

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2021 at 6.00pm at
Christchurch Library, Room 6, High Street, Christchurch, BH23 1AW

Present:-

Chairman: Cllr A E Coulton

Vice-Chairman: Cllr G R Jarvis

Present: Cllr V Charrett, Cllr C A Gardiner and Cllr S McCormack.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Bungey, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr W Grace and Cllr Mrs S Spittle.

Officers present: Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk
Susan Roxby, Democratic Services Officer, Julia Howlett, BCP
Anti-Social Behaviour Manager.

Members of the Public present: 2

Members of the Press present: 0

269. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

270. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2021 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr S McCormack

Seconded: Cllr V Charrett

271. Public Participation

There was no public participation on this occasion.

272. Public Questions

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

273. Public Spaces Protection Order – Saxon Square

The Town Clerk submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Town Clerk had been advised by BCP Council that the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Saxon Square carpark was currently being considered by BCP Council. The Town Council had been approached for comment.

The Chairman had asked residents in her ward whether there were any current issues and was informed that the only disturbance was from skateboarders, although there were graffiti issues and that the residents were happy for PSPO to be removed.

A Member questioned whether the Council could add aggressive begging to the PSPO and was informed by the BCP Anti-Social Behaviour Manager that there were different tools and powers that would be more appropriate to deal with this issue. Members should report issues to the BCP ASB team and the Police to enable them to work together and could issue a community protection warning.

Cllr Coulton proposed a motion that the PSPO be revoked. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Charrett.

RESOLVED that the Public Spaces Protection Order be revoked.

Voting: unanimous

274. Avon Beach

Members were updated by the Chairman that seaweed issues on Avon beach was being looked into.

RESOLVED that the verbal update be noted.

275. Scotts Hill Lane Playground

A letter was submitted which was sent to BCP regarding Scots Hill Lane Playpark, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Town Clerk updated Members on new budgetary and financial provisions recommended to be put into place for financial year 2022/2023.

The Town Clerk further updated Members on correspondence to BCP Council concerning the formal process of working with BCP and Meyrick Estates to explore lease options.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be delegated to write to BCP Council to progress the Scotts Hill Lane Playground lease options and that the leader of the Council be copied into the correspondence.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr S McCormack

Seconded: Cllr G Jarvis

276. Druitt Hall - Extension of Lease

The Town Clerk updated Members on Druitt Hall lease position and informed Members that the original lease was for 10 years and that a 30-year term was being requested by the Trustees of Druitt Hall.

Members raised the issue that the windows at Druitt Hall should be replaced before the lease position was considered.

RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.

277. P12 2021 Parking Restrictions Proposals Autumn Review 2021 – BCP Consultation Response

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Town Clerk Members updated Members following exercise of urgent delegation and response to Consultation.

The Chairman considered that it was not appropriate for there to be an additional bay for beryl bikes outside of Poundland as there was already a bay nearby outside of the Old Town Hall.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the pavement was quite narrow due to the disabled bay and cashpoint machines. This was considered a conflict with pedestrians and could cause danger.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

278. Tree Memorial Plaque

Members were asked to consider the wording for a tree memorial plaque for the late Honorary Freeman Colin Bungey.

RESOLVED that the wording on a tree memorial plaque for the late Honorary Freeman Colin Bungey should read as follows:

‘In memory of Honorary Freeman Colin Bungey for services to the ancient Borough of Christchurch between xxx – xxx’; and ‘Christchurch Town Council’ be added underneath the wording in italics.

Voting: nem. com.

279. Local Media

Cllr Colton raised the issue of the Council’s Media. Currently a press release was issued by the Town Clerk via the Mayor with a quotation from the Chairman of the relevant Committee and emailed to the Echo and community magazine editors.

RESOLVED that the verbal update be noted.

280. Platinum Jubilee Working Group Progress Report

Cllr Charrett updated Members on the plans and progress following a meeting of the Platinum Jubilee Working Group raising the following points:

- A thanksgiving service at the Priory
- Bunting and Flags in the town.
- Tree planting and commemorative benches.
- Focus was on beacon lighting with Mudeford Quay the preferred option.
- A knitted Gold Crown to be placed on the Old Town Hall

The total costs would be appropriately £10,000.

RESOLVED that the verbal update be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.11pm

CHAIRMAN