

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Public Hall, 3 West Street, Liskeard at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21 May 2008 there were present:

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

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Chris Ferguson.

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

Town Clerk – Mrs B N Furse

Minute Clerk – Ms H Wasilewski

Town Crier of Liskeard – Mr Frank Beer B Ed CNA

Town Sergeant and Sergeant of Mace – Mr David Ambler

Honoured Burgesses of Liskeard: Mr J and Mrs M Jackson, Mr N Pampling and Mrs C Pampling, Mrs C Hallam, Mr J Rapson, Mr A Wood, Mr D Howlett, Mr J Goldsworthy and Mrs J Moffatt.

Visiting Mayors: The Mayor and Mayoress of Bodmin, Councillor and Mrs J Micek, Mayor and Mayoress of Lostwithiel, Councillor and Mrs R Peareth, Mayor and Mayoress of Saltash, Councillor and Mrs D Holley, Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Torpoint, Councillor and Mrs M Pearn.

### **1/08 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Honoured Burgesses Messrs John Jacob, Terry Heller, John Glanville and Reg Edwards, Mr Colin Breed MP and Mrs Janet Breed, Mayor and Mayoress of Looe, Councillor and Mrs Overd, Mayor/Portreeve of Callington, Councillor & Mrs R Lumley, Mayor and Mayoress of Launceston, Councillor and Mrs Eric Chapman, Mr B Davies, Chief Executive of Caradon District Council and other invited guests.

### **2/08 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

1. The Mayor called upon the Members of Liskeard Town Council to elect the Mayor/Chairman of Council for 2008/2009. Councillor Sandra Preston stated she would like to propose that Councillor Anne Purdon be re-elected, she had worked hard over the past year, this was evidenced by all the pictures of her in the local newspapers, she had also been kept busy with her charities, The Children's Hospice and Cancer Research, she can also be seen cooking lunches for the Salvation Army and on Christmas Day they provided over sixty lunches.

Councillor Christina Whitty seconded stating that she had known Councillor Purdon for many years and the Councillors would give her 110% support. In the absence of any other nominations, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Anne Purdon be re-elected Mayor/Chairman of Council for 2008/2009.

2. The Mayor then took the Oath of Allegiance, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received the Maces.

3. The Mayor then appointed Mr David Ambler as Town Sergeant and Sergeant of Mace and Mr Joe Yates as Mace Bearer and presented them with the Maces. She then appointed Mr Ian Goldsworthy in his absence as Deputy Sergeant of Mace.

4. The Mayor duly appointed The Reverend Tony Ingleby as her Chaplain for the coming year.

5. The Mayor then called for nominations for Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman of Council for the ensuing year. Councillor Lori Reid stated she would like to propose Councillor Ferguson, who had proved himself as an excellent Deputy over the past year and had been a great support to the Mayor. Councillor Anne Kennedy Truscott seconded and in the absence of any other nominations, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ferguson be re-elected as Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman of Council for 2008/2009.

6. The Deputy Mayor then took the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7. The Mayor then proposed a vote of thanks to the Deputy Mayor stating that Councillor Ferguson had been a great support to her and had worked very hard in the background, always willing to give advice and encouragement. It has been greatly appreciated.

8. The Mayor then presented a bottle to Councillor Ferguson, an envelope to her Consort, Mr Kevin Grant, and some homemade preserves to the Town Clerk. She then made her acceptance speech.

The Mayor stated that an enormous number of things had happened in Liskeard in the past twelve months. There had been successes and disappointments for her, as both projects she mentioned had not come to fruition, namely the play equipment in Thorn Park, but they had not given up. An application for grant funding would be submitted shortly. Also a centre for our youth, but there was a dedicated Youth Worker in the school and in Greenbank Church Centre, so progress had been made.

The Town Council's draft Town Plan has been written and has been on show, with comments collated. The plan looks forward to the next 25 years when Liskeard will be a much bigger place. So much was going on here all the time, in work, business and leisure.

The Mayor reported that she had attended over eighty Mayoral duties, including her visit to Windsor Castle where Prince Philip viewed the Muffineer, now she was set to do it all over again.

She stated that the job, was teamwork, and all the Councillors had a part to play in running the Town Council, including Councillor Roger Holmes, who had now completed 40 years as a Councillor.

She thanked Councillor Ferguson her Deputy for standing in for her when she was unable to attend events.

Her Consort Kevin Grant had been her escort and Chauffeur to many events and of course none of us would manage without the talents and knowledge of our Town Clerk.

During this past year, her two chosen charities had kept her even busier, Cancer Research UK not only had a very successful Art Exhibition, but this weekend they were planning a 24 hour Relay, the Council had a Team, so she hoped people would come and support them.

Children's Hospice South West now had plans to build a children's hospice in Cornwall, so fundraising had really taken off and kept their Liskeard Committee extremely busy. These will again be my Charities for the ensuing year.

Last year she stated that she had ended her speech by asking everyone to share a smile with someone who had not got one. She hoped that people would continue to do so.

9. The Mayor on behalf of the Town Council then received from Mr Duncan Matthews on behalf of the John Clarke Isaac family a silver Samovar.

Mr Matthews presented the Samovar and talked about its history stating that during the early stages of mining in Liskeard, John Clarke Isaac V was Mayor twice, a Justice of the Peace and involved with the Temperance Society. The family managed strings of gas works for over a hundred years and where also involved with Bolitho Bank which is now known as Barclays Bank.

John Clarke Isaac V died in Cambridge and the family wished to present the Samovar back to Liskeard.

10. The Mayor then called upon the Council to appoint the Committees and Representatives for the forthcoming year as per the attached list. Councillor Kennedy proposed and Councillor Barrett seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the members as listed serve on the Council Committees and represent the Council on outside bodies for the ensuing year.

11. The Mayor confirmed that all members of the Town Council were Trustees of the Town Museum.

12. Councillor Whittaker proposed and Councillor Mallard seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the revised Standing Orders should remain unaltered except by due process.

13. The Mayor then invited all those present and the bodies that they represent to attend Divine Service at the Parish Church of St Martins on Sunday 15 June 2008 at 11.00 am.

14. The Town Clerk announced that the statutory meetings of the Town Council were normally held on the third Tuesday of the month, except for May, which differs in the year of election and because of Mayor Choosing. There were no meetings in August.

15. The Town Crier then closed the meeting and invited guests to meet the Mayor and dignitaries and to partake of refreshment.

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **COMMITTEES 2008/2009**

#### **LOCAL AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Councillors S Barrett, R Holmes, A Kennedy Truscott, M Miller, S Preston, L Reid, C Whitty.

#### **PROPERTY (MAINTENANCE) COMMITTEE**

Councillors M George, R Hawken, E Hoskin, A Kennedy, N Mallard, A Powell, P Whittaker.

#### **MUSEUM MANAGEMENT**

Councillors M George, R Holmes, A Kennedy Truscott, M Miller, S Preston, P Whittaker.

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councillors S Barrett R Holmes, A Kennedy Truscott, N Mallard, M Miller, S Preston, L Reid, C Whitty.

#### **FINANCE (AND DEVELOPMENT)**

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Property (Maintenance) Committee and Local Amenities Committee, together with up to two other Councillors to be appointed by the Council.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor to serve, ex-officio, on all Committees and Sub Committees.

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

ASSOCIATION OF LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS OF CORNWALL (ALLCC) -  
Councillor R Holmes

COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CALC) - Councillor R Holmes

COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CARADON BRANCH) -  
Councillor C Ferguson

CARADON MOORLAND ADVISORY (NORTH & SOUTH) - Councillor C  
Ferguson

CCTV - Councillor A E Powell

COMMUNITY HEALTH & INFORMATION NETWORK (CHAIN) - Councillor A  
Kennedy Truscott

CORNWALL RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION - Councillor  
M Miller

ELLIOT EXHIBITION - Councillor A E Powell

EMERGENCY PLANNING CO-ORDINATOR - Councillor N A Mallard

FOOTPATHS & RIGHTS OF WAY CO-ORDINATOR - Councillor A Purdon

LISKEARD & DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION – Councillor S Barrett

HEALTHY LIVING FORUM - Councillor S Preston

LOOE VALLEY LINE – Councillor C Ferguson, Deputy A Kennedy

POLICE - Councillor N A Mallard

ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE – Councillor A Purdon

STUART HOUSE - Councillor R G Holmes

TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Councillor N A Mallard.

TOWN CENTRE FORUM - Councillors R Holmes, N A Mallard and M A Miller

TWINNING ASSOCIATION - The Mayor is automatically President. Councillor A  
Kennedy Truscott.

UNITED CHARITIES - Councillors A Kennedy and C M Whitty. The Mayor at the time being.

VILLAGE HALLS NETWORK – Councillor A Kennedy

The Mayor at the time being and Town Clerk are both Trustees for the PHILIP BLAMEY TRUST and EVA BOWLES MEMORIAL FUND

The Mayor at the time being is Trustee of the ALEX PAGE TRUST