

At a MEETING of the **BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Ros Kayes – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

Cllr	Geoffrey Ackerman	Julian Jones
	Jeremy Brodie	Maggie Ray
	Kelvin Clayton	Martin Ray
	Terry Harrison	Anne Rickard
	Sarah Horniman	Dave Rickard
	Barry Irvine	Sarah Williams

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Clinical Services Review

A number of people spoke in the Open Public Forum on the likely changes to local and Dorset wide medical services in the light of the forthcoming Clinical Services Review and the published Primary Care Commissioning Strategy.

The Mayor welcomed the public to the meeting and explained the background to the Public Forum, which was very timely in view of the imminent Clinical Services Review consultation and recently published proposals for local GP Practices. The Clinical Commissioning Group had attended a recent Town Council meeting to report their proposals and this session was an opportunity to hear from the public.

Claudia Sorin from the Dorset Health Campaign referred to a leaflet that she had circulated, with a summary of the published proposals in the Review. She highlighted the proposed changes to Accident and Emergency services, maternity services and closure of some community hospitals (Bridport was not included in the list of proposed closures). She encouraged people to get involved in the forthcoming consultation and referred people to more information on the Dorset Health Campaign's web site.

Barry Bates of the Citizens' Advice Bureau spoke about the increase in health case referrals locally, the potential impact of the proposed changes on access to care services and the additional cost of transport, should more services be moved to the east of the County.

David Tett, Governor of Bridport NHS Trust, spoke in a personal capacity and referred to the potential impact if there were reductions in GP surgeries. He would hope that the plans would be clarified as they could affect a large number of people.

Michael Deegan of the Pilsdon Community spoke about the services they offered to the community and expressed concern about the difficulties in accessing care and treatment, especially if more services were relocated.

Richard Nicholls expressed concern about the consultation and the proposals. He emphasised the need to safeguard local services.

John West highlighted the need for services to be retained as local as possible and for people to receive the follow up support they needed.

Sylvia Stafford expressed concern about the potential reductions in services and the potential difficulty for people in accessing services, due to the lack of public transport infrastructure.

Maureen Jackson of BLAP emphasised the need for an holistic and joined up approach to service provision and the need for the CCG to work with the County Council. This was a key issue for BLAP and she would be attending the consultation presentation on 8 December in Dorchester.

Phyllida Culpin also emphasised the need for joined up service delivery and to listen to what local people wanted.

Comments from other speakers included:

- Relocating key services to the East of the county would have an impact on transport times.
- Travelling would be difficult for families at a time of crisis, when they might need treatment.
- Concern about the future of local community hospitals.
- Need to look at the availability of ambulance services, if they were all moved to Bournemouth.
- Need to ensure that the reasons for change were fully explained. In some cases specialist trauma units had been seen to improve treatment. It was important that the reasons for the changes were fully explained and understood.

The Mayor thanked everyone who had spoken in the Public Forum and said that the comments made would be taken into consideration by the Town Council, when it agreed its response to the Clinical Services Review Consultation. She also encouraged everyone to make sure that they responded.

Public Forum

Sean Kinsella spoke about the need for a crossing at Knightstone Rise and about his concern at the proposed tree works on a Walnut Tree in St Andrews Road.

In response, it was reported that the crossing could be raised again at the Town Council's Highways Working Group and the Planning Committee would be commenting on the Tree works application.

Joe Hewetson, Matt McCourtie and James Bodington spoke about the Bridport Community Youth Project. The Group was meeting regularly and aimed to create an infrastructure, so that young people could participate fully in activities and decisions taken in the town. It hosted a recent event for the Trick Factory and was successful in obtaining funding from the Bridport Soup. It was hoping to arrange a

networking event in December at the Youth Centre and looking to crowdfund and help other groups in the town.

Joe, Matt and James were thanked for attending and it was hoped that a representative from the group would be involved in the proposed Steering Group for the skate park.

James Stone from Beyond Events spoke about events he was arranging in the town and the wider area next year and said that he was keen to talk to the Town Council about what he was trying to achieve.

James was invited to speak at the next Planning Committee and the Town Clerk would also arrange a separate meeting to discuss this matter.

32. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Eddie Colfox, Keith Day, Gillian Massey and Frances McKenzie.

33. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor (Chairman).

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All the previously recorded interests declared under this item in the Committee minutes were noted.

35. STANDING ORDER 14 (b)

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

36. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(a) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 September 2016 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Sarah Williams.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 September 2016 be received.

(b) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 October 2016 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Sarah Williams.

The Mayor provided an update for information on the Chantry. The Bridport Community Land Trust had submitted a Community Right to Bid for the building

as an asset of community value and it was hoped to discuss options with the District Council.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 October 2016 be received.

(c) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9 November 2016 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 9 November 2016 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, as set out below (each recommendation was moved, seconded and declared to be carried):-

(Minute 68) FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2016/2017 – 2nd REVISION

RESOLVED: that the 2nd revision of the estimates for the year 2016/2017 be approved.

(Minute 72) TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE TRANSFER DETAILS

RESOLVED:

- a) that the updated transfer arrangements as in the report be approved, including that the TIC come under the Town Council's management as from 1 January 2017.
- b) that the outline of the proposed Business Plan for the TIC be noted.
- c) that up to £20,000 be agreed from within existing capital reserves, to fund the necessary fit out and refurbishment works.
- d) that the proposed conveyance of the market rights from West Dorset District Council to the Town Council be approved, subject to the legal arrangements being confirmed.

(d) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 2 November 2016 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Dave Rickard.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 2 November 2016 be received and the recommendation therein be adopted as set out below: -

(Minute 37) WEST BAY COASTAL DEFENCE OPTIONS

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Committee Chairman be given delegated authority to agree and submit a response on the consultation.

37. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

RESOLVED:

(a) that the Town Council's response to the Clinical Services Review be considered by a working group of members in early January and then recommended to the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee on 11 January 2017 with the final response approved at the full council on 24 January 2017. The consultation deadline was 28 February 2017.

(b) that the topics for forthcoming Open Public Forums shall be:

24 January 2017 - Skatepark and Play Areas.

28 March 2017 - Town Centre traffic options.

38. COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reported for information:

- (1) The Town Mayor reported her list of engagements, ENCL: 3151 and thanked the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr Anne Rickard, for all her support.
- (2) The Leader of the Council reported that there was to be a public meeting to discuss forming a Steering Group to look at options for further development of the Skate Park and also the future of the Trick Factory. The meeting was to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 26 November 2016 at 11.00am.

The meeting closed at **8.41pm**.

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 24 January 2017