

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the **PROPERTY COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 9 February 2016 at 7.30 pm there were present:

The Deputy Mayor Councillor Jane Pascoe, Ex-Officio

Councillor Ian Goldsworthy - in the Chair

Councillors - Adam Hodgkins, Sally Hawken, Sue Pike, and Christina Whitty

Also in attendance - Councillor Martin Menear

Town Clerk - Steve Vinson

Minute Clerk - Stuart Houghton

Members of the Public – None

Facilities Manager - Tony Misson

The Chairman advised those present of Housekeeping matters.

691/15 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from the Mayor, Councillor Phil Seeva and Councillors Tony Powell and Hella Tovar

692/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

693/15 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2016

Councillor Pike proposed, Councillor Hodgkins seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 January 2016.

694/15 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE LAST MEETING, TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report, attached, had been circulated and was noted.

695/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present

696/15 BUDGET REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2016

The budget report to 31 January 2016 as circulated, was noted

The Chair commented that the allotment line was ahead of the budget due to the repair to the water leak.

697/15 THORN PARK

1. Tree Storm Damage

The Town Clerk reported that the storm damage had been repaired but the tree now needed work to “balance” its appearance. An application for work to a listed tree had been made to Cornwall Council.

2. Replacement of Play Equipment parts

The facilities manager stated that he had obtained two quotations for the repairs to the slide, and possible repair to the “Navigator”. The slide had been repaired several times, but to change it for a stainless steel model would cost the equivalent of repairing it for 15 years. The full extent of the problem with the “Navigator” would not be known until it had been dismantled.

One quotation had been received from the supplier of the equipment; they would come to site with parts to make the repair. The alternative quote would require the equipment to be dismantled to ascertain what parts to order, this could take a few weeks.

Councillor Hawken said that the Council could apply for a grant from the Cornwall Council Community Chest towards the cost of the work.

The Chair proposed, Councillor Hodgkins seconded and the committee RESOLVED that the work should be commissioned, up to a maximum cost of £1264 + VAT, and that further information be obtained for the Chair and Town Clerk to decide which company to award the work to.

The facilities manager reported that it would not be possible to change the current swings to ones suitable for use by infants, the whole installation would need to be changed.

Councillor Hawken said that Liskeard had a shortage of equipment suitable for use by infants.

698/15 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Cornwall Council re Pop Up Concession in Castle Park.

Councillor Hawken said that this was a possible method of income generation for Cornwall Council by offering space for a trade concession. She was aware that users of the park felt that there were no facilities in the immediate area.

The Chair said that at a recent meeting with Cornwall Council’s Open Spaces Manager it had been indicated that this proposal would not complicate the

Town Councils Devolution plans for this area. If the Town Council did take on the Park the facilities could be improved, but this would be a big aspiration.

2. Bench outside the Police Station

A letter had been received from Mr R. Cummins requesting a hard surface be applied to the area around the bench to improve its access.

The Chair stated that monies were available for street furniture in the budget. He thought this was a sensible proposal but confirmation of the restrictions for working adjacent to a highway should be checked.

Councillor Pike proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the work should be progressed.

699/15 SELECTION OF THE NEW TENANT FOR 3 THE ARCADE

Councillors discussed items that could be used in the selection process, they included;

- i. Financial soundness
- ii. Understanding the needs of Liskeard
- iii. Local origins
- iv. The current mix of businesses
- v. was it a start-up business

Councillors could then consider the weight of each point to suit the current mix of businesses, which would change over the years.

Comment was made about the quantity of beauty shops in the Town, they were thought to be a good point as the service could not be obtained on the internet.

Other comments were that the council should formalise a scoring structure for future use and also consider a rent escalator to ease a start-up businesses costs.

Councillor Whitty left the meeting at 8.10 pm.

700/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8 March 2016

701/15 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, Councillor Pike proposed and Councillor Hodgkins seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of Business.

PART II

SELECTION OF THE NEW TENANT FOR 3 THE GUILDHALL

702/15 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 it was **RESOLVED** that the members of the Press and Public be re-admitted to the Meeting. 2016.

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations made in closed session relating to:

The selection of the new tenant for 3 The Guildhall.