

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room at the Public Hall on Tuesday 30 June 2026 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor David Braithwaite – in the chair
Councillors Graham Berry, Sylvia Berry, Rachel Brooks, Kerry Cassidy, Simon Cassidy, Richard Dorling, Annettee Lee, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid, Martin Symonds, Tony Powell and Christina Whitty.
Town Clerk – Steve Vinson
Mayor's Chaplain – Mark Wade.

Members of the Public: Cornwall Councillor Kevin Grey, Mark Andrews President, East Cornwall Harriers, Chris Ullman Treasurer East Cornwall Harriers, see Agenda Item 6.a. Jason Hawke – St Pinnock Band, see Agenda Item 6.b., Sean Barbery (Partner Annettee Lee), Tiede Gibson, Ollie Aggis and Phil Gibson (all 21 Rapson Road).

The Mayor welcomed everyone and related the sad loss of John Gliddon. The Mayor's Chaplain reflected that theme in his thoughts and prayers on the impact of the loss on his family and the loss to the wider community with their own family losses. The Town Council and the members of the public stood for two minutes silence.

20 / 26 APOLOGIES

Councillors Nick Craker, Naomi Taylor.

21 / 26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE

Councillors S. Cassidy and Whitty – both members of the RNA regarding Agenda Item 7.

22 / 26 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Mayor updated on the following:

- 1st June Mayor Making – The Mayor thanked everybody for attending and making the Town Council's Mayor Choosing such a success which had been noted by the Mayor's attending from other towns. The Mayor had been keen to feature the use of Cornish food and drink.
- Saturday 6th June – At Castle Park, I and the Deputy Mayor Sylvia carried out a litter pick with the Scouts.
- Friday 12th June – The Mayor attended the Saltash Mayor making welcoming Brian Stoyel as the new Mayor.
- Saturday 13th June – I visited the excellent "The Story of Emily" which is well worth a visit.
- Sunday 14th June – I attended the "Protect Earth" display at the Summer Fair at Henwood.
- Wednesday 24th June – The Mayor attended the High Sheriff's Garden Party.
- Thursday 25th June – The Mayor was present at the civic gala at which Mark Smith was made Portreeve of Callington.
- Saturday 27th June – The Mayor supported the Liskeard Carnival.
- 30th June – The Mayor met the High Sheriff again at the Lighthouse Community Centre in Liskeard.

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23 / 26 **MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 26th MAY 2026** - Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of a. 26th May 2026 Eva Bowles Memorial Trust. Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the b. 26th May 2026 King George V (Thorn Terrace Children's Playground Charity Number 272490). Councillor S Berry proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the 26th May 2026 Council meeting.

24 / 26 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Police Update – Apologies were noted. It was felt that if some of the figures were aggregated something might be concerning. The Safer Liskeard and Police presentation at the Annual Meeting had provided more indication of the low crime rate nature of Liskeard. It was noted that in previous years a set of figures had been developed that indicated the low crime trends over time and this was ideally the sort of report that the Council wished to receive in future.

Cornwall Councillor Kevin Grey – Central asked if there was no presentation from the Police, whether his report could be brought forward on the agenda as he had other things to do. The Town Clerk advised that previously Cornwall Councillor Armand Toms reports had been brought forward on the agenda to enable his items to be as dealt with.

Cornwall Councillor Kevin Grey – Central

1. I had a complaint from residents of Samuel Bone Close where the grass areas were overgrown because of "Wilding" despite the policy this was causing concern or young children could no longer play on the grass because of rubbish and dog fouling. I managed to get this particular area cleared and have put in another request for trimming trees in the same area.
2. I have attended the annual CAP meeting where we had a presentation by National Highways about proposed changes to the A38 in future which included right turns at the Lean Quarry turn off to Looe and the Menheniot Junction. We also had a presentation by Louisa Wood, Head of Planning and Housing regarding new Government changes to planning and changes to committees.
3. There are some major changes coming to Policing in three years to the oversight of policing in Devon and Cornwall with the scraping of the police commissioners throughout the country. Coupled to this will be changes to Police scrutiny in Devon and Cornwall.
4. I am looking at ways of improving facilities for Youth in Liskeard and I am presently arranging an outside area for both the Air Cadets and Army Cadets. I will be visiting the Guides and Scouts (including the Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and cubs) to see if there is anything that I can assist them with.
5. I am in discussion with Cornwall Council officers, Town Council, Lux Park and the Hockey Club to resolve issues with the Asto Turf which requires updating. We will be engaging with Liskeard Community College on their return to school in the new school year with several proposals.
6. I have visited the new ALDI car park under construction which I believe will be delivered in approximately one month's time.
7. I have had a meeting with the Head of Planning together with Cllr. Pascoe, other town councillors and other regarding the Section 106 money and affordable housing in dispute with Wain Homes.

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8. I am part of the Cornwall Council working group in partnership with the Town Council Devolution working group liaising with senior officers in Cornwall Council and my Link Officer so we can move forward with some of the Devolution list offered to the Town Council by Cornwall Council.
9. I have attended two Safer Liskeard meetings where I and other councillors get updates by the Police / Fire and Rescue Service, where we can ask questions and make recommendations."

Town Councillor Observations – 6. ALDI – the road and footways layout after completion was still seen as highly unsatisfactory and the present constructions works added to the concerns.

7. Section 106 – support for the efforts to get the Section 106 to be of benefit to Liskeard residents.

It was noted that grant applications are usually considered in the open session and the PARTII entered used if necessary. It was easier to ask grant applicants for clarification if they are still present in the meeting.

East Cornwall Harriers (ECH) - Mark Andrews spoke and answered questions on the grant application at 6.a. Chris Ullman attended:

- Councillors welcomed the initiative to extend the existing Twinning and Civic contacts with Quimperle.
- Mindful of the limited Town Council grants budget and the number of possible further calls upon in the remainder of the year. There was consideration of a possible £800 grant to cover the total Minibus Hire cost (£769.90). Mindful that the ECH still had further fundraising to carry out to make the trip possible a grant of 50% of the travel costs. Total Travel costs £2,862.90 with a 50% grant £1,431.

St Pinnock Band – Jason Hawke – spoke and answered questions on the grant application at 6.b.:

- Estimated Cost £6,700 – unfortunately, there had been some increases in costs including fuel costs.
- Looe Town Council were supporting with a grant of £500 and a paid performance to the value of £500.
- Mindful of the limited Town Council grants. Initially, £500 and then £600 were considered. Eventually, a grant of £750 was confirmed.
- The Mayor undertook to speak to Liskeard Silver Band and remind them they were welcome to make application to the grants budget.

Caradon Youth Theatre – with a rehearsal to attend there was no speaker to the grant application at 6.c. The additional financial information received 6.c.ii. was considered:

- Public Hall and Associated Rooms and Facilities might well be of a significant amount. The requested grant of £600 seemed fair.

21 Rapson Road – Boundary Wall – Phil Gibson spoke (attached circulated at the meeting) on behalf of his daughter Tiede Gibbson and Ollis Aggis – regarding the current boundary situation and possible future construction of a wall.

- The proposals would be looked at and appropriate specialist external advice would be sought. It was noted that the Facilities Committee was a more appropriate place to consider rather the Town Council.

25 / 26 GRANT APPLICATIONS – 6.A. EAST CORNWALL HARRIERS – Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor S Berry seconded the Council **RESOLVED** to approve a grant £1,431 towards the travel costs of the East Cornwall Harriers in their Twinning Exchange visit 11th-14th September 2026.

6.B. ST. PINNOCK BAND – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Powell Seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £750 toward the costs of participating in the National Competition in September 2026.

6.C. CARADON YOUTH THEATRE – Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor J Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £600 towards the costs of staging the production of “Why the Whales Came”.

Councillors S Cassidy and C Whitty left the meeting at this point.

26 / 26 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE

Councillor S Berry proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the £350 cost of the St Pinnock Band participating in the marching parade on 23rd August 2026 to mark the exercising of the “Freedom of Town” by the Liskeard branch of the Royal British Legion.

Councillors S Cassidy and C Whitty returned to the meeting at this point.

27/ 26 COMMITTEE MEETINGS- TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:

- a) Councillor A Lee proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communication & Engagement Committee held on 14th May 2026 – with Minute 562/25 Councillor Reid recorded as abstaining.
- b) The Mayor proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 19th May 2026.
- c) Councillor S Berry proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the 15th June 2026 Planning Committee.

28 / 26 LISKEARD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (LRP)

The minutes of the meeting on the 17th June 2026 including the election of the Chair and Vice and revised terms of reference. Noted.

29 / 26 RFO REPORTS

Noted the report.

30 / 26 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was noted that the Town Council had made budgetary provision of £10,000 to retain consultants to progress the next stages in the delivery of the Town Vision, in this particular element the economic elements. It was noted that APS Construction appeared as Toilet Cleaning on two places 80 and 95. What was this? It was believed to be deep cleaning but those would be checked. Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments totalling £164,687.80 subject to the outstanding points being clarified.

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31 / 26 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to receive and accept the budget report to 30 April 2026.

32/ 26 AGED DEBTORS

Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Lee seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to receive the report on aged debtors and **APPROVE** any necessary actions.

33 / 26 BANK MANDATES

Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the Council banking arrangements and the signing mandates for the HSBC and Lloyds bank accounts as per financial regulation 6.1.

34/ 26 DIRECT DEBITS

Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Symonds seconded and the Council confirmed the use of the variable direct debit mandates as per financial regulation 7.8.

35/ 26 DEVOLUTION – SITE VISITS – FEEDBACK (ATTACHED)

Following consideration of the report and the issue, subject to ensuring that for each site that the Town Council is considering taking ownership of there is a “Cost Benefit Analysis not just for the cost of the transfer and the ongoing operating costs but in addition there should be options for the possible improvements after transfer to the Town Council. Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor G Berry seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to confirm that the Town Council’s Forward Strategy should be to concentrate its efforts on improving a limited number of the existing better used and accessed facilities including with external funding (with priority on the early transfer of Rapson’s). To confirm to Cornwall Council that the Town Council does not have sufficient budget and precept to take ownership and develop the remaining sites which are in most cases too small and not of strategic value.

36 / 26 CCTV – PIECE OF EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the decision to order the replacement part (Silver net radio link OSL615 at £1,721.34 to continue CCTV coverage.

37/ 26 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillor Jane Pascoe Liskeard South & Dobwalls reported.

“I was pleased to attend and take part in the Carnival on Saturday. Belated arrangements to enter a small float for the “Liskeard & District Twinning Association”. I am disappointed to note the comments on the face book page and will just say that maybe those people can make an effort and help to make it a success carnival next year.

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I attended the Safer Liskeard meeting today and many issues were discussed including the noisy cars at speed through the town and through residential streets.

National Highways attended the SECAP meeting to outline their plans to close off the right turns on the A38 between Liskeard and Trerulefoot. Public consultations and further discussions will take place.

Louise Wood Strategic Director for Housing and Planning answered questions about the new structure and planning process which does not allow elected members to call in single applications below 9 houses. Further discussions will take place regarding the structure of planning committees. Members feel this is a significant reduction of democratic oversight and diminishes further the NDPs and local knowledge. She was asked by parishes what was the point of "Neighbourhood Priority Statements".

I agreed to put myself forward as there has been a substantial amount of work coming out of the regular meetings of the working groups and I would like to continue working for you and representing the SECAP. We are making progress on some OF THE priorities this CAP identified. These meetings include with officers, MPs, TTAG, Safe 38, SECTA.

Economy & Transport Group:

Safety work on the A38.

A38 Saltash Tunnel Work

Devonport Defence Group initiative,

Rural and Essential destinations Transport and connectivity both buses and trains.

Tamar Crossings.

Health & Wellbeing Group have made good process with working with Tamar to Moor and we were pleased that Liskeard can announce a new dental practice with 4 surgeries in the town centre.

I hope that Liskeard Town Council will continue to attend and that they find the CAP a useful platform or mechanism to raise issues that need attention. Please do you the CAP it is what we want you to do.

On Friday I attended the Joint Committee for the Tamar Crossings. Members voted to reject the proposal to increase the TAG administration fee.

Concerns and a subsequent motion for Coastguard Rescue Services. 422 miles of coastline. Remuneration ceasing and changing to volunteer status. Coastguard officers upset that they have not been consulted.

Liskeard Fire Station Open Day 31st July 2026 5.00pm-8.00pm"

Town Councillor Comments – thanks to Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe for remaining with the meeting to help and assist with relevant items arising on the agenda.

38 / 26 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Noted.

39 / 26 CORRESPONDENCE

A. CAB Annual Report and letter – Noted – B. Morley Tamblyn Lodge (letter from a service use to asking the Town Council to ask Cornwall Council about the operational uses of the building and the Number 1 facility. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe that a meeting be held with the Peter Read Head of Service to discuss the situation.

40/ 26 DIARY DATES FOR COUNCIL EVENTS

11th July 2026 Liskeard Show which is an all-day event. 16th July 2026 Liskeard & District Twinning Association funding raising event 7.00 pm at Stuart House, Sunday 23rd August 2026 "Freedom of the Town" Civic Parade 1.00pm to mark the 40th anniversary of the Liskeard branch of the Royal Naval Association RNA.

41 / 26 DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

28th July 2026 at 7.30pm

Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PARTII**.

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:

24. Employment Tribunal – To note the change in personnel within the legal team dealing the Town Council's case.

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.

Councillor Reid proposed, the Mayor seconded and Council **RESOLVED** to confirm the **PARTII** resolution that the change in personnel at the legal team is noted.