

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

Councillors – Julian Smith (in the chair), David Ambler, Simon Cassidy, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Lori Reid and Christina Whitty.

In attendance – Town Clerk – Stephen Vinson

Members of the Public – Richard Reardon (friend accompanying Annette Lee-Julian)

The Chair opened the meeting and advised those present of housekeeping matters. He explained that the Facilities Manager had suffered a bereavement the previous Friday and had taken this week off as annual leave to make the funeral arrangements. As the agenda had been prepared before this occurred, some items would be dealt with more briefly than had been hoped and others might need be put on to the agenda of a later meeting.

108 / 21 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Kerry Cassidy, Jane Pascoe and Tony Powell.

109 / 21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Councillor Ambler explained that he did undertake data cabling contract work. He was not involved in the current proposal and if needed he could provide advice on this agenda item.

110 / 21 **MINUTES OF 16TH MARCH 2021:** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2021.

111 / 21 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.

112 / 21 - **FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT** – The Chair updated committee that the benches in front of the library were in need of repair and as a result hazard tape was being used until the repairs could be made.

113 / 21 - **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT** – A note would be provided regarding the public toilets water rates situation. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to note the budget monitoring report. The Committee discussed possible projects for further research and inclusion in the work programme and budget setting process for next year. These included:

- Guildhall – further works were required to support recent improvements.
- Public Hall – in addition, to a possible repaint and spruce up, the Facilities Manager had worked for Tavistock Town Council which had included the upgrading and operating of the equivalent space and had ideas for improving the Public Hall itself.

- Public Hall – Mayor’s Parlour and Members Room – the possible knocking through to create a larger more useful Mayor’s Parlour. Note the Parlour is used by members of the public.
- Quimperle Room – improvements including access and decoration.
- Note - Hearing Loops – Check which rooms have a hearing loop installed and which are working.
- Parks and Open Spaces – were recommending that the transfer of Castle Park to the Town Council be supported as a priority under Devolution. This would also need some budgetary support.

114 / 21 - **EASTERN AVENUE FOOTPATH LINK** – Martin Perry Associates are undertaking the contract management of the works on behalf of the Town Council. Works are just about to start.

115 / 21 **DEVOLUTION** – Councillor Smith updated on the discussions and recommendations from the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group. These were as follows:

Thorn Park – Disabled Access – The Committee approved carrying out further research into the issues and possible options including improving the current locking and opening mechanism of the existing gates, with other options including replacing the gates.

Castle Park – it was reported that the Parks and Open Spaces Working Party had recommended that the work on the transfer of Castle Park under Devolution should be accorded top priority. Some members of the had reported vandalism issues and investigating the use of mobile CCTV was suggested as possible solution. The possible inclusion of the grassed areas immediately surrounding the War Memorial was also a possible inclusion into the Devolution package.

During discussion of the future use of Castle Park, an improved access, some car parking, accessible play equipment and exercise equipment suitable for adults along a possible Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) type of facility.

Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to support the recommendation of the Parks and Open Spaces Working Party that the transfer of Castle Park be treated as a Priority. With the land surrounding the War Memorial being included in the Cornwall Council Devolution proposals.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that costs and possible deployment of mobile CCTV in Castle Park be investigated and reported to the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee.

116 / 21 **LAND ADJACENT TO HUDDYS COURT** – Following extensive discussions of the prepared report and latest information from the Land Registry, the Mayor proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to seek advice from our solicitor regarding the format and effectiveness of writing to the Land Registry to record an objection to any claim for adverse possession of the land, and to advise of the form of such as letter. To contact the Cornwall Council enforcement service regarding the previous correspondence on the wall and bollards for which no planning consent was obtained. To note that the Town Council had previously resolved to carry out repairs to the Pipewell (involving the current adjacent property owner and consulting on the nature of the repairs to the drains crossing the land in question, however, the Covid situation had prevented further discussions with the current owner of the adjacent property on the use of site (e.g. stone trough planter etc).

117 / 21 **PUBLIC HALL - DATA CABLING** – The Chair reported that two quotes had already been received it was hoped that a third might be received by the deadline.

118 / 21 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

119 / 21 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 21st September 2021.