

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19 June 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, Michael George, Bruce Hawken, Roger Holmes, Anna Kennedy, Anne Kennedy Truscott, Nick Mallard, *Marty Miller, 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.

79/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Tony Powell, District Councillor Mike Critchley and County Councillor George Hocking.

80/07 PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Councillors Hawken and George both declared an interest in Minute 88/07.

81/07 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported that she had attended the following events, the AGM of Save the Children, the Royal British Legion Drum Head Service and the Civic Service last Sunday with thanks to all those who attended.

*At 7.37 pm Councillor Miller arrived and apologised for his late arrival.

82/07 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the **AGM** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 8 May 2007 be adopted with the exception that Minute No 6/07 should read ...Standing Orders cannot include the Code of Conduct until the Code had been formally adopted.

83/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Appointment of Representatives for 2007/8

There were two appointments outstanding; Councillor Hawken offered to serve as the Council's representative on the Looe Valley Line and the Deputy Mayor on the Tourism Advisory Council.

84/07 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 8 May 2007 be adopted and signed by the Mayor as a true record of proceedings.

85/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Mayor's Remarks (Minute 14/07 (1))

The Deputy Mayor reported that although fewer people had taken part in this year's Beating the Bounds, the event was successful and he thanked those who had attended. Also another Boundary Stone had been rediscovered during the walk.

86/07 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Mayor stated that two Councillors need to be appointed to the Finance Committee. Councillor Hawken proposed and the Deputy Mayor seconded the Chairman of the Museum Committee, Councillor Holmes. The Deputy Mayor proposed and Councillor Mallard seconded Councillor Barrett. It was **RESOLVED** that both Councillors be appointed.

87/07 ACCOUNTS FOR 2006/7 AND ANNUAL RETURN

Members having received the Accounts and Annual Return **RESOLVED** that the Council had met all the necessary requirements to sign off the Annual Governance statement.

88/07 SOLOMON'S APPEAL – FORE STREET

Councillor Mallard stated that the Appeal for the conversion of the upper floors at 12-16 Fore Street had been upheld by the Planning Inspector as he felt the planning rules were not robust enough to warrant refusal. He then outlined the reasons why the Council had not supported the application. He said that the Town Council had asked CDC to introduce a supplementary planning guidance, which would require any future residential developments within the town to be provided with allocated parking, but CDC stated that this was not necessary as it was already covered by planning policy.

Councillor Mallard felt that in allowing the Appeal, it would open the door for future developments within the town and suggested that CDC revisit whether supplementary guidance should be adopted. Councillor Mallard proposed and Councillor Kennedy Truscott seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to write to CDC with this request.

89/07 CARADON HILL PROJECT

Councillor Mallard stated that the Caradon Hill Project was a large project with a small but significant element affecting the town and this project was in danger of collapsing due to a failure of meeting of minds on public liability insurance between the St Cleer and Commoners Association and the proponents (CCC). He stated that the Heritage Lottery Funding had been extended beyond April to allow additional time to resolve the issues and there had been no publicity that the scheme was in danger of failing. Councillor Mallard was very concerned that a 5 million project on Liskeard's doorstep could be lost and asked if there were anything the Council could do to facilitate this project.

Councillor Holmes stated that the Commoners and private landowners were not willing to pay the public liability insurance that would be necessary if the scheme went ahead and he hoped that common ground could be found as the success of the project would be of great benefit to the area and would also benefit the Museum. Following further discussion, Councillor Mallard proposed, Councillor Kennedy Truscott seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to write to CCC expressing the Council's concern.

90/07 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 14 May 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.
2. 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 15 May 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

91/07 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the **MAYOR CHOOSING CEREMONY** held in the Public Hall on Wednesday 23 May 2007 be adopted, with the additional words added to Minute No 47/07 paragraph 8 following Ron Overd – the 2006/7 Mayors of Torpoint, Callington, Saltash and Looe respectively.

92/07 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 29 May 2007 be adopted.

1. Matters arising (Minute 49/07)

The Town Clerk reported that the Council's response on the Proposals for Unitary Structure had been sent to the DCLG on the 15 June 2007.

93/07 COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 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 5 June 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Matters Arising – Town Clerk's Report (Minute 60/07.2)

Councillor Hawken confirmed that the land bordering the Wadham estate where the fencing had been broken belonged to CDC. Councillor George will liaise with the District Council to discuss repairs.

2. 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 12 June 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

3. The Mayor presented and proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 12 June 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Matters Arising – Town Guide (Minute 71/07 (1))

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Guide had now been printed and collected. Although the front page colour register is slightly distorted.

94/07 OTHER REPORTS

Members received and noted the following:

Minutes of the **AGM** and **TOWN FORUM MEETING** held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House on Wednesday 4 April 2007. Councillor Mallard stated that the Minutes of the Town Forum Meeting held on the 6 June 2007 would be received at the July Council meeting.

95/07 PLANS AND DECISIONS as per Addendum No. 1 were noted.

96/07 PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS were verbally reported by the Mayor from the Meeting earlier that evening as per Addendum attached.

97/07 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 8706, 8716, 8732 and 8734, Councillor Mallard in cheque 8714 and Councillor Holmes in 8740. These Councillors took no part in any discussion or decision reached in respect of these items

98/07 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Antisocial Behaviour at Rapsons

The Mayor stated that three letters had been received with regard to vandalism and unsocial behaviour relating to Rapsons field MUGA, which Members then discussed. The Deputy Mayor said it was very frustrating that the MUGA was being vandalised and subject to Graffiti as much hard work had been put in by the Town and District Council to provide this facility. He also said the MUGA was costing several hundred pounds a year and he would be bringing ideas to resolve these problems to the Local Amenities Committee.

Councillor Mallard stated that concerns about stray balls coming from the grass area were CDC's responsibility, but those coming from the hard surface into neighbour's gardens, the Council would look into. He also stated that three youths had been caught damaging the fencing and a contribution to the damage had been asked from the offenders. The Town Clerk stated that more youngsters had been seen pulling down the fencing the previous evening.

The Mayor stated that the seats in the Park had also been damaged and she was attending a meeting to discuss the MUGA problems the following day. Councillor Holmes stated that criminal damage was being carried out and no excuses must be made.

Councillor Hawken felt the Town and District Council must form a partnership to protect the nearby neighbours, whose quality of life was affected and look at what can be done together with associated funding. Councillor George stated he would liaise with an officer from CDC on Wednesday to see if anything could be done and he felt that it would be necessary to engage with these disaffected children. Councillor Kennedy stated that a lot of children were disappointed with what was happening at the MUGA.

1. CCC – Proposals for Unitary Structure (3)

The Town Clerk stated a copy of the above response to DCLG would be sent out to CCC the following day.

2. Looe Valley Line Forum (5)

Members noted that ex Councillors Rowe and Goldsworthy were still attending the meetings of the above Forum.

3. United Charities (9)

Confirmation that the three Members appointed to United Charities are The Mayor and Councillors Kennedy and Whitty.

4. St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council (10)

Councillor Holmes volunteered to attend the Presentation on Affordable Homes on Monday 16 July 2007 at New County Hall, Truro.

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