

Notes Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs' Meeting – 11th August 2020

Taking Part: – Mayor Councillor Brooks, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Sandra Mitchell Councillors Cassidy, Goldsworthy and Powell. Yvette Hayward, and Steve Vinson.

Apologies: - Jacqui Orange – leave

Notes of the previous meeting (13th July 2020)- – The necessity of supplying some Councillors with equipment to enable them to take part in the meetings was discussed. There were benefits of purchasing some up to date laptops and issuing staff them to allow a relocation of the office pc to the office and the re-allocation of the old laptop to someone requiring them for predominantly for accessing virtual meetings. The Council's IT contractor should provide quotes for up to five laptops or tablets for the 25th August 2020 Town Council. The possibility of providing a board-band connection should also be investigated.

1. **CLLD application** – There followed an extensive debate. Various views were expressed:

Covid19 Economic Impact – it was anticipated that Covid19 would have a significant economic impact upon Liskeard. It was considered that the Town Council might assist partners in carrying through investments with a greater economic impact – such as, through the provision of serviced employment sites or the refurbishment of vacant buildings such as, shops etc.

Limited time remaining – concern was expressed about the time it had taken to prepare the application and the danger of further delays limiting the time and therefore the effectiveness of the project.

CLLD Legal Situation – It had been intended to put the draft heads of terms to the 25th August 2020 town Council meeting for approval. Thereafter, Cornwall Council would prepare the lease. However, rather than ask the Town Council's Solicitor to consider the draft heads of terms and collaboration agreement it was recommended that Cornwall Council be asked to supply the lease agreement itself as soon as possible to consider along with the collaboration agreement. It was further recommended that the Town Council's Solicitor be asked to supply a quote for complete legal service from the consideration of the lease and collaboration agreement through to completion.

A budget for legal and professional services required before entering the project should be considered.

CLLD Officer Time Input – It had previously been agreed that the officer time involvement in the CLLD should be assessed and reported to the 25th August 2020 Town Council meeting. This should include work on the final elements of the application and legal process. It should also cover the set up of the project such as, recruitment and training of staff etc. and the ongoing management once the project is up and running.

Timeline – There was concern that the project was slipping, and an up to date timeline and milestones should be brought to the 25 August 2020 Town Council meeting.

Alternative Schemes – it was suggested that alternative projects would have a bigger economic impact on the town. These included:

- Employment sites and premises.
- Refurbishment of shops premises.
- Social projects to help people in need (e.g. the ESF element of the Makers Project).

Eligibility of Schemes – some of the schemes might not meet the eligibility requirements of the funding programmes.

Benefits of the existing project – it was pointed out that the aim of the project as it stands is to help local small businesses and those wanting to set up a business, along with people not in employment and living in deprivation. It would boost the creative sector in Liskeard and link with the larger Cornwall Council workspaces project. The project would bring in over £700k of investment to Liskeard which is very likely to be lost if the project does not proceed.

Recommendation: That the feedback identified below be sought and presented to the 25th August 2020 Town Council meeting which would discuss whether the Cattle Market Makers project application be changed or abandoned in the light of the changed circumstances caused by Covid-19.

The mayor made heated remarks to the deputy mayor and it was subsequently agreed to close the meeting. An apology has since been issued.'

Items deferred: (note post meeting)

2. **Covid19 Town Council Facilities** – (Noted)
3. **Covid19 Phased Reopening Town Centre** – (Noted)
4. **BT Phone Box Closure Consultation** - The item is too late for the 17 August planning committee, however since the same proposed closures were debated at planning in September 2019, when the TC also consulted the police and Safer Liskeard for input, and nothing has changed, the Chair has agreed the same responses and reasoning should be submitted again.
5. **Looe Town Council Letter** – (changes to the Planning process – to consider at the September Planning Committee, and suggest to Looe TC that they ask for this to be a topic at the next CNA meeting when planning officers could also be invited to give further information.
6. **Date of Next Meeting** 14th September 2020 at 11am.