

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Long Room on Tuesday 13 May 2008 at 7.30 pm there were present:

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

Councillor Chris Ferguson – Deputy Mayor

Councillors Steve Barrett, Bruce Hawken, Roger Holmes, Anna Kennedy, Anne Kennedy Truscott, Nick Mallard, Martyn Miller, Sandra Preston, Lori Reid, Pam Whittaker and Christina Whitty.

District Councillor Mike Critchley Cornish Times Representative – Mr S Larkins.

And Resident Mrs S James Smith

Town Clerk – Mrs B N Furse

Minutes Clerk – Ms H Wasilewski

577/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Councillors Mike George, Elanor Hoskin and Tony Powell and District Councillors George Hocking and Roger Jones.

578/07 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor reported that she and the Town Clerk had promoted the use of jute bags in the library, attended the Civic Service at the Roman Catholic Church, visited Port Elliott, set off 20 walkers on Beating the Bounds, watch Louise's school of Dance 'Rock and Roll' show with her niece, met with the Quimperle Judo team, opened the May Day celebrations at the Liskerrett Centre, attended Lostwithiel Mayor Choosing, attended the Youth Band concert at the Salvation Army, shown the Brownies around the Public Hall and opened the Play Area at Braddock School.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the British Heart Foundation AGM and represented the Town at St Lukes in Plymouth.

579/07 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 18 March 2008 be adopted and signed by the Mayor as a true record of proceedings.

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524/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Signage – Trevecca /Culverland Road (Minute 483/07 (1))

The Town Clerk reported that she had sent a letter to Mr Steve Ewing regarding the signage and the pedestrian crossing at Charter Way and copies to County Councillors Roger Jones and George Hocking.

A reply had been received from Councillor George Hocking stating the he had contacted Mr Steve Ewing regarding the issues at Trevecca and the Public Crossing at Charter Way and Mr Ewing is investigating the matter further. Regarding the Footpath and bus stop at the Bubble and Brewers Fayre Councillor Hocking will contact Caradon District Council regarding these matters.

525/07 BOUNDARY REVIEW AND COMMUNITY NETWORK AREAS

Councillor Hawken reported that he had attended the meeting on the 14 April 2008. Liskeard is projected to have 8661 electors by 2012. Councillor Hawken stated that he believed the Town Council should recommend that Liskeard remain an entity with 3 wards and a unitary council of 140. This would still give a 58% reduction from the present representation. The Town Council could then have five members per ward making a total of 15 Town Councillors.

*At 7.45 Councillor Anna Kennedy arrived and apologised for her late arrival.

Councillor George stated that he had attended a further meeting in Callington that morning and he believed that the figure of 125-130 councillors was more likely with the possibility that Liskeard could be grouped with Dobwalls and Trewidland.

Councillor Powell suggested that the Town Council support Caradon District Council along with Restormel and Kerrier District Council's and ask for 3 wards and 130 +/- 5 Councillors which may involve Dobwalls, he believed that a more united suggestion would gain more weight and support.

After some discussion and debate Members agreed on 3 wards for Liskeard and that Trewidland should not be grouped with Liskeard, Members were divided on whether Dobwalls should be grouped in with Liskeard.

Councillor Hawken then proposed and Councillor Anne Kennedy Truscott seconded that the Town Council should support 140 Unitary Councillors, 3 wards and for Liskeard to be kept as an entity.

Councillor Powell then proposed an amendment that the Town Council should support Caradon District Council and ask for 130 +/-5 Councillors and 3 wards, which was seconded by Councillor Steve Barrett.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED** by a substantive motion that the first proposal by Councillor Hawken be accepted.

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Members also agreed that if there were 3 wards instead of two then the Town Council should reduce by one Councillor to have five councillors for each ward making a total of fifteen.

526/07 TOWN PLAN

Councillor Mallard reported that the consultation preview evening on Friday 4 April 2008 and the Open Day on Saturday 5 April 2008 had both been very successful, 175 copies had now been handed out and 15 copies saved onto CD for distribution, the Town Plan is also being included on the website.

At the request of Stuart House representatives, it has been agreed to move the display to Stuart House until the consultation period ends on 25 April 2008.

Everyone involved with the Town Plan was thanked for their hard work.

527/07 TOWN CRIER NEWSLETTER

Councillor Reid stated that a Town Crier will need to be produced in the next couple of weeks and asked Members to supply articles to her urgently. Members agreed that they would be prepared to help out and hand deliver the issue as due to time scales the Council was unable to use the normal delivery method this time.

528/07 COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. The Mayor presented and proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 25 March 2008. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Liskeard and District Sports Association (Minute 492/07 (3))

In reply to the Town Clerk seeking clarification regarding the contents of the letter to Caradon District Council, Members stated that it was to state the Council's interest in taking over from Caradon District Council the freehold of the land for the Sports Association. This followed an earlier request from the Town Council to take over the open spaces in Liskeard.

2. Rural District Council Chairman's Chain (Minute 492/07 (4))

Councillor Holmes reported that he had viewed the chain on a recent visit to Caradon District Council which was in a glass fronted frame mounted on a large board with names of the Chairmen listed. He had spoken to the Chairman regarding the chain who did not have any great objection to the Town Council acquiring this, however this would need to be checked with the Legal Department.

2. The Mayor invited Councillor Preston to present and propose the adoption of the Minutes of the **LOCAL AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 1 April 2008. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Budget Report (Minute 501/07 (2)) .3. 279/07

The Town Clerk reported that the person suggested had not been interested in watering for Liskeard in Bloom this year. The matter was now urgent so if Members knew of anyone could they please contact the Town Council.

2. TIC Report (Minute 505/07)

Members stated they had not had time to view the online demonstration and deferred the matter of purchasing the DVD's from the Virtual Book Company to the next meeting.

3. Caradon District Council – Off Street Parking Places (Minute 506/07(5))

Councillor Powell reported that in the near future off street parking is one of the issues that will be taken forward to harmonise the area by the Unitary Authority.

3. The Mayor invited Councillor Hawken to present and propose the adoption of the Minutes of the **PROPERTY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 8 April 2008. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Pipewell (Minute 515/07)

Councillor Reid thanked Members on behalf of the 'Gardens for All' for their offer of help to clean up the Pipewell.

2. Foresters Hall Roof Light Meeting dated 11 March 2008 (Minute No 460/07)

Councillor George apologised for his absence from the meeting but stated that the cheapest quote he could obtain for replacing the window was £634.00 and £42.00 delivery charge, this is for a heritage window that can be fitted from the inside and will therefore not require scaffolding.

Councillor Mallard stated this matter would have to be referred to the Property Meeting, Members **RESOLVED** to support the replacement of the window.

529/07 OTHER REPORTS

Members received and noted the Minutes of the **TOWN FORUM MEETING** held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House on Wednesday 26 March 2008.

Councillor Kennedy Truscott stated that she had not given her apologies for the meeting and presumed this should read Councillor Kennedy, who endorsed this.

530/07 PLANS AND DECISIONS as per Addendum No. 1 were noted as attached.

Councillor Mallard made reference to the letter sent to Caradon District Council some two years ago regarding planning applications that were given approval without any or sufficient parking to which no reply has yet been received.

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531/07 PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS were verbally reported by the Mayor from the Meeting earlier that evening as per Addendum attached.

532/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

08/00225/FUL and 08/00367/FUL

The Town Clerk read extracts from a letter by Mr George Vaughan-Ellis to Mr Dean Mutton of Caradon District Council's Planning Department, commenting that he was strongly opposed to the application and raised concerns regarding overdevelopment of the site, height of the development, access and parking, care should be taken of the Magnolia Tree, concerns over the soil analysis and the types of materials to be used.

There were also similar concerns raised by other local residents and the Vice Chairman of Stuart House.

Members agreed that this site can be a real asset to Liskeard but needs to be developed with sympathy towards Stuart House with regard to size of the development and serious consideration needs to be applied to the parking and access issues.

Members agreed whilst they could not support the present application they would gladly take up Councillor Powell's offer to arrange a meeting with the developer to discuss a suitable solution to the site.

533/07 ACCOUNTS

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

534/07 CORRESPONDENCE

1. NHS – Primary Care Support Agency (1)

The application for St Cleer to have a new pharmacy will be in the Members room for them to view and comment on.

2. Charles Robertson (Developments Ltd)

Members agreed that although Dobwalls is out of the Town Council's area they should support Mr Robertson's request for signage especially to the East of Liskeard as otherwise a lot of their customers would be travelling through the Town.

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