

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 – COUNCIL MEETING

**6. CO-OPTION VACANCIES** – (see attached co-option application form - Rob Frost) – To note that at the 10th August 2021 co-option interviews each of the two candidates received the same number of votes. A report to Council was agreed as the way forward. One candidate has since withdrawn. Council can consider the attached application of the remaining candidate and their supporting statement upon which to make a decision as to whether to agree to the co-option of the candidate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council consider whether to co-opt the candidate.

**7. TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE (Please see attached file)** – to note the context of the Liskerrett Centre presentation relating it to previous development proposals connecting with the cattle market.

Background – The Liskerrett Community Centre has been a feature of the landscape for such a long time that it is worth noting that there have at times been other proposals both for the site itself and linking the site back to other uses including the cattle market. In the attached file the following is noteworthy:

Liskerrett Community Centre Study – the proposal to construct 22 sheltered houses in the land adjacent to the centre itself (site of the sheds, playground, poly tunnels etc.) The idea being the housing scheme should provide an uplift in funding to support the retention of the old school building. (Note – we were not able to find a date on this study. It will have been a very early proposal).

WS Atkins Liskeard Regeneration Strategy 1996 – this study reflects the shelving of plans to relocate the cattle market to a site immediately to the south of the current Liskeard Business Park. The then operational cattle market would need to take out much of the current cattle market car park to be brought up to modern operating capabilities including the use of much larger cattle trucks. This would result in a loss of a significant amount of car parking. Therefore, there was a proposal to take-up the space immediately adjacent to the current Liskerrett Community Centre (Junior School site on the plan) with an overflow car park and cattle truck park.

Roger Tym and Partners – Cattle Market Regeneration Study 2010. – The initial Cornwall Council cattle market re-development options to the new unitary Council. These include:

- “Maintain and reinforce links (visually and physically) to the Liskerrett Community Centre”

- “Possible new vehicle access somewhere onto Varley Lane”

Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan – the cattle market re-development proposals area includes the Liskerrett Community Centre site.

General Note – most of the regeneration proposals for the cattle market and the wider town of Liskeard were framed at a time when the former District Council had teams of specialist economic development, grants advice, business resource and forward planning staff in Liskeard. These have been phased out in the change to the Unitary Council.

This capacity does not exist within either Cornwall Council or Liskeard Town Council.

**11. LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP – Cornwall Council (see attached terms of reference) – To receive from Cornwall Council the information on the Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group.**

Background – Cornwall Council have reviewed their Cattle Market Working Group upon which the Town Council was represented. The terms of reference for the new Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group are attached. Below is some additional explanation from Cornwall Council. The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group are attached as PARTII (Commercial in Confidence). These should not be circulated beyond the Council.

Supplementary text:

Cornwall Council Officers in the Economic Growth and Development Directorate have made it clear for some time that the existing Cattle Market Working Group was not necessarily fit for purpose, given the growing range of matters that were being discussed at the Working Group.

Other town’s in Cornwall have a Town Board, Place Shaping Board or Town Team which co-ordinates the redevelopment and revitalisation of their town, they have proven to be successful in attracting investment and progressing projects identified in their Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Following the election in May 2021, and in close consultation with Cornwall Council officers in Localism and Economic Growth and Development, as well as the Mayor of Liskeard, the decision was taken to disband the Cattle Market Working Group and replace it with a new Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group. The Working Group is not a decision making body and has no standing in the Constitution of Cornwall Council. Its purpose is to help coordinate and advance projects that have already been identified in the adopted Liskeard NDP. Decisions that need to be taken in respect of planning or those which have a budgetary implication would need to be

referred to, and follow the proper channels of, the relevant body; for example Cornwall Council Cabinet.

Liskeard Town Council is a key consultee and has a majority of seats on the new Cornwall Council Working Group. The professional advice was to have a small core membership but wider list of other consultees and stakeholders that it would be important to engage with when relevant matters are on the agenda.

The Working Group has now met twice since the May elections with regular meetings scheduled. It will be important to have a regular reporting back mechanism in place to Liskeard Town Council; a standing item on the agenda for Full Council has been proposed with the minutes from the Working Group being made available on a Part II basis as the Working Group will be following the established practice that matters discussed are Commercially Sensitive. It has also been suggested that all Liskeard Town Councillors should receive training (where appropriate) on the procedure for handling Part II items and documents.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the information is noted.**