

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

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

The Worshipful the Mayor – Councillor Anne Purdon – in the Chair

Councillor Chris Ferguson – Deputy Mayor

Councillors Stephen Barrett, Bruce Hawken, Roger Holmes, *Anna Kennedy, Sandra Preston, Lori Reid and Christina Whitty.

Cornish Times Representatives – Mr S Larkins

Town Clerk – Mrs B N Furse

Minute Clerk – Mrs D Andrews

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

128/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & ABSENTEE

Apologies were received from Councillors Michael George, Anne Kennedy Truscott, Martyn Miller, Nick Mallard and County Councillor George Hocking. Councillor Powell was absent.

129/07 PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were none.

*At 7.35 pm Councillor Kennedy arrived and apologised for her late arrival.

130/07 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported that she had attended the following events, the Art Exhibition at Liskeard College, School visits to Year 3 at St Martin's School, Floral Dance and Carnival, Launceston Mayor Choosing, Braddock School Fair, Sports Day at St Martin's School and the Liskeard Show.

She also reminded Councillors that Mrs Judy Skirton would be retiring on Friday and invited them to attend a get together in the Mayor's Parlour at 10.30 am for drinks and nibbles. Councillors Holmes and Preston gave their apologies.

Members also noted the Mayor's Carol Service was to be held on the 16 December and the Councillor's Christmas Dinner would be on the 21 December at the Bay Leaf.

The Mayor stated that sadly Councillor Jones's wife Alison had passed away the previous Friday and her funeral would take place at the Wesley Church on Tuesday 24 July at 2.30 pm. Councillors attending to meet at 2.15 pm at the Church. It was noted that a letter of condolence had been sent from the Council to Councillor Jones.

131/07 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19 June 2007 be adopted and signed by the Mayor as a true record of proceedings with the exception that Minute No 93/07 (1.1) should read Councillor George will liaise with the District Council to 'discuss' repairs.

Also in Minute 98/07 paragraph 4 the following paragraph is deleted “The Deputy Mayor said that a new Youth worker had now been appointed”.

132/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Caradon Hill Project (Minute 89/07)

The Town Clerk reported that an article relating to the above had appeared on the back page of the Cornish Times on Friday stating that a meeting between the relevant parties would take place this Thursday evening to discuss whether to proceed with the Project. She also stated that a letter had been sent to CCC expressing the Council’s concern.

133/07 VACANCY FOR TWO COUNCILLORS

The Town Clerk stated that when the elections for Town Councillors were held in May, only 14 candidates had stood for Council and it was necessary to co-op two more Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** to advertise the vacancies and that a meeting be held to interview candidates on Monday 3 September, time to be advised.

134/07 COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Mayor invited Councillor Roger Holmes to present and propose the adoption of the Minutes of the **MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Monday 25 June 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

2. The Mayor invited Councillor Sandra Preston to present and propose the adoption of the Minutes of the **LOCAL AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 3 July 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Matters Arising – Proposed Byway Highwood to Looe Mills (Minute 108/07 (2))

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had provided the necessary evidence at the Public Inquiry relating to the above and the Chairman’s decision was now awaited.

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

1. Matters Arising – Gutter Cleaning and Repairs (Minute 120/07 (2))

The Town Clerk reported that AMP Access had only telephoned the Friday before the Sunday 8 July to say that the Cherry Picker was not available, everything having been arranged with the County Council and signage already in place. It was agreed a new date would need to be set and hopefully a discount negotiated.

2. Chairman’s Report (Minute 124/07 (2))

For information, the Town Clerk stated that the Refreshment Room although refurbished in the 1950’s had been redecorated since.

135/07 OTHER REPORTS

Members received and noted the following:

1. Minutes of the **TOWN FORUM MEETING** held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House on Wednesday 6 June 2007.

2. Report prepared by Councillor Holmes on Affordable Housing in Cornwall. Councillor Holmes stated that the Presentation that he had attended arranged by St Stephen in Brannel at New County Hall had been a very inspired meeting and Liskeard was not the only town with affordable housing problems. He then suggested that the Council obtain a copy of the DVD that he had summarised in his report, discuss the content and consider the topic on a County wide basis. The Deputy Mayor felt the matter should also be raised at the Town Forum Meeting. There then followed further discussion and it was agreed that that the Council together with the Town Forum view the DVD at the next Forum Meeting on Wednesday 10 October 2007, provided this is agreed by the Chairman.

136/07 PLANS AND DECISIONS as per Addendum No. 1 were noted.

137/07 PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS were verbally reported by the Mayor from the Meeting earlier that evening as per Addendum attached. Councillor Reid was concerned that some of the Council's objections to applications were granted permission by CDC. The Town Clerk stated that conditions for approval or reasons for refusal appear on the decision notice and Councillors should note these. Councillor Hawken stated that if as a Council, Councillors feel the decisions are incorrect they should seek to try to influence the policies.

138/07 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 cheques 8773 and 8783 and took no part in the discussion or decision reached in respect of these items. The Town Clerk stated that cheque 8754 should be a \$137.

139/07 CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. CDC – Standards Committee (1)

Members were in agreement that the above Committee could deal with cases relating to Town Councillors referred to it by the Standards Board of England.

2. CDC – Revised Code of Conduct Training (3)

The Deputy Mayor stated that the Training times were not suited to Councillors who were working during the day. Councillor Hawken asked if CDC could put on a further session in the evening. Councillors Hawken, Reid and Preston stated they would attend.

3. CDC – Adoption of the Revised Code of Conduct (4)

Members agreed they were content for the District Council to advertise on the Council's behalf relating to the above, but not until Councillors had attended the Training Courses and the new code adopted at the September Meeting.

4. CCC – Draft Cornwall Countryside Access Strategy

Members noted that the Mayor had already responded to the above. The Town Clerk stated that the document is in the Councillor's Office should others wish to comment.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed.