

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 20 January 2026 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors David Braithwaite (Chair and Deputy Mayor), Sylvia Berry (Deputy Chair), Christina Whitty (Mayor), Graham Berry, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid

In attendance – Jacqui Orange (Facilities Manager)

The Chair opened the meeting and advised those present of house-keeping matters.

367/25 APOLOGIES – Councillors Kerry Cassidy, Simon Cassidy, Richard Dorling and Annette Lee.

368/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE – None

369/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Graham Berry seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 18 November 2025.

370 /25 PUBLIC PARTICPATION – None

371/25 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – Councillor Sylvia Berry proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the budget monitoring report to 31 December 2025.

372/25 FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT – Councillors noted that an Expression of Interest will be submitted to the Cornwall CIL Fund for improvements at Castle Park.

Councillors formally expressed thanks to the Town Council staff for all their hard work supporting the Kyiv Tango Orchestra on the 9 January 2026. The orchestra shared a lot of very positive feedback with the councillors, particularly about the technical support and their experience of the Public Hall more generally.

373/25 GRIT BINS – Councillors Reid proposed, Councillor Graham Berry seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** (a) The Committee requested further information from the Town Clerk on the Town Council's legal obligations in relation to the provision of new grit bins, as well as guidance on how to request that developers install grit bins on new estates and housing developments, and (b) The damaged grit bin at Pendean Avenue be replaced.

374/25 BATTERY BANK – Councillors considered whether to revisit the battery bank project at the Public Hall. The project has been discussed at length previously and was not progressed due to concerns around fire risk, space constraints, and insurance. Members also discussed the high costs associated with batteries and the required infrastructure together with professional advice, which may incur consultant fees. It was noted that St Keyne Village Hall has installed battery storage and Councillors agreed it would be worthwhile speaking with St Keyne Parish Council for further information.

375/25 FEES & CHARGES 2026/27 – Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Graham Berry seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the recommended amendments to the Public Hall fees and charges for 2026/27.

376/25 DRAFT BUDGET SETTING 2026/27 – Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the revised draft facilities budget for 2026/27 including updates from the staff review, FIT Tarriff and grit bin supplies.

377/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 24 March 2026.