

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7.30 p.m. there were:

Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair.

Councillors – Tracy Adams, David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Kerry Cassidy, Ian Goldsworthy, Lori Reid, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor.

Mayors' Chaplain – Captain Theresa Conway – Salvation Army.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson.

Members of the Public – Pip Harris – (Liskeard Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club), Lucy Clark – (Programme Manager – East Cornwall Primary Care Network – East Cornwall Hub Launch) and Lin Moore – (Business Owner and Chair of Liskeard Traders Association).

The Mayors' Chaplain said that with the approach of Easter it was timely to recall that Jesus paid the ultimate price for speaking the truth and remaining true. Hopefully, that will be reflected in the way we and the other people of the town work together for the common good.

482 / 23 **APOLOGIES** – The Mayor, Councillors Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee-Julian and Jane Pascoe.

483 / 23 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

484 / 23 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Deputy Mayor explained that the Mayor will be leaving Cornwall at 2.00 am the day after the meeting on his 3rd trip to deliver aid to Ukraine. The Mayor had attended the following events and activities in the previous month:

- 3rd Mar – the Mayor attended Callington Civic Service with the Mayors of Bodmin and Launceston.
- 5th Mar – Opened the 55th Annual Cancer Research Arts Exhibition and sale with the Deputy Mayor.
- 8th Mar – Joined the Chairs of the Town Traders Association and Chamber of Commerce to say farewell to Maureen Smith at Ham & Huddy. Maureen was one of the founding members of the Traders Association.
- 19th Mar – attended the meeting with Cornwall Council to discuss the Town Accelerator Fund / Town Delivery Fund.
- 20th Mar – met Councillor Brooks to discuss the formation of a Liskeard Twinning Association.
- 21st Mar – the Annual Town Meeting was held including the Community Champion Awards.

485 / 23 **TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE 27TH FEBRUARY 2024 COUNCIL MEETING** – Subject to a correction at minute 442/23 Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2024.

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486 / 23 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Lucy Clark – Programme Manager – East Cornwall Primary Care Network – Launch of the East Cornwall Care Hub which presentation had previously been circulated and was on the website. The key-points and questions were:

- East Cornwall Health Hub – the town offered services to a very large catchment area including surgeries in Liskeard (2), Saltash (2), Torpoint (1), Looe (1) and St Germans (1).
- Services – a range of specialist services were being offered to help support the GP surgeries including: mental health, diabetes, menopause, and other NHS services.
- Cornwall Council – were providing an initial 3 years of revenue funding to help reduce the strain on GP surgeries. The NHS was providing funding and other resources.
- Light House Community Centre (former Job Centre Plus in Church Street) – is helping to accommodate some of the physical activities with other resources are available online.

487 / 23 **GRANT APPLICATIONS** – None have been received.

488 / 23 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – It was confirmed that both the new CCTV cameras were now operational at Castle Park (OSL614) and Sun girt (OSL615) taking it up to a 10 CCTV camera system. It was explained that Cornwall Council (Fire Service) were constructing a new monitoring facility room near the Control Room in the New County Room with the costs covered from anticipated savings in the revenue account. The Chair of the Facilities Committee explained that 7 Town Councils were looking to participate in the new operating set up with the first years' revenue costs the same as in the current year. The Town Clerk said that Cornwall Council had indicated that there would be no break in the Live Monitoring of the CCTV systems until the new arrangement is in place.

489 / 23 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 20th February 2024.
- b. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Adams seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 11th March 2024.
- c. Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillors Adams seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on 14th March 2024.

490 / 23 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION – BANK BALANCES, HSBC MONEY MARKET DEPOSIT, INTERNAL CONTROLS, PHILIP BLAMEY TRUST)** – The formal wind up of the Philip Blamey Trust would require a short Special Council immediately before the next Town Council.

491 / 23 **BUDGET MONITORING 2023/2024** – Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget report to 29th February 2024.

492 / 23 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – The utilities bills would be checked. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments.

493 / 23 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/2025** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2024/2025.

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494 / 23 **EMPLOYMENT LAW, HR AND HEALTH & SAFETY SUPPORT** – It was confirmed that the recommendation included the additional cover, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the renewal of the contract with Work Nest for a new 5 year term with the additional cover.

495 / 23 **CASTLE PARK TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL TO THE TOWN COUNCIL** – Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk, in the presence of the Mayor and the Chair of the Facilities Committee as witness, affix the Town Council’s seal to confirm acceptance of the transfer of Castle Park to the Town Council.

496 / 23 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** – None present.

497 / 23 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted

498 / 23 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

499 / 23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 30th April 2024 at 7.15 pm Special Council (Philip Blamey Trust) and 7.30 pm Council.

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

500 / 23 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:

18. **Roundbury - Provision of Sports Pitches and Related Recreational Facilities – To receive an update on progressing the project.**

19. **Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – To note the minutes of the 24th February 2024 meeting.**

501 / 23 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.

502 / 23 Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in **PARTII** namely,

18. Roundbury – Provision of Sports Pitches and Related Recreational Facilities – That securing the land is the priority and this will form the basis of officer and Councillor involvement with external parties.

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