

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17 April 2007 there were present:

The Worshipful the Mayor – Councillor Chris Ferguson – in the Chair

Councillor Anne Purdon – Deputy Mayor

Councillors Graham Dutnall, Michael George, John Goldsworthy, Bruce Hawken, Roger Holmes, Roger Jones, Anne Kennedy Truscott, Martyn Miller, Tony Powell, Sandra Preston, Lori Reid, Dave Rowe and Christina Whitty.

Cornish Times Representatives – Mr S Larkins and Ms V Williams

Town Clerk – Mrs B N Furse

Minute Clerk – Mrs D Andrews

The Mayor invited the Reverend Tony Ingleby to open the meeting with prayers.

463/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Nick Mallard and County Councillor George Hocking.

464/06 PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were none.

465/06 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Lions Annual Dinner in Looe and with Councillor George he had also attended the North Cornwall District Council presentation on Cornwall County Council's bid for Unitary status. The Mayor said that in order to feed opinion back to CALC, he had offered the use of Liskeard's facilities for a meeting of members in East Cornwall. This was necessary as comments need to go back to Central Government via stake holders, which in the case of Parish and Town Councils is CALC.

The Mayor reported that the following Councillors will not be returning after the forthcoming election: Councillors Dutnall, Goldsworthy, Jones and Rowe. The Mayor wished them all well but singled out Councillor Goldsworthy for special thanks for his services to the Town as Councillor since 1966.

The Mayor then announced that Beating the Bounds would take place on Sunday 20 May and the Annual Parish meeting the following evening on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30 pm. He also asked Councillors to attend the Catholic Church Mayor's Mass on Sunday 22 April at 10.45 am. He stated that the Councillor's Office had now been reinstated with the original security code.

466/06 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 20 March 2007 be adopted and signed by the Mayor as a true record of proceedings.

467/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. C Small – (Minute 431/06 (2))

The Town Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the letter from CDC to C Small with regard to a complaint that signage for the Excess Charge Notice in the car parks was unclear. CDC, whilst stating that they had never had a problem with the excess charge being paid, have agreed to update the charge pads stating that the green button must be pressed to complete the process.

468/06 COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Mayor presented and proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 27 March 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

Matters Arising – Designated Public Places Order (Minute 439/06)

The Town Clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr S Dobinson at CDC who had been investigating the criteria for the Designated Public Places Order and had found that as Liskeard and Looe now had Outdoor Premises Licences, it was not feasible to have both.

It was noted that the Government are aware of the problem and guidance is expected from the Home Office in order to rectify this administrative error.

2. The Mayor invited Councillor Sandra Preston to present and propose the adoption of the Minutes of the **PLOTHOLDERS AND LOCAL AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 3 April 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted with the exception that Minute 448/06 should read that Councillor Anne Kennedy Truscott suggested to secure the wall with chicken wire.

a. Matters Arising – Newsletter (Minute 447/06 (4))

In answer to the Mayor, Councillor Reid stated that as she had only received one piece of copy for the Newsletter, it was not ready for publication. The Mayor stated that the Council's Annual Report and list of new Councillors would need to be included in the next edition.

b. Pest Control (Minute 447/06 (7))

The Town Clerk reported that an inspection by Bird Solutions GB would be carried out on the 19 and 20 April 2007 to view the situation. She said that Mr Gliddon of Viridor recommended that the Council go ahead and advertise as previously resolved, stating that control measures will cost £30.00 per property.

3. The Mayor invited Councillor Goldsworthy to present and propose the adoption of the Minutes of the **PROPERTY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 10 April 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

Matters Arising – Pigeons (Minute 456/06 (1))

The Chairman stated that even with the Guildhall gates being kept closed, pigeons were still getting into the building. The Town Clerk confirmed that the netting had now been repaired.

Councillor Goldsworthy stated as this was his last Town Council meeting, he would like to thank Councillors for their support and he had enjoyed working with them especially the Town Clerk who had been very helpful to him during his term as Mayor and Chairman. He said that Liskeard should be very proud of its public buildings and he was pleased to see that the Town now had the Charter Way Link Road which he had suggested many years ago.

469/06 OTHER REPORTS

The Mayor stated that the Minutes of the **TOWN FORUM AND AGM MEETINGS** held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House on Wednesday 4 April 2007 would be received at the next Council Meeting.

470/06 PLANS AND DECISIONS as per addendum No. 1 were noted.

471/06 PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS were verbally reported by the Mayor from the Meeting earlier that evening as per Addendum attached.

472/06 ACCOUNTS

It was **RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts as per Addendum No. 2 having been circulated, be endorsed.

The Mayor declared an interest in cheque 8653 and took no part in any discussion or decision reached in respect of this item.

473/06 CORRESPONDENCE

Members received the circulated list of Correspondence, Circulars and Booklets, which were noted unless otherwise stated below.

1. CDC – Election of Councillors (3))

In reply to Councillor Reid, the Mayor stated that as there had been an uncontested election with 14 Councillors elected, this was over 80%, so the Council is still eligible to apply for Quality Status.

2. CCC – One Cornwall (4)

Councillors Hawken and George will attend the above meeting on Wednesday 25 April from 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm in the New Liskeard Room, Public Hall.

3. CDC – Local Government White Paper (2) and (5)

The Mayor stated that CALC were to hold a meeting at the Public Hall to obtain the Parish's views with regard to the proposed change in Local Government in Cornwall. With regard to the Questionnaire relating to possible structure change for service delivery, these will be distributed to Councillors for consideration at the next Council meeting.

474/06 STANDING ORDERS

Councillor Holmes proposed and Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended.

PART II

1. Liskeard Town Guide

475/06 STANDING ORDERS

It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be reinstated and that the discussions of the Meeting in Committee (Part II) be adopted. There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed.