

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 29th July 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, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee, Lori Reid and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Mayor's Chaplain – Mark Wade.

Members of the Public – PCSO Bex Steed Devon & Cornwall Police – Kevin Goodreid Tri Service Officer, Lin Moore - (Liskeard Traders Association and local business owner).

140 / 25 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Nick Craker, Jane Pascoe and Tony Powell.

141 / 25 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

142 / 25 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor updated on the following:

- 25th June 2025 – Attended the Sports Day at the Liskeard School and Community College.
- 27th June 2025 – Judged the Pavement Artist outside of Webb's as part of the Carnival event and then went to Westbourne Gardens for the Powder Paint Event.
- 28th June 2025 – I attended the Pride Event and, in the evening, I attended the "Annie" concert.
- 12th July 2025 – We attended the Liskeard Show.
- 13th July 2025 – I attended the Torpoint Civic Service.
- 17th July 2025 – The Town Clerk and I attended a Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) meeting in Saltash.
- 19th July 2025 – I attended the 40th birthday of the British Heart Foundation (BHF). I then judged the Carnival along with the Deputy Mayor Councillor David Braithwaite and Cornwall Councillor and Town Councillor Jane Pascoe.
- 20th July 2025 – I attended the Church Service at St Keyne to dedicate the new kitchen and toilet facilities. Later that day I went to the Gala Fund Raising Event at the STERTS Centre. This was a fund raiser for Cancer Research. This will help to fund the Mustard Tree in Derriford.
- 25th July 2025 – I attended the Veterans Hub coffee morning.
- 29th July 2025 – earlier this afternoon the Deputy Mayor and I judged the allotments. As the usual judge, Owen was not well enough.

143 / 25 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 24TH JUNE 2025 COUNCIL MEETING** – Subject to the addition, of a fuller description of the use of the grant by the applicant at Minute 083/25, Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the 24th June 2025.

To assist in the early departure of Councillor Brooks who was not feeling well. Agenda Item 14 was brought forward on the agenda.

144 / 25 **DELIVERY OF THE TOWN VISION – LISKEARD TOGETHER (ATTACHED)** – Following discussion, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** in principal, the attached delivery proposal. A steering group of Councillors Brooks and Craker and other volunteers look at the attached document, with the working up of the Terms of Reference (e.g. Saltash and Torpoint) and the inclusion of other partners including the Youth Council, South East Cornwall Tourism Association (SECTA), Friends of Castle Park, Police, Safer Liskeard etc.

145 / 25 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Liskeard Police and Uniformed Services Team – PCSO Bex Steed – Kevin Goodreid (Tri Service Officer)**. Introduced themselves. PCSO Bex Steed spoke to a report and answered Councillors questions and made comments.

- **Liskeard Crime Figures (23 June to 22 July 2025 – 23 June to 22 July 2024)** – it was noted that some crimes had reduced (Violence with Injury were down 28 to 14 which was a 50% reduction). Others had increased with Criminal Damage from 10 to 21 (a 110% increase.). It was noted that because of the reporting system the single incident on one evening involving several cars in Station Road was recorded as several Criminal Damages incidents. Hence, the small population means that even a single person can push up the crime figures.
- **Castle Park – Damage** – On a recent walkabout by the Facilities Committee some damage was seen in a couple of places. A. If this had been reported it would be looked into.
- **Mexican Gardens** – There were concerns for the owner of the Mexican Gardens. A. A crime has been raised for this and is awaiting allocation to an office. It has been crimed as hate related.
- **Liskeard Pop Up Events** – Q. the Safer Liskeard Pop Up events had been held quite regularly. They were seen as a good-way of interacting with the public. Could they be organised again? A. These were a Safer Liskeard organised event contact would need to be made the Lucy Alison. It might have become an event to the same limited numbers of numbers of public.
- **Provision of Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour** – The Police and Cornwall Council enforcement partners have successfully gone to court to serve notices to close two addresses which the subject of a range of issues including drug related and Anti-Social Behaviour. The Councillors were pleased to hear this Q. would it be possible for Kat the Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officer to attend one of these sessions? A. Bex will ask.

146 / 25 **GRANT APPLICATIONS – 6.B. ST MARTIN’S CHURCH, LISKEARD** – Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £250 to cover the cost of the running the free holiday club for primary age children on the 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th August including lunch each day. Fun packed itinerary, including games, crafts, acting, singing teamwork and building things.

6.A. TRUE BUTTERFLIES FOUNDATION – The application was considered. Certain questions remained, for example, the inclusion of travel costs which were considered ineligible and how the project would work. Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor S Berry seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to seek further information from the applicant with the decision being by emailed Councillor response if required.

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147 / 25 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – No reports not already on the agenda.

148 / 25 **COMMITTEE MEETING – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 17th June 2025.
- b. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on the 23rd June 2025.
- c. Councillor Lee proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on the 10th July 2025.
- d. Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the 15th July 2025 Facilities Committee and **APPROVE** the Benches Policy.
- e. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 21st July 2025.

149 / 25 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION FUND)** – Noted.

150 / 25 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments totaling £48,590.11.

151 / 25 **BUDGET MONITORING 2025/2026** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget monitoring report to 30th June 2025.

152 / 25 **LPGS EMPLOYER DISCRETIONS POLICY** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the updated LGPS Employer Discretions Policy.

153 / 25 **" PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS" – EQUALITY ACT 2010 – CIVILITY & RESPECT** – Following conduct at the last Town Council meeting during discussion of the agenda item relating to grant support for the Pride event. It was reminded and reaffirmed that legal protection under the Equality Act 2010 extends to all 9 types of people confirming to the "Protected Characteristics". It is unlawful to discriminate against people with the following characteristics:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender Reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual orientation

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to recognise that legal protection exists for all 9 of the "Protected Characteristics" in the Equality Act 2010 and behave accordingly.

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154 / 25 **PARTII – CONSIDERATION OF THE DISCUSSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PARTII**
– Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to confirm that grant applications should always be considered in open session and only go into **PARTII** if the applicant needs for this to be done or it is relevant.

155 / 25 **HONOURED BURGESS – TIMETABLE** – following consideration of the report, Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** presentation of the Honoured Burgess medals at the next Mayor Choosing rather than the 7th September 2025 Civic Service.

156 / 25 **CCTV – MONITORING HUB, NEW COUNTY HALL, TRURO (ATTACHED)** – Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the provision of the secure e-mail address and support service as set out in contract with us hosting the Liskeard Town Council / Wadebridge Town Council / Bodmin Town Council set up £780 (split 3 ways) and the annual line costs £750 (split 3 ways).

157 / 25 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** - No Cornwall Councillors present.

158 / 25 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

159 / 25 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

160 / 25 **DIARY DATES FOR COUNCIL EVENTS** – 15th August 2025 – VJ Day Street Party – 17th August 2025 VJ Day Drumhead Service – Cattle Market - 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).

161 / 25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 26th August 2025 at 7.30 pm Council.

162 / 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:

23. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – To note the attached minutes of the 17th June 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.

163 / 24 Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in **PARTII** namely,

23. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – Request to Cornwall Council that the minutes of the Liskeard Redevelopment Working Groups be treated as Open Session as there does not seem to be anything of “Commercial in Confidence” in them. Also, that to people with sensitive hearing the sonic vandal deterrent, may also be issue impacting their use and enjoyment of the facilities, unless the deterrent is only set to operate at time of the evening, night and early morning that it might be engaged.