

## 8. Facilities Managers Report

**Benches** – The Town Council has been approached regarding the installation of a memorial plaque for Felix the cat on the bench opposite Fairlight on Plymouth Road. A temporary memorial plaque has already been installed pending a formal decision from the Town Council. For further information - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/829166279178483/>.

**Public External Repairs & Redecoration** – The tender documents for the repair and external redecoration of the Public Hall have been prepared. The work will address damaged render on the front of the building, repair windows, replace rainwater goods on the older part of the building and redecorate externally. The Emily Hobhouse Room, Council Chamber and Mayors Parlour all have water damage and require plaster repair and redecoration in due course. Quotes are being sought for the repair and/or replacement of the automatic doors at the Public Hall which have stopped working.

**Guildhall Project (Good Growth Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Shared Prosperity Fund Community Capacity Fund)** – Listed Building Consent has been granted. New display boards highlighting the redevelopment plans have been installed on the wooden gates.

**Guildhall Cleaning & Redecoration Project (Cornwall Council's Town Centre Revitalisation Town Delivery Fund)** – The refurbishment of the hall work is now complete, and a 12-month lease granted to LJT Dance Studios with the option for a limited number of community and civic events throughout the year. The project was part funded by Cornwall Council's Town Centre Revitalisation Town Delivery Fund. The Facilities Team is investigating the use of temperature/RH monitoring for the Guildhall to help manage current heating/ventilation in the building and to gather data that will help inform the redevelopment project.



**Foresters Hall** – The lantern light above the John Rapson Gallery requires repair and there is some associated internal repairs and redecoration required in the gallery space. The tender documents are currently being prepared in consultation with the Museum Manager.

**Floral Displays and Water Bowser** – The volunteers at Liskeard in Bloom have planted up the colourful seasonal displays on the Parade, the Fountain and Pipewell. This is in addition to the hanging baskets that have also gone up on the Guildhall, Foresters Hall, Public Hall and Dean Street toilets. There are currently two electrically powered water bowzers owned by the Town Council, the most recent one was purchased in June 2022 at a cost of £2,226.84 + VAT. The older bowser has been used as a backup, however, following an inspection and some minor repairs by the Facilities Team in March of this year it is now beyond economic repair, specifically defective brakes, damaged wheel bearings, loose/missing battery connectors (currently taped to battery), drive battery corroded, and the metal frame is also corroded. Liskeard in Bloom has expressed an interest in purchasing the older bowser and the Committee may wish to consider transferring one or possibly both bowser/s into their ownership. It should be noted that the older bowser is suitable for spares and repairs and would need to be transferred as such.

**Skatepark Project** – Unfortunately the funding application to the Cornwall Levelling Up Fund (CLUP) was unsuccessful. The CLUP funding was part of the match funding package for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding secured in December 2024. The £100k CIL funding is conditional on the Town Council having the match-funding in place by 30 June 2025. On a practical note, the underground facilities survey took place on 22 May 2025.

**Castle Park** – The wooden pendulum swing in the play area failed the recent RoSPA safety inspection and has had to be removed. The Facilities Team have looked at the cost of replacing the pendulum swing and the safety surface at an estimated cost of £14k. Following further advice from the equipment suppliers and our contractors the recommendation is that the Town Council works in consultation with the local community to develop a 'masterplan' for the play area/s before investing any further. There has been some vandalism - mostly graffiti and damage to the safety matting. Improvements continue to be made, including updating signage, modifying barriers at the entrances, pruning vegetation and repairing path surfaces. The Town Council is in discussions with a neighbouring property owner regarding the repair of a short section of boundary wall.

**Thorn Park** – A 20-week programme of Park Yoga started in May. The sessions are free and have proved very popular with an average of around 60 people attending each week. For more information - <https://parkyoga.co/liskeard/>

**Allotments** – the allotments at Pengover Road were inspected on 13 May and three Non-Cultivation Notices were issued (and another one subsequently). The plots are due to be reinspected in mid-June. A further two plots have been let to new tenants.