

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber following the AGM on Tuesday 8 May 2007 there were present:

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

Councillor Anne Purdon – Deputy Mayor

Councillors Stephen Barrett, Michael George, Bruce Hawken, Roger Holmes, Anna Kennedy, Anne Kennedy Truscott, Nick Mallard, Martyn Miller, Sandra Preston, Lori Reid and Christina Whitty.

District Councillors – Mike Critchley and Jay Schofield

Cornish Times Representatives – Mr S Larkins

Town Clerk – Mrs B N Furse

Minute Clerk – Mrs D Andrews

An apology was received from Councillor Tony Powell

11/07 PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Councillor Barrett declared an interest in Finance Minute 479/06(1)).

12/07 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor stated that there would be an additional Agenda Item to discuss, Office Computers.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Anne Purdon on her election as Mayor Elect and wished her well for her Mayoral year. He then welcomed District Councillors, Mike Critchley and Jay Schofield and new Town Councillors Stephen Barrett and Anna Kennedy. He also congratulated Town Councillor Michael George on being appointed a District Councillor for the South Ward.

The Mayor's engagements since the last meeting had been as follows: The Roman Catholic Civic Service, the Scout Centenary parade at Mount Edgcumbe, the British Heart Foundation AGM and the Liskerrett Centre May Day celebrations. He thanked the Town Clerk and those Town Councillors who attended the Civic Service and all Councillors for their support over the past year.

13/07 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 17 April 2007 be adopted and signed by the Mayor as a true record of proceedings.

14/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Mayor's Remarks (Minute 465/06)

The Mayor reminded Councillors that Beating the Bounds would take place at 10.30 am from Morrisons Car Park on Sunday 20 May 2007.

2. Newsletter (Minute 468/06 (2.a))

The Mayor stated that Councillor Reid needs copy for the next Newsletter and asked that the new Councillors write a resume about themselves for inclusion.

The Town Clerk stated that the Annual Report and Accounts could also be included together with a list of Councillors for 2007/08.

15/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held in the Public Hall on Wednesday 18 April 2007 were received and noted.

16/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Massage Parlour – Higher Lux Street (Report No 10 (1))

Following a letter from Mr Berry stating that CDC having sought legal advice regarding the above property and having been advised they have no grounds for appeal, Councillor Mallard asked if the development required a licence and if so, it may give a further opportunity for the Council to express their wishes. Following further discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Mallard would liaise with the Town Clerk to pursue this enquiry.

Councillor Holmes stated that residents should keep a close watch on the area and report any nuisance to the police and obtain a log number. Councillor Kennedy Truscott felt the Parlour would be a Health and Safety issue. Councillor Hawken stated that although it was an unsavoury development, there were no planning reasons for the Parlour not to go ahead and reiterated the case that residents report all nuisance, which could then build a case for future investigation. Councillor Reid suggested the residents join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, which gives them a link to the PCSO's. The Mayor stated that the Council would monitor the situation.

17/07 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION

The Town Clerk stated she had received correspondence relating to the above from CCC, who have offered to come and speak to the Council, CDC will be sending a copy of the analysis and report on CCC's Unitary Proposal around the 14 May prepared by Professor Chisholm and notes from the 'One Cornwall' discussion attended by Councillors Hawken and George had been received. Notification also from CALC of their General Meeting on the 4 June 2007 at 7.30 pm at County Hall, Truro, which a representative should attend.

The Mayor felt there was too much information to take on board at this meeting and suggested a special meeting be called to discuss the matter. The Mayor proposed and Councillor Mallard seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that a meeting be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 29 May 2007 in the Council Chamber.

18/07 COMPUTERS

The Mayor stated that the office computers were now ageing and needed to be compatible with the same software. He stated that £1,500.00 had been accrued from last year and quotes had now been received for their replacement ranging from £1,950.00 to £2,500.00. Councillor Mallard proposed and Councillor Kennedy seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that an additional £1,000.00 be taken from the Finance Renewals Reserve to cover the cost and for installation by Mr Isaacs. Councillors Mallard, Miller and the Town Clerk will liaise regarding the purchase.

Councillor Kennedy commented that they had Dell computers in their office, with which they were very pleased.

19/07 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. The Mayor presented and proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 24 April 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Matters arising – Parochial Fees Order 2007 (Minute 482/06 (7))

In reply to Councillor Reid, the Mayor stated that parochial fees cover the costs of marriages, funerals etc.

2. The Mayor invited Councillor Christina Whitty to present and propose the adoption of the Minutes of the **LOCAL AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 1 May 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted

a. Matters Arising – Designated Public Places Order (Minute 492/06)

The Mayor stated that ex Councillors Dutnall and Rowe had not been happy with the outcome with regard to the above. CDC Licensing had now confirmed that (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) regulations 2007 do not include Town Councils. The outcome of this would be that the Order will be registered in the District Council's name and the Town Council can then administer it. The Mayor proposed and Councillor Kennedy Truscott seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

20/07 **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 meeting.

21/07 **PLANS AND DECISIONS** as per addendum No. 1 were noted.

22/07 **ACCOUNTS**

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

Councillor Mallard declared an interest in cheque 8676. This Councillor took no part in any discussion or decision reached in respect of this item. The Mayor informed Members that he had declined to accept his final Mayor's allowance, cheque 8694 as this had not become payable until after the end of the financial year. He felt it would be beneficial for the incoming Mayor to have access to her full allowance before the 31 March 2008.

23/07 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. The Salvation Army (8)

At the request from the Salvation Army for the Council to host a Civic Service, Councillor Mallard stated that currently three are held each year and to take on yet another venue could demean it. Following discussion, Members were in agreement with this.

However, if an individual invitation was issued to the Mayor and Councillors it would be given consideration. It was agreed the Town Clerk would reply accordingly.

2. Regional Development Agency – Economic Profile (9)

Councillor Mallard volunteered to peruse this document and report back.

3. Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Economic Forum (10)

Councillor Mallard stated that he had a copy of their 'Strategy and Action' if Members wished to view. Members also noted the invitation to attend the launch of the 'economic development strategy' on Tuesday 29 May at Kingsley Village, Fraddon, commencing at 5.30 pm.

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