

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Rachel Brooks – in the chair.

Councillors – David Ambler, Ian Barlow, Simon Cassidy, Anna Clarke, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Jane Pascoe, Sue Shand, Julian Smith, Naomi Taylor, and Christina Whitty.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Mayors Chaplain – Andy Day

Members of the Public – P Paddison (Wildanet), J Hesketh (Menheniot Parish Council), P Harris (Resident), W Hillson (Resident) and A Corin (Resident).

Andy Day led the council and members of the public in saying prayers for the town and council.

**500/19 APOLOGIES** – The Deputy Mayor Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Powell.

### **501/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-**

**REGISTERABLE** – The Mayor declared an interest in payment 889 on Agenda Item 11, Councillor Goldsworthy declared an interest in payment 897 on Agenda Item 11, Councillor Pascoe and Councillor Ambler were both members of the Chamber of Commerce and might depending on the content of the presentation by P Paddison (Wildanet) have declarations of interest.

**502/19 MAYOR'S REMARKS** – “Thanks to everyone who came to the Methodist Civic Service and brought refreshments. It was lovely to see so many people there including lots of scouts.

Since our last meeting I have attended the opening of the new police station with other councillors and one very excited police cadet. I went to the Memory Cafe to help them celebrate their 10th anniversary and to the Rifle Club dinner where I presented the trophies.

The Town Clerk and I also got very wet visiting the Roundbury Park site with the consultants, and had a look inside the old Nat West Bank building when we met the couple who are developing it to talk about their plans. Along with other councillors I met the St Barbabus multi-academy trust and a Cornwall Council education property officer to discuss how we can make best use of the Maudlin Farm land.

I went to the meeting Simon chaired about VE 75 and we've started planning for Liskeard Unlocked in September.

I've spent quite a bit of time on the CLLD application, as set out in Steve's report.

Today we met to talk about the Community Fair which is coming on really well with lots of organisations bringing interesting activities.

I also went to the Environment Working Group and reported that we've make a good start on thinking about ways to make the management of verges and weeds in Liskeard more environmentally friendly.

On Thursday I'm going to the Fire and Rescue Service consultation session and on Saturday to the Cornwall Council climate change workshop.

**503/19 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 COUNCIL MEETING:** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**504/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Paddy Paddison – Wildanet. Gave a presentation the key points of which were:

- The company had been in existence for a number of years but had only recently opened in Liskeard which it considered to be a good base for building its business.
- The company would be pleased to undertake joint publicity with the Town Council to launch its establishment in Liskeard as an operating base and the broadband services it offered.
- The antenna required were shown to be small and 3 would provide full round coverage when on a mounted on a pole on the gable end of the Public Hall.
- The signal can have a maximum range of 10 kms and serve 240 properties.
- Wildanet would provide free broadband to the building for the Council to use and would cover the cost of the electricity.

During discussion with councillors, it was confirmed that the company was taking part in the Government (DCMS) sponsored roll out of superfast broadband provision. It was agreed that the proposal should go to the next Facilities Committee for consideration.

**505/19 NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2020/2021 CIVIC YEAR**

– The Town Clerk informed the Town Council that the nominations for Mayor were: Rachel Brooks and Simon Cassidy. Both candidates spoke in respect of their nominations and hopes for the coming year should they be elected.

A ballot was held in which both candidates received 6 votes. The Town Clerk explained that under the Councils Standing Orders, in the instance of a tied vote, the Chairman has the casting vote. The casting vote of the Chair was exercised in favour of Rachel Brooks who became Mayor for the 2020/2021 civic year.

The Town Clerk informed the Town Council that the nominations for Deputy Mayor were: Sandra Mitchell and Naomi Taylor. The Town Clerk read out the candidate supporting statement from Sandra Mitchell who was not able to attend in person. Naomi Taylor spoke in respect of her nomination and hopes for the coming year should she be elected.

A ballot was held in which both candidates received 6 votes. It was decided to postpone to the next meeting of Council the issue of a second ballot for the Deputy Mayor 2020/2021 civic year.

**506/19 TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE – ITEMS FROM THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Further to the written report, it was confirmed that pending the receipt of the required information and the subsequent updating of the spreadsheets and final application, that a special meeting of Council be held to discuss the Cattle Market Makers Project. The 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 would provisionally be reserved for the meeting. Flexibility might need to be shown given the need to receive information from outside parties.

**507/19 COMMITTEE MEETINGS – MINUTES:**

**a. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**2020** – Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (RFO) REPORTS 9-11**

**508/19 INTERNAL AUDITOR – APPOINTMENT OF A NEW INTERNAL AUDITOR**

**2019/2020, 2020/2021 AND 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEARS** – The receipt of a third quote was reported and included in the considerations. Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to appoint contractor B.

**509/19 RESERVES POLICY** – It was considered that the policy would benefit from the inclusion of upper and lower limits. It was decided to defer consideration of the Reserves Policy to the next meeting of the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee to permit such an inclusion.

**510/19 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments which the Mayor signed.

**511/19 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR)** – Following discussion of the feedback from 13th February 2020 Cornwall Council public consultation event and the 17th February 2020 Planning Committee, it was agreed:

- That the Town Council would confirm to Cornwall Council its acceptance of the parish boundary proposals as submitted by the Town Council and revised by the Cornwall Council.
- That the Town Council include at the 21st March Community Fair on its stand a community consultation on the boundary review proposals.
- That the Town Council offer to meet with Menheniot Parish Council to discuss the parish boundary revision.

**512/19 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – noted.

**513/19 CORNWALL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR UPDATES – Sally Hawken** – Highways Proposals – Cornwall Council were in the process of sending through consultations on a number of highways related proposals, several of which had been initiated or supported by the Town Council. These would be going to the 9th March 2020 Town Council Planning Committee for consideration.

Climate Emergency Workshop – Councillors were reminded of the invitation to attend the workshop which was being held in the Lord Eliot in the morning of 29th February 2020.

Phase 1 Workspace project – a planning application is being submitted in the next few weeks.

**Jane Pascoe** – Police Station – had attended the official opening of the new Liskeard Police Station which was a very good building, but would have been even better if it had also included a front desk.

Highways Proposals – had meet on site with Paul Allan (Cornwall Highways) regarding traffic issues and proposals at Allan Vale, Old Road, West Street and Miller Business Park.

Trevillis Appeal – was delighted to see that the Planning Inspector rejected the appeal.

**514/19 CORRESPONDENCE** –17th February 2020 – Menheniot Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan team. Regulation 14 Public Consultation closing date 31st March 2020. Confirmed that this was to be taken to the 9th March 2020 Planning and 24th March 2020 Council or Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committees.

The Mayor read an update that had been received earlier in the day from Lindsey Hall at RIO on the Liskeard Library. It confirmed that RIO “have secured a grant of £100,000 from the Architectural Heritage Fund towards the capital development of the Liskeard Library and are in the process of procuring a design team. At the same time Cornwall Council are providing up to £100,000 for structural repairs including the roof and damp issues. Things are continuing to move forward positively with the lease...”.

It was agreed that RIO would be asked to provide updates as a standing item on Council agendas.

**515/19 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Subject to the receipt of the necessary information, a Special Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30 pm. or when appropriate.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to move into PARTII.

**516/19 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:**

**ROUNDBURY PARC – LAND ACQUISITION** - to note the update from the agent.

**UNREASONABLE AND VEXATIOUS COMPLAINANT** – to receive an update and consider and approve a course of actions.

**517/19 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.**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to come out of **PARTII** and adopt the resolution.

## **PARTII – TOWN COUNCIL 25TH FEBRUARY 2019**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to move into PART II.

### **516/19 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;**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to tell the staff involved that the Councillors do not believe the allegations made and have every confidence in the staff.

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Council Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to investigate additional security measures for staff who were sometimes lone working from the office. An example being keypad entry into the offices.

Councillor Ambler proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to refer the case to Adult Social Services.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to come out of PARTII.

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The Mayor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation made in closed session.