

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 7.30 pm there were present:

The Mayor - Councillor Jane Pascoe - in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Christina Whitty

Councillors - Rachel Brooks, Sally Hawken, Roger Holmes, Sue Pike, Anne Purdon, James Shrubsole, Lorna Shrubsole and Hella Tovar

Cornwall Councillor - Mike George

Town Clerk - Steve Vinson

Minute Clerk - Stuart Houghton

Members of the Public - Dave Ambler - PC Kernow

The Mayor advised the Council of Housekeeping matters

Before the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor asked Kevin Grant to say prayers

### **73/16 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ian Goldsworthy, Adam Hodgkins, Martin Menear, Tony Powell and Phil Seeva.

### **74/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE**

No declarations of interests were made.

### **75/16 MAYOR REMARKS**

The Mayor thanked all Councillors for their support at Mayor Choosing, it had been a successful evening and the flowers were beautiful.

It had been a very busy period since the ceremony. She had attended the Cancer Research Relay for Life and had joined the opening walk, Councillors had supported the Beating of the Bounds and a lost boundary stone had been found! Other events included the Civic Service, the Silver Band Abba Concert, the Abbeyfield Open Day, the Lions Charter Dinner and the Cornwall Council Planning Committee meeting.

The Deputy Mayor had attended the St Austell Mayor Choosing and had reported that they charged their guests for attending.

Events in the next period included the presentation of the Honoured Burgess medal to George Vaughan-Ellis, the Lions Carnival week, which included the Furry Dance and a Quiz night for which she would like to enter teams from the Council.

All Members were invited to refreshments in the Mayor's Parlour after the meeting.

#### **76/16 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016**

Minute 966/15 should include that the then Deputy Mayor had also attended the Dark Sky meeting.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor J. Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2016 be adopted with the above amendment.

#### **77/16 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerks report had been circulated and was noted.

Dave Ambler discussed training sessions with Councillors for the use of "The Cloud".

#### **78/16 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

##### **a. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016**

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Purdon seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2016.

##### **b. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26 April 2016.

##### **c. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MAY 2016**

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded and the Council

**RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Communication Engagement Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2016.

**d. SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor L. Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Special Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2016.

**e. PLOTHOLDERS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Plotolders and Property Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2016.

**f. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016**

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting, held on Wednesday 11 May 2016, were noted.

**g. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016**

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor J. Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 May 2016.

**h. FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Tovar seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 May 2016.

**Motion**

That the Council support the Liskeard Lights Up event in the 2016/2017 Financial Year, to a maximum sum of £3500, and that for future years this sum should be reviewed when setting the budget.

Members discussed how the organisers raised finance for this event and the need to ensure that they continued to do so to ensure that they were not totally dependant on the Council for funding.

Councillor Tovar proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to support Liskeard Lights Up, for the 2016/2017 financial year, to a maximum of £3500 and that in future years this sum would be reviewed, provided that the organisers continued to seek alternative funding.

**i. MAYOR CHOOSING CEREMONY HELD ON TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor L. Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Mayor Choosing Ceremony held on Tuesday 24 May 2016.

**j. MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6 JUNE 2016**

Councillor Tovar proposed, Councillor Purdon seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Museum Management Committee meeting held on Monday 6 June 2016.

**k. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2016**

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor L. Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2016.

**l. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2016**

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Tovar seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Communication Engagement Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2016.

**m. PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor J. Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Minutes of the Property Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 2016.

**79/16 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS**

The Cornwall Council Planning Decisions were noted.

**80/16 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

The Mayor declared an interest in account number 102301.

The schedule of accounts for payment had been circulated. Councillor Brooks proposed and the Deputy Mayor seconded and the accounts, as circulated, were **APPROVED** for payment.

## **81/16 UPDATE BY CORNWALL COUNCILLORS**

### **Cornwall Councillor Hawken**

Councillor Hawken said that her most important item this month had been the progress of the redevelopment of the Cattle Market; the working group, where the Town Council had a strong role, had met; highlights were;

- i. A consultant has been appointed to prepare options
- ii. She had met with the Young Farmers and Pupils at the Liskeard School and Community College and had been impressed by their interest
- iii. A press release would be made when the details were available for the consultation
- iv. Details of the consultation would also be made on Social Media
- v. The Town Council should consider making a comment, the consultation closed before the next meeting of the Town Council, could it be discussed at the 19 July Planning Committee meeting.

Other items were;

- i. The next community Network Panel meeting was on the same day as the Furry Dance, could someone stand in at the meeting as the Local Devolution Fund would be discussed. Councillor Pike agreed to attend the meeting
- ii. The total Local Development Fund, for the 8 Cornwall Councillors, totalled £38k. This was an accumulative fund which would be allocated to projects on merit
- iii. An application for funding for the devolution of the Library had been made. It should be emphasised that the Library served the surrounding area, not just Liskeard

### **Cornwall Councillor Holmes**

Councillor Holmes said that he had attended a Members Briefing at County Hall about Planning. It was a 2 hour meeting that was full of information, ideas, trends and dictates; he had been uneasy about what he had heard. It related to the current Parliamentary discussions, but he would not provide a full report until he had received the Minutes of that meeting. He emphasised the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan, the sooner it was completed the better. The Cornwall Local Plan should be approved in September 2016.

### **Cornwall Councillor George**

Councillor George gave further details of the progress of the Local Plan. It had been returned with comments prior to the 6 week consultation that would start at the end of this month. Although the number of new homes required for Cornwall had not changed, the additional 15k had not been permanently removed from the negotiations.

He asked that Councillors assisted in letting the public to be made aware of the financial problems faced by Cornwall Council. Whenever he received comment about the reduced services, such as grass cutting, he now made people aware that the service was affected by the finance and the Council faced choices such

as do we cut the grass or reduce refuse collection. He asked Councillors not to give assurances about services; there was no money available to provide the same level of service as in previous years.

### **82/16 OTHER REPORTS**

#### **Liskeard Town Forum**

The Minutes of the Town Forum meeting held on Wednesday 6 April 2016 were noted.

### **83/16 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk read out three items;

1. A communication from Cornwall Council informing of a Governance Review meeting at the Eliot House Hotel at 7.00 pm on 13 July 2016, to review how Cornwall Council made decisions.
2. A communication from Malcolm Mort about graffiti on the mural in Pig Meadow Lane, he had tried to clean it and asked if the Town Council owned it. Councillors decided to refer this to the Property Committee.
3. The Civic Service at the Catholic Church would be on Sunday 10 July 2016.

### **84/16 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19 July 2016, in the Council Chamber.

### **85/16 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Purdon seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that;

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the Confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of Business;

Item 14 of the agenda, Review of the Town Council Functions and Activities

### **86/16 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Purdon seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that; Pursuant to Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 members of the Press and Public be re-admitted to the Meeting.

The Mayor proposed Councillor Purdon seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations made in closed session relating to:

Item 14 of the agenda, Review of the Town Council Functions and Activities