

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 26th August 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, Simon Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee, Jane Pascoe and Lori Reid.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Mayor's Chaplain – Mark Wade.

Members of the Public – Ruth Olver*Online – (Bid Writing Officer – Citizens Advice Bureau, CAB Liskeard Office) – Agenda Item 6.a. - PCSO Bex Steed and Liskeard Sector Inspector Ned Bowie – (Devon and Cornwall Police), Cllr. Kevin Grey – (Cornwall Councillor), Sascha Harper – Founder (The Wilding Tribe) – Agenda Item 6.b., Nick Hunter – Volunteer – (True Butterflies Foundation) - Agenda Item 6.c., Bob Hollingdale – Trustee – (Stuart House Trust) – Agenda Item 6.d., Lin Moore - (Liskeard Traders Association and local business owner).

173 / 25 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Naomi Taylor and Tony Powell.

174 / 25 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Councillor Lee – Trustee Stuart House Trust Agenda 6.d.

175 / 25 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor updated on the following:

- 9th August 2025 – I attended the Summer Garden Fete in St Cleer.
- 10th August 2025 – attended the British Heart Foundation (BHF) cream tea fund raiser.
- 15th August 2025 – I attended Victory over Japan (VJ) Day street party in Fore Street which was organised by the Town Traders. A very big thank you to Cllr. Tracy Adams and her team for putting on this event.
- 17th August 2025 – I attended the Drumhead service in the cattle market followed by a BBQ at the Royal British Legion.

176 / 25 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 29TH JULY 2025 COUNCIL MEETING** – After some discussion, the Town Clerk would seek guidance from the Monitoring Officer on whether, when considering grants, any guidance exists on what constitutes “relevant” to put consideration into PARTII. Minute 154/25, The Mayor proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the 29th July 2025.

177 / 25 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – a. **Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) – Liskeard Office – Ruth Olver *Online Attendance**. Spoke to the application and answered a question for clarification:

- **Computer Costs** – the total cost included a docking unit £150 as well as a computer which met the data protection and secure storage requirements of such a specialist role £612.

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £762 to the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB), Liskeard Office. –

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b. The Wilding Tribe – Community Group, Liskeard – Sascha Harper – spoke to the application showed a You Tube video of the type of work undertaken by the project. In response to questions:

- Status – provided copies of a bank statement and a certificate of insurance. Confirmed that all key people are DBS checked and there are enough qualified First Aiders including Sascha herself.
- Eligible Costs – there were some costs that appeared eligible the bell tent, materials and food. Other elements such as, wages appeared to be usually ineligible.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant £500 towards the Wilding Tribe application.

c. True Butterflies Foundation – Nick Hunter – spoke to the application and provided answers and observations.

- Training – some but not all of the mentors have personal experience of abuse. In any case, they undergo a 6 week training programme. They are all DBS checked. The project is insured.
- Costs – there was discussion regarding the eligibility of some of the costs. However, as the “additional” nature of the outcomes meant 22 Liskeard families / individuals would benefit from support that they would not otherwise receive.

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £750.

d. Stuart House Arts and Heritage Trust – Bob Hollingdale – spoke to the application and circulated two sheets of information being a). Income and Expenditure for Trust for the year 2025. b). “Shades of Autumn Event” Income and Projected Expenditure sheet for the event itself. This showed a cost of £1,008.06 and income from donations and sponsorship to be £500.

Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £500 towards the cost of event.

Police Update – Liskeard Sector Inspector Ned Bowie -PCSO Bex Steed – Liskeard Sector Inspector Ned Bowie spoke to the Liskeard Crime figures comparing July 2024 - July 2025. He indicated the importance of reporting crimes to assist the public and the Police in recording and dealing with crime.

Shoplifting – a special Police initiative to engage with the traders and businesses in the town and encourage the reporting of shoplifting meant that there was a 266.7% increase (3 incidents increased to 11). Compared with the total of all recorded crimes increasing 5.9% (85 to 90).

Criminal Damage – there had been an increase 137.5% - 8 incidents increased to 19. However, most of this had been from one group of youths known to the Police and action was being taken.

Violence with Injury (reduced 23 down to 9 -60.9%) Violence without Injury (increased from 10 to 12) a 20% increase. Q. What sort of thing might qualify as “Violence without Injury” – A. Verbal threats and abuse.

178 / 25 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – No reports not already on the agenda.

179 / 25 **COMMITTEE MEETING – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 18th August 2025.

180 / 25 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, NJC AWARD)** – Noted.
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181 / 25 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments totaling £63,870.81.

182 / 25 **OFFICE PRINTER/COPIER** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to continue with existing machine while viable, and approve the replacement with provider A in the event of total machine failure.

183 / 25 **STAFFING REVIEW BRIEF – 5 YEAR CAPITAL AND WORK PROGRAMME (MINUTE 095/25 A. TO INVITE QUOTATIONS FROM CONSULTANTS B. TO RECONVENE THE STAFF COMMITTEE TO MANAGE THE PROCESS (ATTACHED A.B.C.D)** – Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to receive and **APPROVE** the attached template A. considered by the Staff Committee and adopt the timetable outlined in the report.

184 / 25 **DELIVERY OF THE TOWN VISION – LISKEARD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (ATTACHED A. B.)** – Following consideration of the report, with the change of the Chairmanship of the Liskeard Renewal Partnership should be a Town Councillor, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the terms of reference (a.b.) and next steps set out in the report to assist in the delivery of the Town Vision and note that the group will require some staff and consultant support to make effective and this could be funded from grants, precept or a combination of them both.

185 / 25 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – COUNCILLOR GRAHAM BERRY** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Councillor Graham Berry as a full member of the Facilities Committee.

186 / 25 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** – Cornwall Council Report Liskeard Central by Councillor Kevin Grey

My last report included a constituent who requested benches at Trevecca Cemetery, another with a SEND placement for her son, planning permission for St Martins Church Hall and traffic problems on Peppers Park.

Unfortunately, the last Town Council Meeting coincided with a full council meeting at Truro during the day which included a Party meeting after the main meeting. The latter went on longer than anticipated which meant I could not attend that Town Council meeting.

CASE PROGRESS:

1. Cormac have agreed to instal two benches to Trevecca which will be included in the next upgrade plan.
2. I have managed to get the SEND placement for the constituent.
3. Planning have agreed to change their decision on the St Martins Church Hall and building will start in the near future.
4. I have had meetings with Highways, police and a member of the residents association at Peppers Park. A traffic speed survey has been carried out and a meeting with the residents is planned in the near future.

PROJECTS AND CASES

I have recently had a meeting with the Chief and Assistant Fire Officer at their HQ where we discussed the need to increase space at Liskeard Fire Station. Another concern was the traffic build up during Wetherspoon deliveries. (work in progress)

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With the help of the Liskeard Active Travel group I am working towards a sustainable cycle route that will bring an increase to business to the town. (work in progress)

Residents of Higher Lux Street have contacted me regarding speeding vehicles. I have met with one of the constituents and discussed the issues. Since then I have contacted Will Glassup of Cornwall Highways who is carrying out a traffic speed survey for that location. I have also had a meeting with our Neighbourhood Police inspector Ned to look at ways to target what looks like repeat offenders in this issue as well as a meeting with the concerned residents.

I have visited the Town Council Office on a regular basis and with the enormous knowledge and help of the officers there been able to deal with various planning issues.

Recently with two other Councillors I had a meeting at the Lean quarry refuse site where there was a substantial fire. Together with Councillor Smith we will be compiling a report on that meeting and some important questions will be asked at County.

Other ongoing cases include following up various section 106 case that have failed to be carried out before my election on the 1st May 2025.

COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Since being elected I am now on the following Committees and working groups:

SEC planning Committee.

Sustainable Growth and place overview and scrutiny Committee.

Vice Chair on Tamar and Moor Health and Wellbeing working group.

Liskeard redevelopment working group.

I intend to become part of the Rose Dean PPG”.

187 / 25 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

188 / 25 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

189 / 25 **DIARY DATES FOR COUNCIL EVENTS** – Civic Service / St Martins Church 7th September 2025 – 18th September / 22nd September 2025 – Civic and Community Groups Visit to Quimperle (at the invitation of the French Mayor) to mark 50 years of Twinning (1975-2025).

190 / 25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 30th September 2025 at 7.30 pm Council.

191 / 25 Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PART II**

PART II - PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business:

20. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – To note the attached minutes of the 21st July 2025 meeting.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the Press and Public were readmitted to the meeting.