facilities, and does not intend to transfer it to a third party unless and until Devon County Council decides to locate a new school elsewhere.

One member of the public left the meeting at 7.57pm.

FC.19/29 Finance, Resources & General Purposes (FR&GP) Committee:

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 4.3.19 (**draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

Members considered the following:

ii) a recommendation to adopt the Risk Management Policy (**copy previously circulated*) (FR&GP.19/21)

Resolved:

To adopt the Policy.

FC.19/30 Planning Committee:

i) The minutes of the meetings held on 4.2.19, 18.2.19 (**copies previously circulated*) & 4.3.19 (**draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted

FC.19/31 The Town Mayor's Interests:

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

4th February Dementia Presentation – Council Chamber, Town Hall

6th February Meeting to discuss the formation of a Business Association – Dartmoor Whisky Distillery, Old Town Hall

10th February TDC Civic Service – Sts Peter, Paul & Thomas of Canterbury Church, Bovey Tracey

19th February Exhibition Foundation Trust Meeting – Council Chamber, Town Hall

11th March Raising of Commonwealth Flag – Old Forde House, Newton Abbot

FC.19/32 Teignbridge Dementia Action Alliance:

Item brought forward by Cllr Evans. Cllr Evans provided an update.

Members considered:

i) Bovey Tracey Town Council becoming an associate member.

ii) Nominating a representative.

Resolved:

i) The Town Council to become an associate member of Teignbridge Dementia Action Alliance.

ii) To nominate Cllr Evans as the Town Council's representative.

FC.19/33 Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor 2019/2020:

Members considered a nomination (**copy previously circulated*).

Resolved:

To nominate Mr Martin Brealey to be the Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor for 2019/20.

FC.19/34 Meeting Schedule 2019/20:

Members considered adopting the draft meeting schedule (**copy previously circulated*) for all Standing Committee meetings for the period from 13th May 2019. Due to Councillors' commitments, Cllr Kelly requested that the Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Heathfield on 27th January 2020 is transferred to an alternative Council Meeting date.

Resolved:

To approve the meeting schedule for 2019/20 with the proviso that the Heathfield Council meeting date is amended.

FC.19/35 Bovey Tracey Twinning Association:

Cllr Robillard provided an update and advised that in view of the current uncertainties no further meetings will take place for the next few months.

FC.19/36 Bovey Tracey Community Centre Development – Workshop/Garage Facility:

Members considered delegating authority to the Recreation, Parks and Property Committee to progress all related works for the construction of a workshop/garage facility up to the cost of £25,000 plus 10% contingency. Cllr Ms Blair provided an update.

Resolved:

To delegate authority to the Recreation, Parks and Property Committee to progress all related works as set out above.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

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.**