

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held in The Council Chamber, West Street, Liskeard on Tuesday 11 May 2015 at 6.45 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Ian Goldsworthy - in the Chair

Councillors: Rachel Brooks, Anne Purdon and Sue Pike

Old Cornwall Society Representative; Duncan Mathews

Stuart House Representative; David Howard

Museum Volunteer; Francis Foulks

Town Clerk Steve Vinson

Minute Clerk Stuart Houghton

The Chairman advised those present of Housekeeping matters

815/14 OPEN SESSION

No Parishioners were present.

816/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from The Mayor, Councillor Phil Seeva and The Deputy Mayor Councillor Jane Pascoe.

Apologies were also received from Councillors Roger Holmes and Hella Tovar, and from the Cornwall Council Museums Representative Stephanie Meads

817/14 TO AGREE THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF THE NEW CURATOR FOR THE MUSEUM

The Chairman gave the history of the recruitment for the new Curator to date. The options were to follow the procedure again or to change the media in which the advertisements were placed.

It was also suggested that the wording be reconsidered, some members thought that the position was more than a Curators post, it required management skills for co-ordinating the volunteers, and working with the community and schools to broaden the appeal of the Museum. The post also required knowledge to be able to run the Museum and to retain its accreditation. The Council might have to consider the management aspect as a separate item.

The volunteers work involved a lot of research and behind the scenes work such as cataloguing. When visitors arrive, generally they are directed by the TIC staff who man the desk at the entrance to the building.

Councillor Purdon proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Council reword the advertisement, as necessary, and to re-advertise the position in the Western Morning News as soon as possible after obtaining advice from Cornwall Museums.

818/14 INTERIM MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MUSEUM

The need for a locum curator was discussed and also the possibility of using the TIC staff to cover during lunch times and during periods when no volunteers were available. This could solve some of the lone working problems and the fact that now that the Museum had longer opening hours volunteers were not always available.

The unused money allocated for the Curators salary could be used to pay for any additional time worked.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that negotiations be made with the TIC staff for interim management arrangements.

819/14 TOWN COUNCIL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members discussed the proposed Council Aims and Objectives items 1,3,6,7 and 8, to read as follows.

1. Improve Social and Leisure Facilities in Liskeard

Provide a Museum that supports the towns feeling of community and social heritage

3. Market what Liskeard has to offer to Local People, Businesses and Visitors

Build on the World Heritage Site status to market the town's extensive mining heritage and geological interest.

6. Engage and communicate well with Local People around key issues.

Utilise the latest forms of interpretation to explain the town's history and context

7. Protect and enhance the civic heritage of the town and promote and develop the council's assets for the benefit of the community.

Raise awareness of the value of the town's history and built heritage, geology and mining history. Help people to research local family and other history. Obtain corporate membership of Cornwall family History Society.

8. Work effectively with other organisations, building the community and increasing local resilience and sustainability

Work with other organisations at a local and Cornwall level to put forward projects that support the resilience and sustainability of the town's heritage and history.

820/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Museum Management Committee will be arranged when progress on the recruitment of the new Curator was known.