

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair

Councillors – Tracy Adams, David Braithwaite, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Facilities Manager – Jacqui Orange.

Mayor’s Chaplain – Teresa Conway.

Members of the Public – Lin Moore (Chair of the Liskeard Traders Association and local business owner), Pip Harris – (Volunteer – Liskeard Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club), Sascha Harper – Project Manager – “The Wilding Tribe”.

Mayor’s Chaplain Teresa Conway outlined the origins of the use of the Poppy as a symbol of remembrance and led the Council and members of the public to join her in the Lord’s Prayer.

214 / 24 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Rachel Brooks, Kerry Cassidy, Simon Cassidy, and Tony Powell.

215/ 24 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – The Mayor and Councillor Jane Pascoe were volunteers and fundraisers with Liskeard in Bloom - Agenda Item 16.

216 / 24 **MAYOR’S REMARKS** – The Mayor reported that she had attended the following:

- 5th October 2024 – Annual St Matthews Fair – Along with Lisa Ince President of the Lions presented the winner of the best stall. I also presented Darren from Callington Lions with his Certificate in recognition of all his aid work with Ukraine over the last two and a half years.
- 7th October 2024 – Mayor of Bath’s Civic Reception - The Mayor travelled to Bath which was hosting the South West in Bloom Awards event the following day and attended the Civic Reception.
- 8th October 2024 – South West in Bloom Awards – I joined the Liskeard in Bloom team for the presentation of the awards and was pleased to accept 3 awards on behalf of Liskeard all of which were silver.
- 17th October 2024 – Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) meeting – The Town Clerk and I attended the CALC meeting in Redruth. In the evening, I attended the 1st Anniversary of the Library Reopening.
- 21st October 2024 – I went to Menheniot to a Trafalgar Service and placed flowers on the grave of Lapenotiere.
- 23rd October 2024 – British Heart Foundation – the Mayor attended the concert in which the choir “I thought that I couldn’t sing” entertained the audience.
- 26th October 2024 – Poppy Appeal – I attended the Poppy Concert which starts this years’ fund raising for the Poppy Appeal.

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217 / 24 **CIVILITY AND RESPECT** – Following discussion and consideration, a). Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Braithwaite second and the Council **RESOLVED** to reaffirm the Town Council’s commitment to the Civility and Respect pledge and expect those outside the Town Council to do the same. b). Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** referring to the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) / National Association of Local Councils (NALC) to seek advice on the drafting of a protocol outlining unacceptable behaviours’ when appropriate to be read out at the beginning of the meetings and published on the website and referred to on social media. That protocol to include dealing with “false narratives” which harm the good name of the Town Council. c). Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to seek advice including from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) / National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Council on any legal means including where appropriate through Injunctions in the relevant circumstances.

218 / 24 **TOWN CLERK’S UPDATE (SEE ATTACHED – A. UPDATE B. LISKERRETT CENTRE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – C. COODES QUOTE ON LEGAL ADVICE)** – The Town Clerk noted that following the incident at the last Town Council meeting an already difficult situation, had been made almost impossible. However:

a). To update on the Integrated Services Hub contract including the access. The following notifications have been received:

29th Oct 2024* – National Grid – Residents Notification of works to the upgrade of an electricity sub-station 11th Nov 2024 – 29th Nov 2024.

22nd Oct 2024* – Phil Jones – Cornwall Council Senior Portfolio Surveyor – response to application to add the ramp footpath to the “Definitive Map” - “In practical terms it won’t make a difference for this project, but it will mean in future we would have to give formal public notice of its intended closure.”

19th Oct 2024* a. Residents and Business Owners – Notice of an upgrade to the watermain in Varley Lane by South West Water 28th Oct 2024 – 1st Nov 2024.

14th Oct 2024 a.i. Notice - Wales & West Utilities – Provision of a gas supply to the Market Café.

*Town Clerk requests confirmation that: “tucked away locations like Thorn Terrace...” are also part of the leaflet drop.

b). To be informed that the Liskerrett Centre has made an application to have the footpath added to the definitive map as a Public Right of Way.

13th Oct 2024 – Dr. Cheryl Bailey – Treasurer and Trustee. Application from the Liskerrett Centre to Cornwall Council to have the footpath (via the ramp access) added to the “Definitive Map”.

Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note that the application has been made.

c). To receive the quote from Coodes on obtaining advice on whether the closure of the byway is legal.

14th Oct 2024 – Coodes Quote and “Client Care letter” – were received giving details of the service to be provided and the fee payable. As it was clear that the footpath did not already appear on the Definitive Map and the advice that the application to have it added would not have any impact on the current contract only in the future, Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** not to seek the advice.

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219 / 24 **GRANT APPLICATION – The Wilding Tribe** – following discussion and consideration Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to seek to support the project with advice on the areas that needed development in what appears to be a very good scheme.

220 / 24 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 17th September 2024.
- b. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to ratify the decisions and note the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 30th September 2024.

221 / 24 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, TOWN ACCELERATOR FUNDING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY AWARDS 2024/2025, BUDGET SETTING NEW PREVENTATIVE DUTIES ON EMPLOYERS)** – Noted.

222 / 24 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments.

223 / 24 **BUDGET MONITORING 2024/2025** – Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget monitoring report to 31st August 2024.

224 / 24 **AGED DEBTOR** – Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to receive the report and agree any action.

225 / 24 **CIVIC REGALIA POLICY (ATTACHED)** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the new Civic Regalia Policy.

226 / 24 **ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the annual insurance renewal.

227 / 24 **LISKEARD IN BLOOM – MINUTE 125/24 – 6TH AUGUST 2024 (ATTACHED)** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the revised agreement.

228 / 24 **SKATEBOARD PARK** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the consultant selected by the Skateboard Tender Award Panel.

229 / 24 **CCTV - LIVE MONITORING HUB AT NEW COUNTY HALL - UPDATE – LEASE AND COSTINGS (ATTACHED A). HEADS OF TERMS OF THE LEASE OF THE MONITORING HUB B). OPTIONS WITHIN THE QUOTE OF THE LIVE MONITORING HUB CONTRACTOR C). TOTAL COSTS OF CCTV PROVISION INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND ENERGY** – The additional information regarding the lease and costings was considered and noted. It was asked what duration the other contracts Live Monitoring and the Maintenance and Energy were for example, these to last for 5 years. This information is to be ascertained and reported back.

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230 / 24 **CASTLE PARK – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL TO LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL (MINUTE 495/23)** – The Town Clerk affixed the Town Council’s seal to both the “Transfer” and the “Deed of Covenant”. The Mayor and the Chair of the Facilities Committee signed as witnesses.

231 / 24 **MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES (ATTACHED)**
Councillor Adams proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to include Councillor Lori Reid as a member of the Communications & Engagement Committee. The Town Clerk reported that he has sought, but not yet received information on the Pub Watch scheme. Consideration of this element was deferred until the next meeting.

232 / 24 **LISKEARD CENTRAL WARD – COUNCILLOR ELECTED (ATTACHED DECLARATION OF THE RESULT OF A POLL)** – The Mayor welcomed the newly elected Councillor Sylvia Berry to the Town Council meeting. The Town Clerk updated that the Acceptance of Office Oath had been completed and witnessed. The Register of Interest needed to be completed as the final step to become a full Councillor.

233 / 24 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** – **Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe reports:**
“I attended the Tamar Tolls Public Inquiry at the Copthorne Hotel in Plymouth on the 15th October. We travelled by train to register an objection to the Inquiry being held in Plymouth and to make a peaceful representation against an increase in the tolls. I have submitted a report on behalf of the residents in Liskeard South and Dobwalls who must use the crossings regularly for Hospital appointments, Employment and Education. I have made a strong case about the impact of any further increases. The Inspector will present his findings to the Secretary of State, we will be notified of his decision by December.

On the 17th October I was delighted to join in the Liskeard Library’s 1st Anniversary celebration, it was really pleasing to learn that the number of library members have risen in the first year, an increase in the footfall previously achieved before the renovation. It was good to hear that local people are using the facility because they are made to feel so welcome by the helpful team. They offer such a range of other activities and services as well.

Last week I was in attendance at the Public Drop-In Event with the members of the team working on a plan for Extra Care living on the Laity House site. The team were able to discuss access and other issues with residents.

I am pleased that Liskeard has achieved its development plan thanks to considerable investment, it includes the new Workshed, accommodating digital industries and the Canopy, the Integrated Service Hub works in progress, the renovation of the Library, the plans to build a bus terminus and a large extension to the Doctors Surgery. These active projects are sending clear signals to potential investors that Liskeard is not standing still, there is growth. Just this week, I was asked to meet with the new owner of the Barclays Bank building. One of our most prominent buildings in Liskeard. Samantha Jackson has chosen Liskeard to launch her innovative business Boost. This is a specialist business providing a much-needed service supplying prosthetics to ladies who have undergone breast surgery.

Finally, the 103rd Primestock Show will be taking place this Saturday 2nd November in the Cattle Market. Regretfully due to Blue Tongue there will be no livestock, but there will be many other exhibits to see.”

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– **Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker reported:** - GLL and Cornwall Council have worked together to allocate funding for a full refurbishment of the Lux Park leisure centre’s wet side changing rooms. The pool will also need to be drained while relining work to the pool is carried out, meaning it will be closed for a short while. This is the first big refurbishment of Lux Park since when Caradon District Council owned and operated the leisure centre. The swimming pool lining is being replaced, the poolside and changing room flooring replaced and the swimming pool changing rooms fully refurbished. This work requires the swimming pool to be drained and temporarily closed to the general public. Works are being carried out from 4th November 2024 until 27th January 2025 at the latest with the pool being reopened to the public from 2nd January with a full programme, but customers will be asked to consider coming pool ready as they did during the pandemic or use our dryside changing rooms for their changing needs.

Graylands house was being put through Cornwall Council’s Asset Management process as the doctors were now looking at alternative sites for their temporary surgery during the expansion project. There was nothing to say the Doctors still couldn’t talk to Cornwall Council if they change their mind, but given the financial pressures of on Cornwall Council, they cannot sit on an asset endlessly without doing something productive with it.

234 / 24 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

235 / 24 **CORRESPONDENCE** – 25th September 2024 – RB Hawken – apologies for behaviour at the 24th September 2024 Town Council – 15th October 2024 – Penzance Town Council – Devolution Statement. – 18th October 2024 – Liskeard Area Memory Café – Thank you letter for the £500 grant. - 28th October 2024 - Liskerrett Community Centre Trustees - Letter to the Mayor, Councillors and staff. Thanking the Town Council for its support in speaking with Cornwall Council in respect of the closure of the access to Varley Lane. Not condoning the incident at the last Council meeting. Confirming that the individual concerned was not a representative of the Liskerrett Community Centre of the trustees or staff. Hoping to work with the Town Council in the future on projects of benefit to Liskeard and surrounding area.

236 / 24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 26th November 2024 at 7.30 pm Council.

237 / 24 Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Dorling 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 items of Business:

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26. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – To note the attached minutes of the 16th September 2024 meeting. The notes of the 15th October 2024 were not available at the time of writing.

27. Police Report – Monitoring Officer Feedback – Society Of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) Feedback, Civility & Respect Charter – To receive an update and approve any actions arising.

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.

238 / 24 Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in **PARTII** namely,

26. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – To submit the notes of the 15th October 2024 when available.

27. Police Report – Monitoring Officer Feedback – Society Of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) Feedback, Civility & Respect Charter – To reflect the advice and experience of those by using the Police in the first instance and maintain a watching brief and report at appropriate times.