

13. Youth Council Facilitation – To consider the approval of a budget to support the facilitation by of the Youth Council.

The first meeting of the Youth Council is proposed for Wednesday 1 December 2021. This and future six weekly meetings have been scheduled to link with a help hub currently run by Young People Cornwall (YPC) at the Liskerrett Centre, where young people will already be onsite. As YPC have the venue booked for the evening there will be no additional costs to the Town Council of holding the event there.

YPC facilitate the Saltash Youth Parliament and have experience of facilitating youth councils across the county.

It is proposed that professional assistance from YPC is used to facilitate our regular Youth Council meetings. This is charged at £25 per hour per worker. Costings are based on a two hour meeting, with a further two hours preparation/follow up required for two workers. Annually this equates to £1,800, however for the remainder of the 2021/22 financial year this will cost £600.

Recommendation: To approve a budget of £600 in 2021/22 for facilitation of the Youth Council

14. Plastic Free Liskeard – Business Account Closure – To consider the request from Plastic Free Liskeard that the funds from their business account be transferred to the Town Council to be ringfenced for environmental improvement projects including the Plastic Free Liskeard hemp bags.

Plastic Free Liskeard is currently an independent group with its own bank account, run by Tristram Besterman. Initial funding for the group came from grants including from the Town Council, which they have used to purchase hemp bags for resale, and publicity materials. The group have existing stock which they sell in local shops on a cost recovery, non-profit basis.

Tristram will be leaving the area early next year. As there are no other group members who wish to take on the operation of the bank account, it is proposed that when he leaves the remaining balance and stock are transferred to the Town Council with the monies held in an ear-marked reserve for environmental work in the town. Tristram will continue supplying local shops and collecting payments until end February 2022. It is expected the amount involved to be a few hundred pounds.

Recommendation: To agree to take on the Plastic Free Liskeard assets in March 2022, with monies ear-marked for environmental work in the town.