

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT a MEETING of the FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Rachel Brooks – in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Sandra Mitchell.

Councillors – David Ambler, Simon Cassidy, Sally Hawken, Ian Goldsworthy, Julian Smith, Naomi Taylor and Christina Whitty.

Town Clerk – Stephen Vinson

Responsible Financial Officer/Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

Members of the Public – Clare Bevan – Anthony Bevan – Jordan Rundle (all Lighthouse Community Centre CIC) John Ede - Tania Horrocks – Jemma Warburton (all Liskeard Together).

The Mayor advised the meeting of Housekeeping matters.

439/19 APOLOGIES – Councillors Jane Pascoe and Tony Powell.

440/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE –
Councillor Smith Agenda Item 10 councillor expenses - Councillors Whitty and Goldsworthy both Agenda Item 6.b Liskeard Lions grant.

441/19 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019 – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2019.

442/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Tania Horrocks – Tenant Engagement Manager – Cornwall Housing spoke to the attached presentation updating on the Liskeard Together project and answering questions. Some key points were:

- 222 out of work residents should benefit by building their confidence and basic skills through involvement with Community Projects. This will address issues of isolation and progress some to further training and re-entry into the labour market.

- Working with almost 20 partners developing projects and events to enhance links within the community.
- Next steps - are developing relationships with local businesses, recruiting participants and to continue to develop outdoor modules and community projects.
- Local Family Partnership – would provide a good single point of contact to a range of organisations dealing with complex casework.
- Geographic Coverage – whilst the focus of the project is very much Liskeard, where possible people needing support would not be turned away.
- Pilot – there was a keenness to take part in any pilots, such as, the Smoke Free Homes Pilot proposed by public health.

The Mayor thanked the Liskeard Together team for the presentation and the councillors acknowledged the very good work being undertaken by the project.

443/19 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – As per the previously circulated e-mail to all councillors the proposed Special Council meeting on 4th February would not be necessary as the Cattle Market Makers project application to the Community Lead Local Development programme could now be considered at the scheduled 25th February 2020 Council. The meeting with Cornwall Council had been very positive. It was necessary for them to check the procurement implications of a partnership approach and for the CLLD programme manager to assess the splits between capital and revenue and ERDF and ESF. This advice will inform the application process, hence the 25th February 2020 Council will receive the report.

444/19 GRANT APPLICATIONS – A). LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE (CIC)

Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the grant of £300 towards the cost of the First Aid courses.

20.05 Councillors Whitty and Goldsworthy left the meeting at this point.

445/19 B). LISKEARD LIONS Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED**, subject to the accounts being sent to the Town Clerk, to **APPROVE** a grant of £600 towards the cost of the 2020 Pantomime.

20.09 Councillors Whitty and Goldsworthy returned to the meeting.

446/19 COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES 2020/2021 – Following much discussion, the objectives for 2020/2021 as set out below were adopted (noting that Project R be referred to the Environment Emergency Working Group for revision and thereafter put back to the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee)

Finance, Economic Development and General Purposes Committee 2020/2021 objectives:

1. To increase the number of good quality jobs and businesses, by supporting partners, in the delivery of the regeneration of the former cattle market and other employment sites and premises projects.

- Priority 1 Short Term – Project D - Cattle Market - 2020/2021 Objectives.
 - a. Support the work of the Cornwall Council Cattle Market Working Party.
 - b. Support the development of the Cornwall Council £5.3 million “Workshed” workspace project.
 - c. If the application to the Community Lead Local Development (CLLD) is successful the Council will work towards its delivery.

- Priority 2 Short/Medium – Combined Project - Project A, B and C – innovation centre/business support hub/skills and training centre/superfast ‘gigabyte’ support.

2. To work with partners to achieve a more inclusive community, through projects, such as, the now under Liskeard Together project and other suitable collaborative community projects.

- To continue to support the Liskeard Together project and develop links with other groups.

4. To provide sports pitches and leisure provision as outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan project for Roundbury Parc.

- Priority 3 Short Term – Ongoing – Project K - Sports Pitch and Recreation Provision Project – at Roundbury Parc.

5. Project R - Community energy Scheme - promote energy conservation and carbon reduction by facilitating community-led and funded renewable energy projects (e.g. through under-writing of grant applications).

447/19 BUDGET MONITORING – Noted and accept the budget report.

448/19 BUDGET – DRAFT BUDGET 2020/2021 – committee noted and accepted the amendments that had been made to the draft budget.

449/19 AGED DEBTORS – Noted and accepted.

450/19 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS (ATTACHED) – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments. The Mayor initialled and signed the Schedule of Payments.

451/19 BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2020/2021 – Following extensive discussion, Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council that the Town Council’s 2020/2021 precept to householders would not be increased. The difference between the options was £2,016. It was decided that this be placed into the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee budget line to deal with any possible project overrun costs such as, professional fees, training etc.

452/19 COUNCILLOR TYLER BENNETTS – WEST WARD – The Mayor noted that the Notice of Vacancy was due to expire on 24th January 2020. Thereafter, it would be known whether election or co-option was the way forward.

453/19 CORRESPONDENCE – 10th January 2020 Cornwall Council – Community Right To Bid – Localism Act 2011 – Barleysheaf, Church Street, Liskeard. Original date for the receipt of responses 27th January 2020. Cornwall Council confirmed that it was in order to place the item on the 28th January 2020 Town Council agenda and report any resolutions on the 29th January 2020.

454/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 17 March 2020.