

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair

Councillors – Tracy Adams, Graham Berry, Sylvia Berry, David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee, Jane Pascoe, Tony Powell and Lori Reid.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson.

Members of the Public – Liskeard Sector Neighbourhood Inspector Ned Bowie (Devon and Cornwall Police), Cornwall Councillor Kevin Grey Liskeard Central, Lin Moore - (Vice Chair of the Liskeard Traders Association and local business owner), Frances Foukes (Cancer Research UK – Hon. Secretary) see agenda item 6.b. and Jacqui Vincent (Cancer Research UK- Committee Member) see agenda item 6.b.

304 / 25 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Simon Cassidy and Naomi Taylor.

305 / 25 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Councillor K Cassidy Agenda Item 6.b. Supporter of the Cancer Research UK Liskeard Committee, Councillor T Adams Agenda Item 13. Business located in Fore Street.

306 / 25 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor updated on the following:

- 1st November 2025 – attended the Prime Stock Event in the morning at Merrymeet and the afternoon at the Public Hall.
- 2nd November 2025 – attended the drumhead ceremony outside of Webbs House.
- 8th November 2025 – whilst, at ALDI collecting for the Poppy Appeal I was taken ill and remained housebound for 2 weeks. I missed a few meetings as well as Remembrance Day. I would like to thank Councillors Braithwaite and S Berry for covering for me.
- 24th November 2025 – last night I attended the launch of the St Johns Ambulance Adult Hub event.

307 / 25 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 28TH OCTOBER 2025 COUNCIL MEETING** – in the Mayors Remarks section adding Association. Councillor Dorling proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the 28th October 2025 meeting.

308 / 25 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – **Police Update – Liskeard Sector Neighbourhood Inspector Ned Bowie** - Spoke on the report from the Liskeard Sector Neighbourhood Team which was circulated. Questions and observations:

- **Public Order Offences** – The 250% increase from 2 to 7. It should be noted that 5 were related to a single case which did not mean that the streets of Liskeard were less safe.
- **Violence Without Injury** – The increase from 14 to 19 – it should be noted that 10 related to instances within the same family.
- **Weapons Amnesty** – 29 knives were given in across the sector area 1 knife coming from Liskeard.

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- Multi Agency Working - The Liskeard Sector Neighbourhood Police have been working with other agencies including the British Transport Police at Liskeard Railway Station.
- Flags on Highways Lampposts – it was reported and noted that the issue now being considered at a higher level than the town with Cornwall Council beyond the Highways Manager and the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary at the Crime Commissioner.

309 / 25 **GRANT APPLICATIONS** a. 1st Liskeard Rainbows – Following discussion, Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Council **APPROVE** a grant of £650 towards the costs of hi vis vests and jackets, purchase of 15 sets of safety gloves to assist with litter picking and a cinema trip to Plymouth. b. Cancer Research UK – Liskeard Committee Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £858 towards the organizational costs of the 57th “Annual Exhibition and Sale of Art Craft.

310 / 25 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – Grant application to the Office of the Devon and Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner for an additional CCTV camera at Castle Park - no further e-mail since the indication that the Panel would be meeting. A further follow-up e-mail had sent with no response as of the meeting. Note* that there is no telephone number associated with the application process.

311 / 25 **COMMITTEE MEETING – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on 13th November 2025.

312 / 25 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, INTERNAL AUDIT, CORNWALL PENSION FUND TRIENNIAL VALUATION 2025** – Noted the report.

313 / 25 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – it was confirmed that item 260 is a new piece of equipment in the Museum. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments totaling £97,286.65.

314 / 25 **BUDGET MONITORING** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to receive and accept the budget report to the 31 October 2025 for monitoring purposes.

315 / 25 **BUDGET SETTING 2026/2027** – In the general comments:
Admin 12.i. 4230 the higher spending on computers had also been seen in other organisation’s.
C&E 12.ii. 4530 newsletter – £2,500 take out given the previous assessment of practicality.
 Councillor Braithwaite was thanked for providing the main Parade Christmas tree again this year, but this should become part of the Council contract when this retendered next year. Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the Council taking over organization of the main Parade Christmas Tree from 2026.
Facilities 12.iii.iv.- 359 Castle Park - Given the need to replace the play equipment it was felt more cost effective in the long run to purchase better quality equipment. Devolution will require a higher level of budgetary provision the more that is actually transferred over.
 Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note and progress the budget setting exercise.

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316 / 25 **COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT FUND** – a. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the submission of a Town Council expression of interest for improvement on New Road. b. it was agreed that further info should be sought on the bollard scheme for Fore Street.

317 / 25 **HERITAGE REVIVAL FUND – ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the submission of a bid for the Town Council's Guildhall project. (£350,000 maximum amount under the bid guidance).

318 / 25 **TWINNING – KOPYCHYNTSI KYIV TANGO ORCHESTRA** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to formally invite and offer to cover the costs (*provision of the public hall as a nil venue, use the sale of tickets to cover costs *Allow a shortfall of £1,000) of the four members of the Kyiv Tango Orchestra to Liskeard to hold a concert on the 9th January 2026 and to strengthen links with our twin town of Kopychyntsi.

319 / 25 **DEVONPORT NATIONAL DEFENCE – GROWTH AREA – UK GOVERNMENT** – Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to support the jobs created and the skills retained through the Devonport National Defence – Growth Area.

320 / 25 **QUIMPERLE / LISKEARD TWINNING** – To defer until the draft wording has been confirmed in Quimperle 14th January 2026.

321 / 25 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** – Cornwall Councillor Report Liskeard Central Councillor Kevin Grey – reported that:

- Menheniot Parish Council – discussing the Planning Application from Wain Homes to modify their Section 106 obligations at Tencreek. The Parish Council felt this should not reduce any Affordable Homes element.
- Police and Crime Panel – Plymouth – he had heard the new Chief Constable for Devon and Cornwall speaking in support of releasing some of the Police officers from office-based positions and releasing them back frontline duties.
- Commonwealth War Graves – had a meeting with the person who is looking after the Commonwealth War Graves.

Cornwall Councillor Report Liskeard South and Dobwalls by Councillor Jane Pascoe - It was an honour to attend the remembrance service in Liskeard and later in Dobwalls. Despite the weather it was pleasing to see it so well attended, especially by the youth organisations.

Liskeard Winter Fair and Primestock Show was well attended in the Public Hall and the livestock and fodder accommodated at Calwetton Veterinary training centre in Merrymeet. The organisers thank the Town Council staff for their efficiency and kindness.

Cornwall Council has launched the CIL (Community Infrastructure Level) Fund for 2026.

EOI can be submitted from 16th January for 6 weeks. Applications up to £100,000 to fund infrastructure projects, which will connect communities. It can include improvements to existing facilities and must be age friendly ie Skate Park, Nature spaces. Evidence of young people leading a project.

The recent announcement that Cornwall Council is entering in to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and associated information sharing agreement with Plymouth City Council, Devon County Council and Torbay Council represents an opportunity for Cornwall to align with a £4.4 billion regional investment in HMNB Devonport and associated defence over the next decade. This MOU is not about Constitution or Governance for Cornwall, it is solely for the purpose of working together with neighbouring partners for the Devonport National Defence Growth Area funding.

Devonport's expansion will require a workforce of over 7500 people including 5500 roles at Babcock. This demand offers a unique opportunity for SE Cornwall residents to access these jobs through housing, transport and skills interventions.

As the current Chair of the SE Cornwall Community Area Partnership I shall be working with others towards unlocking the potential benefits and investment for this area and initial meetings have been arranged with lead and senior officers as soon as the MOU is signed by all partners.

Highways Scheme. The scheme was launched with an end date of December. We requested for deadline to be extended until the end of February.

It is with regret that I was informed that main part the Cattle Market Car Park was to be closed off until end of January and I truly apologise to all the businesses affected and our visitors to the town centre. This is due to the construction of the Bus terminal and the completion of the ISB happening simultaneously in a restricted space. The Health and Safety of members of public in close proximity was causing grave concern.

The disabled parking bays remain and the Workshed spaces. We are asking residents to please continue to visit Liskeard, support our small businesses and use Westbourne, Sungirt or Rapsons Car Park. For Saturday there is parking available at Luxstowe House."

322 / 25 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

323 / 25 **CORRESPONDENCE** – a). 27th October 2025 – Cornwall Council – Highways – "Street Lighting Initiative" extended to Liskeard from 3rd December 2025. Noted. b). 3rd November 2025 Pulse Hub Rollout letter. Rollout letter of support from "Safer Cornwall". Noting that these would provide further defibrillators and offer free phone-calls and promote local events - Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Dorling second and the Council **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the roll out of the Pulse Hubs.

324 / 25 **DIARY DATES FOR COUNCIL EVENTS** – To note the dates for the forthcoming Council events: 29th November 2025 Nadelik Lyskerrys events). Monday 22nd December 2025 at 6.30 pm "Christmas Carols around the Tree" singing carols and saying prayers around the tree.

325 / 25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 16th December 2025 at 7.30 pm Council.

There were no PARTII items.