

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT THE MAYOR CHOOSING CEREMONY of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Public Hall, 3 West Street, Liskeard at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 24 May 2016 there were present:

The Mayor - Councillor Phil Seeva - in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Jane Pascoe

Councillors: Rachel Brooks, James Shrubsole, Christina Whitty, Roger Holmes, Hella Tovar, Sally Hawken, Ian Goldsworthy, Anne Purdon, Tony Powell, Lorna Shrubsole, Adam Hodgkins and Sue Pike.

Town Clerk - Mr Steve Vinson

Minute Clerk - Mr Stuart Houghton

Mayors Chaplain - Kevin Grant

Town Crier of Liskeard - Mr Chris Smirthwaite

Honoured Burgesses of Liskeard - Mr & Mrs J Jackson, Mrs C Hallam, Mr J. Rapson, Mr N Pampling and Mr J. Lennon

Mace Bearers - Mr D. Ambler and Mr E. Clark

Visiting Mayors - Deputy Mayor & Consort of Lostwithiel, Councillor Mrs P. Jarrett and Rev G. Jarrett and the Deputy Mayor & Consort of Saltash Councillor G. Dent and Bill Dent

The Mayor invited his Chaplain Kevin Grant to say prayers

1/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Sheryll Murray, MP

The Mayor of Looe, the Mayor of Torpoint, the Mayor of Bodmin, the Mayor of Launceston, the Portreave of Callington and the Mayor of St Columb Major.

Honoured Burgesses Mr A. Wood MBE, Mr G Vaughan-Ellis and Mr J Goldsworthy.

Councillor Martin Menear and other invited guests.

2/16 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

The Mayor called upon the Council to elect a Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor L. Shrubsole proposed that Councillor J. Pascoe be elected as Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the year 2016/2017.

Councillor L. Shrubsole said that Councillor Pascoe had been an excellent Deputy Mayor; she was a very supportive people's person who communicated well, made them inclusive and was well versed in the Committee Procedure.

She was a local person with businesses in the Town, was active in community events and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Liskeard Show Committee.

She was an asset to the Town, knew many people and was able to get things done, she supported and promoted Liskeard whenever possible and was a true ambassador for the Town.

Councillor Purdon then seconded the proposal that Councillor Pascoe be elected as Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the 2016/2017 year.

There being no other nominations the Mayor called for a show of hands in favour of the election of Councillor Pascoe.

The Council unanimously voted that Councillor Pascoe be elected as Mayor and Chairman of the Council for 2016/2017.

3/16 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Having being elected, the Mayor, Councillor Jane Pascoe, took the Oath of Allegiance, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received the Maces.

4/16 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SERGEANT AND MACE BEARER

The Mayor then appointed Mr David Ambler as Town Sergeant and Sergeant of Mace, Mr Elliot Grant as Mace Bearer and returned the Maces to them.

Councillor Ian Goldsworthy was appointed as Deputy Sergeant of Mace.

5/16 APPOINTMENT OF MAYORS CHAPLAIN

The Mayor appointed Kevin Grant as her Chaplain.

6/16 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

The Mayor called upon the Council to elect a Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Pike proposed that Councillor Whitty be elected as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairman of the Council for the year 2016/2017.

Councillor Pike said that it would not take long to make the proposal for Councillor Whitty as she was a small person. Councillor Whitty was a responsible and caring

Councillor, she was discrete, involving, hardworking and would be an invaluable help to the Mayor.

Councilor Whitty always led the Beating of the Bounds; she knew the way and you would never be lost following her.

Councillor Tovar seconded the nomination of Councillor Whitty to be Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairman of the Council.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor called for a show of hands in favour of the election of Councillor Whitty.

The Council unanimously voted that Councillor Whitty be elected as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairman of the Council for 2016/2017.

7/16 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Having being elected, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Whitty took the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Town Crier then announced the interval whilst the Mayoral Procession retired for robing and photographs.

8/16 ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor addressed the gathering, Honoured Burgesses, Honoured guests, fellow Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen. Charlie, Freddie and Jago.

The Mayor thanked her fellow Councillor's for electing her as the Mayor, and consequently, Chairman of Liskeard Town Council. It had been an honour to work with such a dedicated group of people over the past years, and knew that their support, kindness, good judgement and guidance would help her through this coming year.

She promised to do her best to uphold the traditions of the Town and to justify the trust that had been placed in her.

She was delighted that Councillor Christina Whitty had been elected as Deputy Mayor; Councillor Whitty was well known in the community, was an experienced and hardworking Councillor and the Mayor now looked forward to working closely with her.

The Mayor then congratulated Councillor Seeva on the energy and expertise he had applied to the role of Mayor; his leadership during the past two years has been an inspiration to his fellow Councillors and his good humour and approachable manner had made him many friends in the community. Thanks were also due to the Mayor's wife Jo, and his adorable sons Charlie and Freddie, for giving up so much of their family time to accompany him to many Civic events.

She also commented that Charlie and Freddie were very proud of their Daddy, but they should also know that he was very proud of the way that they had supported him in his important role.

It had been a pleasure to serve as his Deputy for the past two years during which she had met many interesting people, several of which were involved with the various organisations in Liskeard.

The Town was fortunate that it had so many kind and generous people, who were prepared to give up their time freely, to help in our small and friendly community. There were people here tonight who worked tirelessly for our local charities, organisations, youth groups, and talented musicians and choirs. Grateful thanks were given to the Liskeard Silver Band who had entertained here tonight.

The Museum, was also managed by a team of volunteers; their enthusiasm was infectious which was evidenced by the increased number of visitors that had been to see the interesting exhibits this year.

The Mayor and the Town Council, on behalf of the people of Liskeard, thanked all of those who contributed so much to the life of the Town.

The coming year would be busy and challenging for the Councillors.

Working in Committees they would continue to work towards fulfilling the Councils Aims and Objectives. They would aim to boost prosperity, increase employment opportunities in Liskeard, and to achieve the wishes of the community on Land use through the Neighbourhood Plan.

The development of the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing well; it was expected that there would be a pre-submission public consultation during this summer, when the document had been completed. Representing Liskeard's objectives through the Development Control process and the Neighbourhood Plan, the Council would encourage sustainable development, whilst continuing to protecting our historic environment.

To maximise employment opportunities, the Town Council had discussions with developers which resulted in more employment land being provided. This would contribute to building a strong, competitive economy and vibrant community.

The long term future of the Cattle Market site was being considered. Cornwall Council was working closely with the Town Council and Kivells and a feasibility study into future options for the site had been commissioned. The Council saw this as a significant investment in the future of Liskeard, a public consultation on the options would soon be held, when the Council would welcome public opinion.

“Liskeard Still Means Business.” The Council would continue to remind Cornwall Council that it intended to retain its identity as a service centre for SE Cornwall and

would continue to take part in the campaign for improvements to the A38, which it believed was vital to attract inward investment.

With help from the Liskeard Chamber of Commerce, the collective SE Cornwall Chambers of Commerce and the recent affiliation with both Devon and Cornwall Chambers of Commerce, the Council would promote Liskeard with an aim of creating more jobs and to support training opportunities that would raise the skill levels to fulfil that objective.

The Town Council was concluding the agreement to take over Westbourne Gardens; this would provide an excellent venue for many events that could involve the whole community. Indeed just a few weeks ago it accommodated the Scout Centenary event, which was a wonderful celebration that included so many of our young people.

In fact, this year the Mayor wished to nominate the Youth organisations in the Town, which included the Scouts, Guides, Silver Band, and the Army, Air and Police Cadets, to be the recipients of the Mayors Charity Fund. These enthusiastic, young people supported the Town Council and other organisations throughout the year in so many ways.

It was with great pleasure that it was announced that the Town Council would be awarding George Vaughan-Ellis the title of Honoured Burgess of Liskeard, for his extensive and outstanding work in recording and protecting the Henry Rice buildings, which were so much a part of our heritage. Unfortunately, George was not able to attend tonight to receive his award but we would be arranging a presentation at a later date.

None of this work would have been possible without the Town Clerk, the office and the maintenance staff; the Town Clerk went far and beyond the call of duty for the local community and its elected Councillors. On behalf of the people of Liskeard, and especially fellow Councillors, thank you all for your hard work, patience and true dedication.

On a personal note she said that it would not have been possible for her to carry out her duties as a Councillor without the loyalty and support from her own staff and very dear, and oh so patient husband, Paul.

Finally, she thanked all for coming along tonight, it had been a truly memorable occasion for her.

At this point the outgoing Mayor presented a cheque to Keith Richards of the British Heart Foundation which was his chosen charity for the previous year.

9/16 ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor addressed the meeting; welcoming ladies and gentlemen, visiting dignitaries, family and friends.

She thanked everyone attending Mayor Choosing to support the new Mayor, Councillor Jane Pascoe, and for supporting the Town Council and Liskeard. It was good to see some familiar faces and she hoped that you would enjoy the evening.

She thanked her fellow Councillors for electing her to serve as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. It was both a privilege and an honour and she would endeavour to full-fill the role, support the Mayor throughout the year and continue the work of the Town Council.

She gave a big thank you to everyone who worked for the Town Council but especially the Town Clerk, Steve, and his assistant, Stuart who worked tirelessly to keep the Councillors, who are all volunteers, on the straight and narrow; the Council could not work without good and qualified staff supporting it.

13 years ago she was an instructor with Liskeard Army Cadets. One Tuesday evening, whilst on exercise around the Town, she was approached by Councillor Tony Powell who asked if she would consider joining the Council.

She went home that night and gave it some thought.

She said that she had been born in Liskeard, 60 years ago, and went to school here, as did her 5 brothers, sister and her three children and had worked in Liskeard all her life. As her children grew they wanted to join youth organisations, and like most parents she stayed to help, and eventually was persuaded to go into uniform; as a Cub Leader for 20 years, much of that time as Akela, the pack leader, as an Army Cadet instructor for 10 years, and often helped at the Brownies where her daughter was a member.

When the children had grown up and flown the nest she thought that it was time to join the adults, so, with Councillor Powell's words in her mind, she went to the Town Council office, completed the application forms, and was elected onto the Council.

She had enjoyed serving on the Council and would continue to do so for as long as she was able, and elected, to do so. Next year was an election year!

Councillors were often invited to a variety of functions; recently 5 Councillors attended the reopening of the Drill Hall; she was interested in seeing how the building had changed since she had last been there in 2004. The evening was well attended and she was pleased to see that the Army Cadets and Air Cadets were thriving; Harry McGuire, who was a personal friend, had been promoted to RSM for Inkerman Company, gave a presentation to the assembly.

Another youth event that was recently attended by Councillors was the Scouts St Georges Day Parade, this was very well attended and terminated with a "picnic" in Westbourne Gardens where entertainment and games were organised for the Scouts.

The Council also supported the Royal British Legion at their Remembrance Day

Parade, and this year the Council would support its Drum Head Ceremony, on 3 July 2016, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. She hoped that many present here would be able to attend.

Often the Deputy Mayor represented the Town if the Mayor was unable to attend a function; there were many invites and she could foresee that the coming year would be a busy one.

Many Councillors served on other Committees or Governing Bodies, for example, Jane was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Councillor's Hawken, Holmes and Seeva were Cornwall Councillors and she was a member of the Royal Naval Association Committee, and all Councillors represented the Town Council on various Outside Bodies.

She had seen a lot of changes over the years, Councillors had changed and, since she had been a member of the Council, Steve was the third Town Clerk; he had brought a wealth of knowledge to the Council from his experience with Caradon and Cornwall Councils.

The size and shape of Liskeard Town had, and would continue to change with the number of houses planned or already built. The Town Council had been successful in having land allocated for employment in the planned developments. Many projects had been discussed over the last few years which included Tencreek and the much talked about cinema, the Cattle Market, Weatherspoons, the development at Charter Way, the Magistrates Court, Trevethan Meadows and many more. These discussions took time and, although many projects were now underway, the Council would ensure that they were needed, suitable for the area and complied with the Governments Regulations.

It was an issue that we had so many empty shops in the Town, but we were not alone in this, it was an ongoing problem in many Towns and Cities. Today she had walked around the Town; there were 9 empty shops and some derelict properties in Lower Lux Street that had once been shops.

As a community we needed to work together, support one another and embrace change. We needed to think of the future for all the people of Liskeard and ensure that we have a good friendly and safe place to live and work.

As someone that had worked with the disabled community, it was her opinion that access was very important for this group, therefore, one of her goals for the coming year would be "a safe Place"

10/16 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

The Mayor called upon the Council to appoint the Members of Committee and the Outside Bodies for the forthcoming year.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the Councillors detailed on the attached lists were to be members of the Council's Committees and to represent the Council on outside bodies for the ensuing year.

11/16 TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN MUSEUM

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

12/16 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Councillor Pike proposed, Councillor J. Shrubsole seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations shall remain unaltered except by due process.

13/16 CIVIC SERVICE

The Mayor invited all those present, and the bodies that they represent, to process from the Council Chamber to attend the Civic Service at the Parish Church of St Martin's on Sunday 12 June 2016 at 10.30 am.

14/16 STATUTORY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The Town Clerk announced that, with the exception of August and December, the meetings of the Town Council would be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

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

COMMITTEES AND THEIR MEMBERS 2016-2017

PLANNING

Councillors: Adam Hodgkins, Jane Pascoe (Chair), Tony Powell, Anne Purdon, James Shrubsole, Lorna Shrubsole and Christina Whitty (Deputy Chair)

FINANCE AND STRATEGY

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Communication and Engagement Committee, Property Committee, Planning Committee and Museum Management Committee and two other Councillors (James Shrubsole and)

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Councillors: Rachel Brooks (Chair), Roger Holmes, Martin Menear, Sue Pike, Anne Purdon, James Shrubsole, Lorna Shrubsole (Deputy Chair) and Hella Tovar

PROPERTY

Councillors Ian Goldsworthy (Chair), Sally Hawken, Adam Hodgkins (Deputy Chair), Martin Menear, Tony Powell, Hella Tovar and Christina Whitty

MUSEUM

Councillors Rachel Brooks, Ian Goldsworthy, Roger Holmes, Sue Pike (Deputy Chair), Anne Purdon, Hella Tovar (Chair), Old Cornwall Society, 3 Museum Volunteers, Representative of Stuart House and Stephanie Meads

STAFFING

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Chair of the Communication and Engagement Committee, Property Committee and Museum Management Committee. Martin Menear.

Suggested Meeting Times:

Planning Committee	1 & 3 Tuesday of the month 6.45pm
Communications & Engagement Committee	1 Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (after planning)
Property Committee	2 Tuesday of the month 7.30pm
Museum Management Committee	Monday at 6 week intervals 7.30pm
Finance & Strategy Committee	4 Tuesday of the month 7.30pm
Town Council	3 Tuesday of the month 7.30pm (after planning)

APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES
2016-2017

Association of Larger Local Councils of Cornwall (ALLCC):

Councillor Sue Pike

Clean Liskeard

Councillor Sue Pike

Community Network Area:

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other members as required

County Association of Local Councils (CALC):

Councillor Sue Pike

CCTV:

Councillor Ian Goldsworthy

Elliot Exhibition:

Councillor Tony Powell

Footpaths and Rights of Way Co-ordinator:

Councillor Hella Tovar and Sue Pike

Liskeard and District Sports Association:

Councillor Sally Hawken

Liskeard Dementia Action Alliance:

Councillors, Jane Pascoe, Sue Pike and Sally Hawken

Healthy Living Forum:

Councillor Hella Tovar

Looe Valley Line:

Councillor James Shrubsole

Stuart House Trust:

Current Mayor

Town Forum:

Councillors: Roger Holmes, and Jane Pascoe

United Charities:

The Current Mayor and Councillors: Sue Pike, Anne Purdon and Christina Whitty

Liskeard Lights Up Committee:

Councillor Ian Goldsworthy

Safer Liskeard:

Councillors: Sally Hawken, Roger Holmes, Sue Pike and Hella Tovar

Save the Children

Councillor Sue Pike

SECTA:

Councillor Lorna Shrubsole

Philip Blamey Trust and the Eve Bowles Memorial Fund

The Mayor for the current year, and the Town Clerk, were both Trustees for the Philip Blamey Trust and the Eve Bowles Memorial Fund.

The Mayor for the current year is a Trustee of the **Alex Page Trust**