

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A SPECIAL MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 7th November 2019 at 7.00 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Rachel Brooks – in the chair.

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

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Members of the Public – John Hesketh (Liskeard in Bloom).

305/19 APOLOGIES – The Deputy Mayor, Councillors David Ambler, Ian Barlow and Tyler Bennetts.

306/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE – None.

307/19 MAYORS REMARKS – The Mayor reported that a Complaints Panel (comprising Councillors Ian Goldsworthy, Simon Cassidy and the Mayor) had been held. It examined a complaint from Mr William Partridge in which it was claimed that the Town Clerk had not complied with the Local Government Transparency Code 2015 and Freedom of Information of Act 2000. Mr Partridge had been offered the opportunity to attend the Complaints Panel. He had declined. The Panel did not uphold the complaint and found that, the Town Clerk had gone to considerable lengths to answer the questions and indeed had offered Mr Partridge the opportunity to come to the Council, on two occasions.

308/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – John Hesketh – spoke to the Project Proposal on the agenda to provide planters for the proposed events area free of charge. He noted that Liskeard in Bloom have £300 left from the “Highstreet Heroes Fund” and hoped to persuade those businesses in the cattle market to adopt planters.

The Mayor thanked John Hesketh for his presentation.

It was clarified that the Councillor Whitty would need to declare an interest at the CLLD meeting, but might be permitted to speak to questions asked at that meeting.

309/19 COMMUNITY LEAD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT

The Mayor updated on recent developments including a meeting earlier in the day with Judith Hann (CLLD Programme Manager). The programme was particularly interested in the workspace element of the project. The positive alteration of the grant rate from 45% to 72% did impact a significant proportion of the outputs and the costs. Cornwall Council had retained the services of the company which had previously produced a draft container-based workspace design on the cattle market site. However, the production of a costed specification and the procure process would take several weeks and not fit the CLLD cycle for which we were aiming.

As a consequence, a revised schedule had been proposed which was intended to meet a later date in the Community Lead Local Development cycle.

17th December 2019 Town Council – for the draft application to be put to the Town Council in conjunction with Judith Hann attending to help explain process and answer questions.

28th January 2020 Town Council – for the heads of terms on the Cornwall Council arrangement to be presented and approved.

Following discussion, clarification and explanation, were asked for the following points:

- Cashflow / Costs – we were preparing a cashflow to show costs that we would need to cover and how this would relate to the claiming of grant – the “accountable body” costs could time costs of Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Decommissioning costs should be factored in.
- Progression Space – should the project be successful is there anywhere to expand.
- Length of the Agreement – to encourage businesses to remain beyond the end of the project funding period, with the flexibility to break the agreement or extend. (5-7 year lease – with a 2 year break at the end of the grant)
- CLLD Match Funding – It was felt that the Town Council could make a modest financial contribution (£1,000-£2,000) in match funding when submitting the application.

For clarification, it was reminded that lease agreements are reported and considered in PARTII. However, following discussion it was concluded that the principle relating to the Events License would be discussed in the public part of the meeting with the heads of terms discussed in PARTII. It was further concluded that the agenda item 9. Land at Well Lane should be discussed in the public part of the meeting.

310/19 EVENTS LICENSE (PRINCIPLE) – There was discussion of:

- the enthusiasm to use this area for events, which would be easier with local management.
- concerns expressed about moving parking spaces - the close proximity of the car parking spaces relative to the town centre meant they are very well used.
- the need to improve the orientation of the disabled parking spaces, which were not considered safe at their present location. There is not good level access from the current spaces.
- the location and use of the events area were discussed. It was clarified that, the Town Council would administer the events area but not be the principal organiser of events.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the principle of entering into an Events License (Councillors Jane Pascoe and Julian Smith asked for their names to be recorded as voting against the motion.)

311/19 LAND AT WELL LANE –

Following discussion, Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to write to the Land Registry and register our interest in the site.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded that the Council move into PARTII.

Following discussion, Councillor Smith proposed under Standing Order 3r the use of a recorded vote to consider whether the Council should move into PARTII. For moving into PARTII The Mayor, Councillors Clarke, Hawken, Taylor and Whitty. Against moving into PARTII Councillors Goldsworthy, Pascoe, Powell and Smith. Abstaining Councillors Cassidy and Shand. The Council **RESOLVED** to move into PARTII.

312/19 PARTII – 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.

6. **EVENTS LICENSE DRAFT HEADS OF TERMS** - to consider and adopt the draft heads of terms.

313/19 PARTII – 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 readmitted to the meeting.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the events licence, but on a 3 year lease with a break clause at the end of the first year; and subject to clarification that the Town Council will not be charged business rates on the area.

314/19 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 17th December 2019.