

**BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH,
BOVEY TRACEY ON MONDAY 1ST JULY 2019 AT 7.00PM.**

Present:

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

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| Cllr A Allen | Cllr D Fletcher |
| Cllr J Arnold | Cllr A J Kerswell* |
| Cllr U Arnold | Cllr S Light |
| Cllr S Brooke | Cllr O Mills |
| Cllr J Cole | Cllr K Morgan-West |
| Cllr D K Elphick | |

**County Cllr

*District Cllr

In attendance:

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

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

FC.19/37. Apologies for absence:

Cllr R Bradshaw – Leave
Cllr E Kelly – Leave
PCSO P Wilson - Leave

FC.19/38. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations: None

FC.19/39. Minutes:

Cllr Allen referred to AM19/10 (Reports of outside bodies) – Plastic Free Bovey. He queried if the name of the organiser was correct. No further clarification was forthcoming.

The minutes of the annual Town Council meeting held on 13.5.19 (**copy previously circulated*) were then confirmed as a true record and were duly signed by the Town Mayor.

The meeting went out of session

FC.19/40. Report of the Mayor's Chaplain:

i) Cllr Gribble confirmed that Rev Hooke will continue as the Town Mayor's appointed Chaplain.

ii) Rev Hooke advised that an open air service will take place at the Methodist Church on Sunday 7th July at 6.30pm.

FC.19/41. Report of the Police:

A copy of the Neighbourhood Police report for the period May to 30th June 2019 was circulated to Councillors. Cllr Kerswell referred to the increase in graffiti around the town and requested that the Police are notified.

FC.19/42. Questions and Statements by the Public:

Mr P Barker referred to the monitoring of parking in TDC's car parks. He considered that the 20 minute time slots are not closely monitored. It was agreed to report this to TDC.

Mrs C King spoke in support of the Town Council considering declaring a climate emergency. She reported on the previous achievements of Bovey Climate Action Group and noted that the town had been awarded the South West Green Energy Award 2008.

Mr A Shadrake also spoke in support of declaring a climate emergency.

Mrs S Morgan referred to the National Trust land near Bonds Meadow identified for development. She advised that local residents wish to purchase the land and are forming a chargeable incorporated organisation to progress this. If successful, the land will be retained as a wildlife sanctuary. Any assistance/advice would be much appreciated.

Mrs S Brooks & Mrs H Smith referred to the proposed governance restructure at South Dartmoor Community College. They expressed their concerns and requested support from the Town Council.

Mr P Beecher (Residents' Association) thanked all those involved in arranging the Contemporary Craft Festival. He noted the success of the event and the resulting increase in visitors to the town.

Mr L Calder reported that grassed areas in Rendells Meadow require cutting and requested that the appropriate authorities are advised.

Mr D McGilvray noted the excellent tarmac resurfacing work carried out in East Street and thanked all those involved.

Mrs A Green reported that the road surface in Brimley Vale is in a poor state of repair. Cllr Gribble agreed to progress the matter.

A member of the public referred to climate change and enquired about on street charging points. Cllr U Arnold provided an update.

Ms M Critchlow-Bunce referred to the proposals for Brimley Field. Cllr Allen provided an update.

FC.19/43. County, District and Town Councillor Reports

DCC, TDC & Town Cllr Gribble reported that travellers have now left the gravel store at Liverton. He noted that he had been involved in various meetings and site visits.

TDC Cllr Morgan advised that she sits on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and is Chair of the Audit Scrutiny Committee. She is also a member of the Dartmoor National Park Authority and advised that climate change will be considered at a meeting on 26th July.

TDC Cllr Kerswell advised that she is on the Regulatory and Appeals Committee and Planning Committee.

Cllr Brooke noted that she had attended a Stover Country Park Advisory Board meeting. She advised that run-off from the A38 has caused damage and refurbishment work is in progress. It is an ambitious project. If funding can be secured the area will be much improved and available for all to enjoy.

Cllr Allen noted that he had spent some time outside of the usual Committee Meetings, discussing various Council issues with some of the new Council Members.

Cllr J Arnold noted that he had attended regular meetings.

Cllr Light advised that the bus shelters on Battle Road had been vandalised. He noted that a meeting will take place on 3rd July with representatives of the Heathfield Youth Group and Youth Genesis.

Cllr Mills noted that he had been involved with climate emergency and Brimley Field matters.

The meeting returned to session

FC.19/44. Business Raised by the Public:

Following reference to:

- i) parking monitoring in the TDC car parks it was resolved to refer this to TDC.
- ii) grass cutting in Rendells Meadow it was resolved to refer this to the appropriate authorities.

FC.19/45. Annual Meeting – Deferred Items:

The Town Clerk provided an update and noted that the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group will meet on 4th July. He suggested that the Section 106/Cil Sub Committee could amalgamate with the FR&GP Committee.

Members considered the following items:

- i) AM.19/13 – Election of Sub Committees/Task & Steering Groups.

Resolved:

To make the following appointments:

- a) Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group: Cllrs Bradshaw, J Arnold, U Arnold, E Kelly, Morgan-West plus the Deputy Town Mayor.
- b) Personnel Sub Committee: Cllrs Elphick, Kelly, Kerswell plus the Deputy Town Mayor.
- c) Section 106/CiL – Disband and amalgamate with FR&GP Committee.
- d) Regeneration Committee: Cllrs Allen, U Arnold, Bradshaw, Elphick, Kelly plus the Deputy Town Mayor.
- e) Community Centre Steering Group: Cllrs Allen, J Arnold, Cole, Elphick, Kelly plus the Deputy Town Mayor.
- f) Communications Sub-Group: Cllrs Allen, U Arnold, Bradshaw, Kelly, Morgan-West plus the Deputy Town Mayor.
- g) Appeals Committee: Cllrs Allen, Fletcher, Kelly and the Town Mayor.

Appointment of Chairman of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group (NDPSG):

Cllr Mills proposed Cllr Bradshaw, in his absence, as Chairman of the NDPSG for 2019/20. The nomination was seconded by Cllr Brooke. It was noted that Cllr Bradshaw had accepted nomination.

Cllr Arnold proposed Cllr Kelly, in his absence, as Chairman of the NDPSG for 2019/20. The nomination was seconded by Cllr Allen. It was noted that Cllr Kelly had accepted nomination.

A vote took place and Cllr Bradshaw was elected to serve as Chairman of the NDPSG for 2019/20.

- ii) AM.19/14 – Representatives on outside bodies.

Councillors were appointed to the following:

- a) Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) – Cllr Gribble
- b) Teignbridge Association of Local Council (TALC) – Open to all Members
- c) Teignbridge Rural Aid Committee – Cllr Gribble
- d) Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust – Cllrs U Arnold & Elphick
- e) Bovey Tracey Exhibition Foundation Trust – Cllrs Cole, Kerswell & Mills
- f) Bovey Tracey Information Centre Trust – Cllr Allen
- g) Police & Crime Commissioner Council Advocate Scheme – Cllr Morgan-West
- h) Plastic Free Bovey – Cllr Allen
- i) Teignbridge Dementia Action Alliance – Cllr Morgan-West

j) Business for Bovey – Cllr U Arnold

Cllr Brooke requested that Council representation be considered for youth and school groups. It was agreed that this would be placed on a future agenda.

iii) AM.19/15 iii) – Committee recommendation to approve the Option Agreement Draft Heads of Terms for Brimley Field*. (**Copy previously circulated*)

Cllr Allen provided an update. A discussion took place.

Cllr Cole requested a recorded vote.

Resolved:

To make an amendment to the recommendation to allow consultation with neighbouring property and landowners owners. To refer the item to the Recreation, Parks & Property Committee for further consideration of undertaking the consultation.

Supported by: Cllrs Gribble, Allen, J Arnold, U Arnold, Brooke, Cole, Elphick, Fletcher, Kerswell, Light, Mills and Morgan-West.

iv) AM.19/17. - Draft Traffic Management Plan*. (**Copy previously circulated*)

The draft Traffic Management Plan was displayed. Cllr U Arnold provided an update. Following consideration and discussion it was

Resolved:

To approve the draft Traffic Management Plan and submit to the County Council. Cllr U Arnold noted that any trial of the proposals would seek the views of the public.

FC.19/46. Recreation, Parks & Property Committee (RP&P) Committee:

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 3.6.19 (**draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

FC.19/47. Finance, Resources & General Purposes (FR&GP) Committee:

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 17.6.19 (**draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

FC.19/48. Planning Committee:

i) The minutes of the meetings held on 20.5.19, 3.6.19 (**copies previously circulated*) & 17.6.19* (**draft copy previously circulated*) were received and adopted.

FC.19/49. The Town Mayor's Interests:

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

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| 14 th May | Contemporary Craft Festival Photocall | Devon Guild Craftsmen |
| 6 th June | Contemporary Craft Festival Preview Evening/Opening | Mill Marsh Park |
| 20 th June | Stover Country Park Advisory Board (Attended by the Deputy Town Mayor) | Stover Country Park |

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| 23 rd June | D Day 75 – Sadler Green Commemoration | Sadler Green |
| 24 th June | Raising of the Armed Forces Flag | Old Forde House Newton Abbot |
| 28 th June | Stover Senior & Preparatory School School Speech Day & Prize Giving (Attended by the Deputy Town Mayor) | Stover School |

Cllr Brooke, Deputy Town Mayor, also noted that she had attended a celebratory concert given by the New Century Singers and that thanks should be given to the Musical Director, Wyn Turner, for his commitment to the town over the last 20 years.

FC.19/50. Merchant Navy Day – 3rd September 2019:

Members considered participating in Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2019 by flying the Red Ensign flag at the Town Hall.

Resolved:

To fly the Red Ensign Flag at the Town Hall on 3rd September 2019.

FC.19/51. South Dartmoor Community College - Proposed Re-structuring:

Item brought forward by Cllr Brooke to consider issuing draft correspondence (**copy previously circulated*). Cllr Brooke updated Members. Following discussion it was

Resolved:

- i) To send the drafted letter to the Executive Principal/CEO.
- ii) To write to Mel Stride MP seeking his assistance.
- iii) To advise the parents present at the meeting of the action and offer assistance by providing a link to parents to provide ongoing support.

FC.19/52. Climate Emergency:

Members considered a report from Cllrs Fletcher and Mills (**copy previously circulated*). Cllr Mills thanked Mrs King and Mr Shadrake for their encouraging comments.

Following discussion it was

Resolved:

- i) To declare a Climate Emergency – this will help to raise the profile of this vital issue and secure external support and funding.
- ii) Pledge to do whatever is in its power, working with residents, to make Bovey Tracey and Heathfield carbon neutral by 2025, taking into account both production and consumption emissions.
- iii) Initiate and support an environment working group comprised of Councillors, residents and interested parties to investigate possible local responses, make recommendations for actions to the Council and facilitate their implementation.
- iv) Call on Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council and Westminster to provide the powers and resources required to make the 2025 target.

- v) Work with Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council, neighbouring town and parish councils, government departments and other organisations to determine, implement and deliver actions to limit global heating to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.
- vi) Review each of its proposed decisions to assess how they contribute to achieving the target and adapt them to do so wherever possible.
- vii) Add Climate Emergency to all relevant Council and committee agendas.
- viii) Invite the Neighbourhood Development Plan working group to consider how the Plan might be drafted to best address the Climate Emergency.
- ix) Will, within six months and at regular intervals thereafter, review progress and update actions to address this emergency.
- x) Will investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment.
- xi) To set up a working party comprising Cllrs Allen, J Arnold, Fletcher, Mills and Morgan-West.

Cllr Allen advised that he will attend a public meeting regarding Climate Emergency Action taking place at Coombeshead Community College, Newton Abbot on 4th July.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.