

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 17 June 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, Anne Kennedy Truscott, Nick Mallard, Martyn Miller, Sandra Preston, Lori Reid, Pam Whittaker and Christina Whitty.

Cornish Times Representative – Mr S Larkins.

Cornish Guardian Representative – Ms Emma Haines

Minutes Clerk – Ms H Wasilewski

Members stood for a minutes silence to remember the passing of Mr Reg Edwards, Mr Trelawney Ugalde, Mr Keith Olver and others.

### **40/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mike George, Elanor Hoskin, Anna Kennedy, Tony Powell and the Town Clerk.

### **41/08 SPEAKER**

The Mayor introduced Mr Martin Eddy to speak on 'One Cornwall'. Mr Eddy spoke about the relationship between Parish and Town Councils and the new unitary council and the plans for a Community Network. Mr Eddy stated that people needed to see more services provided locally so that it was clear what was available. A better communication link for clerks, so they can email direct to organisations, a survey would be sent to every clerk and council asking what they would need.

The Community Network board will comprise of Town and Parish Councils and other service providers such as health and the police. The group would make decisions around a locally funded project and if the Town Plan for Liskeard had identified a need for something, then the funding could be received from the group.

Mr Eddy stated that he felt the Town Council had a very important role to play in the future of the Community Network and that everybody needed to pull together, especially if the Town Council wished to take on new roles.

In reply to Councillor Mallard, Mr Eddy stated that the issue of a democratically accountable and elected board had been raised and was being looked into.

Councillor Hawken stated that no one originally wanted a unitary council. But now that it was here, Members should look at being as involved as possible since huge opportunities could arise from this.

In reply to the Deputy Mayor, Mr Eddy stated that the diagram shown had not been tested on any Parish or Town Councils and was only a model. The end result should be something that works together for the betterment of Liskeard.

Mr Eddy stated that Mrs Sally Lewis was the point of contact should anyone wish to speak to her.

#### **42/08 PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

Councillor Reid declared an interest in planning application CO4628/CON/LB1 Castle Street.

#### **43/08 MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor reported that she and the Deputy Mayor had visited Homebase. With her Consort she had attended the Rotary dinner and started the Lion's Fun Run. The Deputy Mayor and herself had also participated in the Cancer Research 'Relay for Life' along with other Councillors. She had attended the Rededication Ceremony of Lapenotiere's Tomb at Menheniot, spent an enjoyable afternoon with the Civil Servants Retirement Fellowship, attended Braddock School Sports Day and Fair and opened the Liskeard Tavern.

The Mayor also reminded Members that the funeral of Mr Reg Edwards who was a former Mayor and Honorary Burgess would be at 4.30pm on Thursday in Bodmin. She also asked Members to note the 15 December 2008 for this year's Christmas meal.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended various events which included the Launceston Mayor Choosing Ceremony where they were updating the hall. The Deputy Mayor then passed Members of the Cancer Relay Team their certificates for participating.

Members also congratulated Councillor Whitty who had run in the 'Race for Life' at Eden and she had received a medal for finishing within the first thirty runners.

#### **44/08 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Long Room of the Public Hall on Tuesday 13 May 2008 be adopted and signed by the Mayor as a true record of proceedings subject to one minor amendment.

#### **45/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Charles Robertson (Developments Ltd) (Minute 580/07 (7))

The Mayor reported that a copy of a letter from Mr Charles Robertson to Mr  
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Andrew Alcorn of the Highways Agency had been received thanking the Highways Agency for agreeing to signage at the Dobwalls roundabout for Trago Mills but he was concerned that there was no mention of the signage on the westbound carriageway before Liskeard as the Town Council's letter had previously requested.

#### **46/08 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held in the Public Hall on Wednesday 21 May 2008 be adopted and signed by the Mayor as a true record of proceedings subject to one minor amendment.

#### **47/08 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN**

##### Local Amenities Committee

Councillor Preston proposed, Councillor Kennedy Truscott seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Whitty be elected Chairman. Councillor Whitty proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Preston be elected Vice Chairman.

##### Property Committee

Councillor Mallard proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Hawken be elected Chairman. Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Mallard be elected Vice Chairman.

##### Museum Management Committee

The Deputy Mayor proposed, the Mayor seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Holmes be elected Chairman.

##### Finance Committee, Co-Option of two additional members

The Deputy Mayor proposed, the Mayor seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Barratt be co-opted onto The Finance Committee. Councillor Hawken proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Councillor Holmes also be co-opted.

#### **48/08 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. The Mayor presented and proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 27 May 2008. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

##### Pig Meadow Mural (Minute 5/08 (1))

Councillor Mallard stated that originally the Manager of the Liskeard branch of Lloyds TSB had been most supportive of the scheme. However, a letter had now

been received from head office stating that they could not offer support to the venture and maybe the Council would like to seek a grant from the Bank's charity.

Councillor Mallard stated that he believed this to be a very sad situation and did the Town Council really want to keep their money with Lloyds TSB when they did not support the local community although the decision not to support had come from the head office in London and not locally.

2. The Mayor invited Councillor Holmes to present and propose the adoption of the Minutes of the **MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Monday 2 June 2008. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

1. Liskeard Old Cornwall Society (Minute 13/08 (1))

In reply to Councillor Kennedy Truscott, Councillor Holmes stated that no reply had yet been received in relation to the permanent loan of the Samovar.

2. Minions Project – Celtic Cross (Minute 13/08 (2))

The Deputy Mayor reported that photographs of the Celtic Cross had now been taken.

3. 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 3 June 2008. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

Liskeard In Bloom (Minute 23/08)

The Mayor thanked Tartendown Nurseries for supplying plants for the Plymouth roundabout and town centre, which now looks very attractive.

4. 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 10 June 2008. It was **RESOLVED** they be adopted.

**49/08 OTHER REPORTS**

Members received and noted the Minutes of the **ADDINGTON CONSULTATION MEETING** held in the Refreshment Room on Wednesday 14 May 2008.

Members received and noted the Minutes of the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held in the Long Room of the Public Hall on Thursday 29 May 2008.

**50/08 PLANS AND DECISIONS** as per Addendum No. 1 were noted as attached.

**51/08 PLANNING COMMITTEE DECISIONS** were verbally reported by the Mayor from the Meeting earlier that evening as per Addendum attached.

## **52/08      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 9188, 9197 and 9205 and took no part in the discussions or decisions reached in respect of these items.

## **53/08      CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1.      CDC – Cattle Market Uses Concept Study (1)**

The Mayor, Councillor Mallard and Councillor Reid stated they would all like to be involved with the study to identify possible future uses for the Cattle Market site should it cease to be used as a market. Members agreed that Caradon District Council would need to be contacted to see how many representatives could be involved.

### **2.      'One Cornwall' – Localism Charter (2)**

Members agreed that they would like to be involved with the Localism Charter but would need to read the letter.

### **3.      The Boundary Committee (3)**

Members **RESOLVED** that a response similar to the last one should be sent to the Boundary Committee stating that the Town Council supported Liskeard remaining an entity with 3 wards and a unitary council of 140 Councillors.

## **54/08a      STANDING ORDERS**

It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended.

## **PART II**

### **1.      Addington Development S106 Contributions.**

### **2.      'One Cornwall'**

## **54/08b      STANDING ORDERS**

It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be reinstated and that the discussions of the Meeting in Committee (Part II) be adopted. There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed.