

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 18 September 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, Anne Kennedy Truscott, Martin Miller, Tony Powell, Sandra Preston, Lori Reid, Christina Whitty and Pam Whittaker.

District Councillor Jay Schofield.

County Councillors George Hocking and Roger Jones.

*PCSO's Hooper and Steed.

Cornish Times Representatives – Mr S Larkins

Town Clerk – Mrs B N Furse

Minute Clerk – Ms H Wasilewski

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

184/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & ABSENTEE

Apologies were received from Councillors Michael George, Nick Mallard and Elanor Hoskin.

185/07 SPEAKER

The Mayor introduced Christopher Lunn to speak on regarding the former Passmore Edwards Hospital. Mr Lunn spoke of the background relating to the decision to develop the site for the elderly. A report previously carried out by Cornwall County Council and the 6 Districts had showed a sharp rise in the need for properties for the elderly with the number of residents over the age of 65 years anticipated to rise by just under 80% over the next 3 years. The report was received at the same time as the original application was submitted for the Passmore Edwards site.

Caradon District Council encouraged housing association's to purchase the site from the PCT but the process was slow so Caradon District Council decided to buy the site themselves and from 6 bids submitted from housing associations Sarsen was chosen.

The funding is to be in two processes, the capital funding for the bricks and mortar will be applied for from the Housing Corporation with the application hopefully being submitted in November with a decision by Feb/March. Providing Caradon District Council contributes some funding, the revenue funding will come from Cornwall County Council.

Members viewed a plan showing the general layout of the site. The original cottage hospital will remain and house the central facilities area with a reception, larger kitchen and staff area. There will be 34 two bedroom apartments and 21 one bedroom apartments.

* At 7.45pm PCSO's Hooper and Steed arrived and apologised for their late arrival.

Providing planning permission is granted it is hoped to start work early next spring and to complete by December 2009.

Members noted that a public consultation would be held in the Public Hall on Monday 24 September from 2pm – 7pm, where more detailed plans could be viewed together with a computer generated view of the elevations.

The steering group now established would meet on Thursday 20 September at 11am.

Mr Lunn stated that they had been in contact with James who was the Great Grandson of John Passmore, James was now living in Australia and the family were keen to follow the progress of the development and were hoping to pay a visit to the site in December this year.

Mr Lunn also stated that the development would need to be named at some point and that this was something the council might like to think about.

There then followed a question and answer session following which the Mayor thanked Mr Lunn for attending and he left the meeting.

186/07 PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Councillor Barrett declared an interest in planning application 07/01078/FUL.

Councillor Whitaker declared an interest in planning application 07/00832/FUL.

Councillor Whitty declared an interest in planning application 07/00612/FUL.

187/07 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor stated that Councillors said farewell to Judy Skirton from the office at the end of July and welcomed Helen Wasilewski.

She reported that she had attended the following events, the Assemblies of God meeting, McMillan Coffee morning, The Memorial Service for Princess Diana in Truro Cathedral, Licensing of Rev. Ruth Goodland at Wesley Church, the Scouts open day in Castle Park, Callington's Civic Service, Breatheasy launch at the Liskerrett centre, the Liskeard Band meeting and the British Heart Foundation walk from Looe to Polperro.

188/07 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 17 July 2007 be adopted and signed by the Mayor as a true record of proceedings, with the exception of Minute No 139/07(3) should read and the new code "is to be" adopted at the September meeting.

189/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Affordable Housing DVD (Minute 135/07(2))

The Mayor enquired from Councillor Holmes whether arrangements had been made for the DVD presentation at the next Town Forum meeting on 10 October 2007. Councillor Holmes replied that he still had to make arrangements.

190/07 CODE OF CONDUCT

Members having already received the new Statutory Instrument for the Model Code of Conduct and members guide, the Deputy Mayor stated that paragraph 7 could be left in or omitted and proposed that the paragraph should remain. Councillor Hawken stated that the model code of

conduct that he had downloaded from the DCLG website that morning stated that paragraph 7 did not apply to this authority and therefore did not see the point in leaving in the paragraph. After some debate and because members had not seen the model code of conduct that Councillor Hawken was looking at the Deputy Mayor proposed and Councillor Kennedy seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that paragraph 7 remain in the model code of conduct.

The Mayor asked members to look at paragraph 12.2 and if there were any comments following which Councillor Hawken proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that paragraph 12.2 remain in the model code of conduct.

*At 8.15 PCSO's Hooper and Steed gave their apologies and left the meeting.

191/07 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE COMMUNITY HALLS NETWORK

Councillor Kennedy having volunteered to be the representative for the Community Halls Network, was elected as the representative.

192/07 SEALING OF THE GUILDHALL LEASE TO STUDIO WINTER

It was **RESOLVED** that the lease for the Guildhall to Studio Winter be sealed and signed and this was duly carried out.

193/07 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO PASSMORE EDWARDS EXTRA CARE STEERING GROUP

Councillor Holmes suggested that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor would be the best for candidate. Councillor Hawken stated that with most of the meetings being held in the day time that it would be more prudent for the Mayor to attend. It was **RESOLVED** that the Mayor be appointed with the Deputy Mayor to deputise if necessary.

194/07 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 July 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 4 September 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Matters Arising – Signs for the TIC (Minute 152/07 (4))

The Town Clerk reported that the signs for the TIC and Museum were now up in Westbourne car park if anyone wished to see them.

2. Reclaiming the Town (Minute 154/07)

Councillor Reid said that she wanted to express congratulations to Caradon District Council for reducing the parking fees in the town, which certainly seemed busier.

3. Thorn Park (Minute 156/07)

The Deputy Mayor reported that both himself and Councillor Barrett had now removed the climbing frame at a total cost of £18.13.

4. Printing of Newsletter (Minute 159/07)

Members received copies of the next edition of the "Town Crier". The Town Clerk reported that the cost of printing the Town Crier would be £290.00 for black and white copies or £450.00 for colour copies, the Gazette charging £120.00 for delivery. It was **RESOLVED** that they be printed in black and white.

3. 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 10 September 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

4. 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 11 September 2007. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted, with the exception that Minute No 180/07 should read "**RESOLVED**" and not **RECOMMENDED**.

1. Matters Arising – Gas Isolation Installation (Minute 173/07 (2))

The Town Clerk reported that the drawings had been received whilst she was on holiday so the invoice had now been paid.

195/07 OTHER REPORTS

Members received and noted the following:

Minutes of the **TOWN FORUM MEETING** held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House on Wednesday 29 August 2007.

196/07 PLANS AND DECISIONS as per Addendum No. 1 were noted as attached.

197/07 PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS were verbally reported by the Mayor from the Meeting earlier that evening as per Addendum attached.

198/07 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 8835 and 8849, the Deputy Mayor declared an interest in cheque 8864, and Councillor Holmes declared an interest in Cheques 8800 and 8788. These Councillors took no part in the discussion or decision reached in respect of these items.

199/07 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Draft list of Services (8)

Councillor Holmes stated that this was not a complete list and believed that councillors should look at the sorts of things they would like to see added to the list.

Councillor Holmes stated that there is to be a CALC meeting at Truro County Hall on the 12 October 2007 in relation to the Heritage Lottery Funding.

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