

**BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
CANNON ROAD, HEATHFIELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:**

The Town Mayor, Cllr G J Gribble\*\*/\*

Cllr A Allen	Cllr D Fletcher
Cllr J Arnold	Cllr E Kelly
Cllr R Bradshaw	Cllr A J Kerswell*
Cllr J Cole	Cllr O Mills
Cllr D K Elphick	Cllr K Morgan-West

\*\*County Cllr

\*District Cllr

**In attendance:**

Mr M Wells – Town Clerk  
Mrs L Warren – Assistant to the Town Clerk  
Rev K Hooke – Town Mayor’s Chaplain  
District Cllr S Morgan  
One member of the press  
Seven members of the public

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

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**FC.19/75.     Apologies for absence:**

Cllr U Arnold – Leave  
Cllr S Brooke – Leave  
Cllr S Light – Work commitment

**FC.19/76.     Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations:**

Cllr Gribble (Devon County Council member) declared an interest in FC.19/87 Planning Committee, ii) Pedestrian safety.

**FC.19/77.     Minutes:**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16.9.19 (*\*copy previously circulated*) were confirmed as a true record and were duly signed by the Town Mayor.

**FC.19/78.     Standing Item – Climate Emergency:**

Members noted the Council Declaration to embed the climate emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change.

***The meeting went out of session***

**FC.19/79. Report of the Mayor's Chaplain:**

Rev Hooke advised that the Methodist Church is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the current church. Celebrations will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November and all are welcome to attend.

**FC.19/80. Report of the Police:**

A copy of the Neighbourhood Police report for the period 17<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 was circulated.

*Cllr Morgan-West joined the meeting at 7.05pm.*

**FC.19/81. Questions and Statements by the Public:**

**Mr D Mcgilvray** distributed copies of a report entitled "World Scientists' Warning of a Climate Emergency". He considered it is an informative article and encouraged Councillors and members of the public to read it.

**Mr P Beecher (Residents' Association):**

- i) Noted the good attendance at the Remembrance Services and thanked all those involved.
- ii) Enquired on the Christmas Lights switch-on date. It was noted that this will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- iii) Referred to a recent article in the Sunday Times which noted the decline in the economy in Teignbridge and the number of vacant shops in Newton Abbot. Mr Beecher advised that Sally Henley, Newton Abbot Town Centre Manager, had responded.
- iv) Referred to the proposed highway proposals at Station Road crossing to the Riverside Co-op. He considered the proposal could increase congestion around the Le Molay-Littry Way junction.

**FC.19/82. County, District and Town Councillor Reports:**

**DCC, TDC & Town Cllr Gribble:**

- i) Advised that the Carnival Committee is holding a further meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November when it is hoped a new committee will be formed.
- ii) Referred to the proposed closure of Monks Way and suggested that the works could be delayed until after the Christmas and New Year break.
- iii) Noted that he is progressing the refurbishment of the Station Road roundabout.
- iv) Advised that the Wray Valley Trail and the Teign Estuary Trail will hopefully open in March 2020.

**TDC Cllr Kerswell** noted that she had attended regular meetings.

**TDC Cllr Morgan:**

- i) Noted that she had attended regular meetings
- ii) Referred to the proposed closure of Monks Way and advised that she has received representations from many residents regarding the traffic congestion this will create and offered support to address the issue.
- iii) Reported the major traffic issues that occur on Clay Lane bridge.

iv) Advised that residents are steadily progressing to seek support and funding towards the purchase of the National Trust land near Bonds Meadow. She noted that the site is very overgrown and is specie diverse.

**Cllr Kerswell:**

- i) Advised that she had attended regular BTTC planning meetings.
- ii) Noted that the wild flower planting project had commenced with planting on the verge on Le Molay-Littry Way.
- iii) Noted the good attendance at the Remembrance Services.

**Cllr Elphick** advised that the Heritage Trust will hold its AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> November. More volunteers are needed for next season.

**Cllr Kelly:**

- i) Referred to the proposed closure of Monks Way.
- ii) Advised that people have fallen in Mary Street Car Park due to the gradient and surface conditions during inclement weather.

**Cllr Allen:**

- i) Thanked Cllrs J Arnold, Brooke and Kerswell for progressing the wildflower planting on the verges.
- ii) Noted favourably the excellent rural skip service provided by TDC.

**Cllr J Arnold** advised that the wild flower planting along Le Molay-Littry Way is a test area. It is programmed to plant the other three areas next year.

**FC.19/83. Representation on Outside Bodies:**

Bovey Tracey Exhibition Foundation Trust – Cllr Kerswell advised that grants have been issued to local students.

***The meeting returned to session***

**FC.19/84. Business Raised by the Public:**

Following reference to:

- i) World Scientists' Warning of Climate Change.
  - ii) The newspaper article mentioning Teignbridge.
- It was noted that both articles will be circulated to Councillors.

**FC.19/85. Recreation, Parks & Property Committee (RP&P) Committee:**

- i) The minutes of the meeting held on 14.10.19 (*\*draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

**FC.19/86. Finance, Resources & General Purposes (FR&GP) Committee:**

- i) The minutes of the meeting held on 28.10.19 (*\*draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.
- ii) Members considered a recommendation to adopt new National Association of Local Council's (NALC) financial regulations (*\*copy previously circulated*) (FR&GP.19/70).

The Town Clerk confirmed that the model document had been reviewed and minor amendments made.

**Resolved:**

To adopt the document.

**FC.19/87. Planning Committee:**

i) The minutes of the meetings held on 30.9.19, 14.10.19 (*\*copies previously circulated*) & 28.10.19 (*\*draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

ii) Pedestrian safety – Station Road crossing to Riverside Co-op: Members considered a recommendation to accept a draft proposed scheme (*\*copy previously circulated*) and to commission a Stage 1 Safety Audit. (PL.19/103). A discussion took place where it was noted that the proposals are in draft form.

**Resolved:**

To undertake a Stage 1 Safety Audit. The results to be referred back to the Committee to further consider if the draft proposed scheme is acceptable.

**FC.19/88. The Town Mayor's Interests:**

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

22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Road name plaque unveiling	Centenary Way Bovey Tracey
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Civic Service	St Paul's Church Newton Abbot
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	800 <sup>th</sup> Market Charter Anniversary Celebrations (Official opening)	Bovey Tracey
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service	St Peter, Paul & Thomas of Canterbury Church Bovey Tracey
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service	Town War Memorial Bovey Tracey

**FC.19/89. Fairtrade Town Status:**

Members considered nominations for a Town Council representative (*\*copy of action plan previously circulated*). The Town Clerk advised that Mr C Robillard is prepared to continue as co-ordinator. It was noted that meetings are held on a quarterly basis. Cllr Morgan-West offered to be the Town Council representative.

**Resolved:**

To appoint Cllr Morgan-West as the Town Council's representative, to support Mr Robillard who will continue as the main co-ordinator.

**FC.19/90. Climate Emergency:**

Cllr Fletcher provided an update in relation to the Climate Emergency Declaration. She noted that a Facebook page has been set up providing hints and tips. The Town Council is transferring its utilities to a green energy supplier whilst saving an average 5% p.a. Cllr Morgan-West is progressing setting up a repair shop. Volunteers are needed to carry out repairs. A public meeting will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Whisky Distillery where a talk entitled "How to manage plastic in the region" will take place. A free advice service for gardeners has recently been launched. Volunteers are needed to assist. Cllr Mills advised that consideration is being given to the feasibility of setting up a Co-wheels Car Club. Cllr Kerswell advised that Lloyd Maunder Butchers now sells milk in a bottle that can be brought back for further purchases.

**FC.19/91. Neighbourhood Development Plan:**

Cllr Bradshaw provided an update. He noted the timescales and advised that the pre-submission consultation period and the statutory consultation period of the plan will each add an additional six weeks to the timescale.

**FC.19/92. Community Awards:**

Members considered a report, produced by Cllr Allen, outlining the proposed awards (*\*copy previously circulated*). Cllr Allen presented the report.

Proposed award categories:

- 1) Lifetime Voluntary Service Award (currently designated Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor of Bovey Tracey). Proposed lead Councillor: Cllr Brooke.
- 2) Young Citizen of the Year. Proposed lead Councillor: Cllr Allen.
- 3) Volunteer or Voluntary Group of the Year. Proposed lead Councillor: Cllr Morgan-West.
- 4) Business of the Year. Proposed lead Councillor: Cllr U Arnold (subject to availability).
- 5) Good Neighbour of the Year. Proposed lead Councillor: Cllr Cole.
- 6) Environmental Champion of the Year. Proposed lead Councillor: Cllr Fletcher.

Members considered:

- i) Renaming the award of Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor with Lifetime Voluntary Service Award. The holder may be known as the Honorary Representative if they so wish.

A discussion took place regarding the proposed Lifetime Voluntary Service Award (currently designated Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor of Bovey Tracey).

**Resolved:**

To retain the Honorary Representative of the Lord of the Manor of Bovey Tracey title for the forthcoming year. To invite the views of parishioners and report back for further discussion.

ii) To approve the application, nomination and award process.

**Resolved:**

To approve the application, nomination and award process as set out in the report.

iii) To seek confirmation or alternative nominations for lead Councillors for each of the awards

**Resolved:**

To approve the nominations for lead Councillors as reported.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm

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