

At a MEETING of **BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 19 September 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Anne Rickard – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

Cllr	Geoffrey Ackerman	Julian Jones
	Sandra Brown	Gillian Massey
	Kelvin Clayton	Maggie Ray
	Keith Day (from 8.10pm)	Dave Rickard
	Terry Harrison	Barbara Vousden
	Barry Irvine (until 8.12pm)	Sarah Williams

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

There was a discussion in the Open Public Forum on the issue of “Public Transport in Bridport”.

Bob Driscoll spoke about the impact of the recent changes to services, highlighting the change to the weekday service on route 40 and the loss of service to the hospital. He also spoke about the impact of the reduced service beyond Bridport and the loss of service to some of the villages, including Broadwindsor.

Anna Lovell emphasised the impact of the loss of the bus service to the hospital and expressed concern that this did not appear to have been discussed with the Clinical Commissioning Group. A bus service to the hospital was essential.

Colin Divall spoke about the County decision to withdraw subsidies, compared to local authorities such as Devon, which he said had taken a different approach to support services. He also spoke about proposed changes to the train service from Weymouth to London.

Maureen Jackson spoke about the important part that public transport played in enabling people to access health services. This needed to be looked at as part of an holistic approach to health matters. Public transport was also to be on the agenda for the next West Dorset Partnership meeting.

Alan Williams spoke about issues with the electronic timetable indicators on bus stops.

Other speakers commented on the changes to the timetable of the X51 and loss of the Sunday service and the impact this had for people who relied upon public transport to get to work. The electronic timetables on the bus stops were also reported to be often inaccurate and not updated.

The Mayor thanked all the speakers and particularly WATAG for all their work. The Town Council had made representations to the County Council on bus services and would continue to do so, particularly regarding the loss of service to the hospital and whether there was a statutory duty to provide such a service. The Town Council

was also looking at the options for a community bus service in the town and it hoped to have a report back at its next meeting.

25. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Keith Day (for lateness), Sarah Horniman, Ros Kayes and Martin Ray,

26. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor (Chairman).

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

28. STANDING ORDER 14 (b)

There were no questions pursuant to standing order 14(b).

29. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(a) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 June 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Sarah Williams.

It was reported that WDDC's Planning Committee had supported the objection from this Committee on 19, Priory Mills, Priory Lane. Cllrs Sarah Williams and Dave Rickard spoke at the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 June 2017 be received.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 26 July 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Maggie Ray.

The recommendation in the minutes on the Town Plan (min. 34) did not need to be approved, as it was a recommendation (min. 58) in the Committee minutes of 13 September, reported later in this agenda.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 26 July 2017 be received.

(c) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 31 July 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Sarah Williams.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 31 July 2017 be received.

(d) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4 September 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Sarah Williams.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4 September 2017 be received.

(e) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 6 September 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Kelvin Clayton.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 6 September 2017 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, as set out below (each recommendation was moved, seconded and declared to be carried):-

(Minute 22) PUBLIC DRINKING WATER/REFILL DORSET

RESOLVED: that the Dorset Refill campaign be supported and there be further reports on the other issues set out in the minutes.

(Minute 23) RIGHTS RESPECTING UPDATE

RESOLVED: that the Rights Respecting Charter (Bridport Town Charter) be adopted as attached as an appendix to the minutes, and arrangements be made for a formal launch of the Charter.

(f) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 13 September 2017 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Maggie Ray.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 13 September 2017 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, as set out below (each recommendation was moved, seconded and declared to be carried):-

(Minute 56) FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2017/18 – 1ST REVISION

RESOLVED: that the 1st revision of the estimates for the year 2017/18 be approved.

(Minute 58) TOWN PLAN REVIEW – PRIORITY PROJECTS

RESOLVED: that the updated Town Plan be approved.

(Minute 60) EXTERNAL AUDIT 2016/17 - OUTCOME

Members noted that the audit had been concluded and no issues had been raised. The Finance and Office Manager was thanked for all his work on the Audit.

RESOLVED: that the completed Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 be accepted and approved.

(Minute 63) PARKS FOR PEOPLE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: that the submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund of an expression of interest under the Parks for People Programme be approved and £60,000 be earmarked to support the delivery of the project, subject to further reports, as part of the preparation of the stage one application, including the costings for all elements of the project, the funding required (grant and match funding) and the results of consultation with stake holders and community groups.

(Minute 65) COMMUNITY BUS SERVICES FEASIBILITY UPDATE

RESOLVED: that the completion of the Feasibility Study be noted and it be agreed to support further work into options for a community bus service, with a report back on the detail of a potential scheme, costings and possible operators.

(Minute 76) STAFFING MATTERS

RESOLVED: that a Member-Level Appointments Panel be established, with the remit and delegated authority as in the report, ENCL: 3242 and with the following membership:

Councillors: Sandra Brown, Kelvin Clayton, Maggie Ray, Anne Rickard and Sarah Williams.

30. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

It was agreed that the vacancy on the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee should remain unfilled, bearing in mind the forthcoming by election.

Councillors Clayton and Irvine expressed an interest in being the Town Council's representative on the Leisure Centre Trust, but it was reported that the Trust was reviewing its governance arrangements. There would be a report back when this was concluded.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Anne Rickard be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Committee; the vacancy on the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee remain unfilled at this stage and there be a report back on the Town Council's representation on the Leisure Centre Trust, following the review of its governance arrangements.

31. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

RESOLVED: that the topic for discussion at the next full Council meeting would be either health matters (including the community hub, if there were any updates at that time) or, if possible, there would be a presentation on refugee support in Dorset.

32. COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reported for information:

- (1) The Town Mayor reported her list of engagements, ENCL: 3243 and she thanked the Deputy Mayor for all his support.
- (2) The Leader of the Council reported that all members were to be invited to a meeting of all councils participating in the neighbourhood plan on Tuesday 31 October at 6.30pm in the Town Hall. This would be an opportunity to hear a report back on the recent public consultation and hear about the next steps in the preparation of the plan. She hoped that all members would be able to attend the meeting.

The meeting closed at **8.16pm**.

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 21 November 2017