

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 August 2019 at 6.00pm at
the Druitt Hall, High Street, Christchurch BH23 1AJ

Present:-

Cllr Mrs S Bungey – Deputy Mayor (in the chair)

Present: Cllr Hon Freeman Cllr C R Bungey, Cllr A E Coulton, Cllr C A Gardiner, Cllr W Grace, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr G R Jarvis, Cllr D C Jones, Cllr T Lane, Cllr S J McCormack, Cllr F F T Neale, Cllr G E E Polson, and Cllr M J Tarling.

Apologies: The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Dedman, Cllr J Abbott, Cllr Mrs F Cox and Cllr M Cox.

Officers Present: Cllr Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk
Susan Roxby, Administrative Support Officer

78. **Prayers**

The Deputy Mayor opened the proceedings with prayers.

79 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr M J Tarling declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 due to having been a member of a group called 'Discover Science in Christchurch' which was formed to open a Museum in Christchurch.

80. **Public Participation**

The Deputy Mayor reported that no Members of the Public had been registered to speak in accordance with the Council's Standing orders.

81. **Public Questions**

The Deputy Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted to the Town Clerk in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

82. Questions from Councillors

There were no questions from Councillors on this occasion.

83. Draft BCP Council Plan

Members were asked to consider the draft Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council Plan so that a response on behalf of the Town Council may be forwarded to BCP Council.

Cllr G Jarvis joined the meeting at 6.30pm.

Members comprehensively debated the draft BCP Council Plan and their overall opinions were noted as follows:

- 'Where it was economically viable to do so' could be added to each action point.
- Affordability should be struck, so as not to be included as a statement as an 'opt out'.
- Funding was important to be considered in light of what was affordable.
- Large sums of Government funding were available to carry projects forward before the budget. Work on good policies with the right improvements was required to go forward, for example electric buses could develop an environmentally friendly transport network.
- A Member felt that questions on economy were leading.

Members then debated each priority of the BCP Draft Council Plan and made the following responses:

Sustainable Environment:

This Council strongly supports the development of an eco-friendly transport network for the entire conurbation. We feel it will go towards tackling climate change whilst preserving our outstanding natural environment thereby promoting sustainable resource management. This should also include those areas that were not previously served by public transport.

Dynamic Region:

This Council strongly applauds the principles of "Dynamic Region":

- a) for new housing development with renewable energy efficient solutions;
- b) this Council promotes sufficient high-quality affordable housing; and

- c) whilst developing a secure digital infrastructure BCP Council should take into consideration those residents who do not have access to digital infrastructure.

Collective Communities:

This Council endorses and applauds the BCP Plan as the principle of a “Collective Community” encapsulates the work that the Town Council has been doing so far.

Brighter Future and Fulfilled Lives:

This Council believes that these two discrete elements should be synthesised into one objective and plan aim due to the degree of overlap between each objective. As currently stated the two objectives seemingly try to capture the delivery of social services to the community as a whole, whereas this should be essentially one neat, concise and inclusive mandate fit for both the older and younger generations of our society.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be delegated to write a letter to the Chief Executive and all Members of BCP Council detailing the response from this Council on the draft BCP Plan.

Voting: unanimous

The meeting ended at 7.20pm

CHAIRMAN