

Minutes of the meeting of **BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL** held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllr Ian Bark – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

Cllrs	Geoffrey Ackerman	Ros Kayes
	Rose Allwork	Gill Massey
	Dave Bolwell	Maggie Ray
	Sandra Brown	Martin Ray
	Sarah Carney	Anne Rickard
	Kelvin Clayton	Dave Rickard
	Karen Hunt	Sarah Williams
	Barry Irvine	Steve Williams
	Julian Jones	

ALSO PRESENT Will Austin (Town Clerk), Daryl Chambers (Town Surveyor), Paul Fuszard (Finance and Office Manager), Terri Foxwell (Tourist Information Centre Manager), 8 members of the public, and one representative of the press.

## **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Alan Slaney requested help to find suitable housing accommodation for his daughter and grandson. His daughter's partner also gave reasons as to why he felt this was necessary and why the current accommodation did not meet their needs. A gentleman named Chris, who advised he was the partner of Mr Slaney's daughter, spoke in support of Mr Slaney's request.

Members engaged in discussion with Mr Slaney, who was advised to contact both the Town Clerk and the Bridport ward members for Dorset Council to take this matter further.

## **Public Forum**

The Town Clerk gave a presentation on the Bridport Access and Movement Study. He set out the background and approach to the Study, the key findings, and three indicative options for the future access to and movement around the town centre: (i) incremental steps, (ii) embrace change, and (iii) transformational.

Members of the public and councillors discussed:

- The need for a fully inclusive approach, including wheelchair users and older people;
- The dominance of vehicles over walking and cycling;
- A 'park and stride' approach to reduce the number of vehicles in the town centre;
- The option of 'delivery hubs';
- A desire to identify possible timescales for change;
- The risk of change to Bridport's unique character;
- The importance of bus services;
- The route towards deciding on a preferred option; and
- The need to engage local businesses.

**37. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**39. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2021 were confirmed as a true and correct record, and signed by the Town Mayor.

**40. STANDING ORDER 14(b)**

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

**41. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

(a) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 September 2021 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Dave Bolwell.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 September 2021 be received and adopted.

(b) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1 November 2021 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Dave Bolwell.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1 November 2021 be received and adopted.

(c) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8 November 2021 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Maggie Ray, who also outlined the reasons for each of the recommendations brought forward for Full Council approval.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8 November 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, as set out below (each recommendation was moved, seconded and declared to be carried):-

(Minute 39) FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2021/22 – 2<sup>ND</sup> REVISION

RESOLVED: that the 2<sup>nd</sup> revision of the estimates for the year 2021/22 be approved.

(d) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 3 November 2021 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 3 November 2021 be received and adopted.

**42. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

RESOLVED: that the subject for the next Open Public Forum shall be the Integrated Care System, at the March 2022 meeting.

**43. COMMUNICATIONS**

The following items were reported for information:

- (1) The Town Mayor reported his list of engagements, ENCL: 3668, and on his involvement with the Plastic Free Bridport initiative. He also thanked Claire Peters-Way and others involved in the organisation and delivery of a successful Remembrance Sunday.
- (2) The Leader of the Council reported on an article for The Bridge magazine, on the Community Governance Review, for which he had been interviewed and which would appear in the December issue.
- (3) Cllr Sarah Williams reported that Dorset Council's Children's Services team was engaged in a Rights Respecting project.
- (4) The Town Clerk reported on Remembrance Sunday, the Access & Movement Study, the opening of public toilets at East Street Car Park, and the recent submission of the Town Council's proposals for the Community Governance Review.

The meeting closed at **8.19pm**

**The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 25 January 2022**