

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 8 August 2023 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors Julian Smith (chair), Richard Dorling (Vice-Chair), Simon Cassidy (The Mayor), Christina Whitty (Deputy Mayor), David Braithwaite, Ian Goldsworthy, Kerry Cassidy, Annette Lee-Julian, Naomi Taylor, Lori Reid.

In attendance – Jacqui Orange (Facilities Manager)

The Chair opened the meeting and advised those present of housekeeping matters.

160/23 APOLOGIES – Councillors Tony Powell, Jane Pascoe, David Ambler.

161/23 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE – None.

162/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 20 June 2023.

163/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Jamie Hanlon from Enable Accessibility spoke in support of the Accessible Allotment project that he has been providing advice on.

164/23 FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT – The Committee noted the Facilities Managers report.

165/23 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Simon Cassidy seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the Budget Monitoring Report.

166/23 LIGHTENING CONDUCTOR (GUILDHALL) – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the recommendation that Dawson Steeplejacks undertake a 5 yearly air terminal check of the lightening conductor on the Guildhall as recommended in their last service and inspection report at a cost of £986.00 + VAT and taken from the Guildhall Project budget.

167/23 DATA CABLING – The Committee noted the update on the data cabling contract which is due to be completed by 18 August 2023.

168/23 ACCESSIBLE ALLOTMENT PROJECT – The Committee noted the update on the accessible allotment project.

169/23 GUILDHALL UPDATE – The Committee noted that the grant application to the Good Growth Shared Prosperity Fund for the refurbishment of the Guildhall had been declined. Councillor Smith is preparing a new application to the Community Capacity Fund for £25,000. Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the preparation of an application to the Community Capacity Fund.

The Town Council's insurers have recently completed a risk management survey of the Guildhall which highlighted areas for improvement within 6 months. The Facilities Manager is addressing the issues raised and the Committee will continue to keep them under review.

170/23 CORNWALL COUNCILS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) – The Committee noted that the CIL application for a new skatepark facility at Rapsons Field had been declined. The next round of CIL funding is not available until next year. Councillor Craker is investigating other funding opportunities that maybe available from Cornwall Council this year.

171/23 MAINTENANCE AND PLANTING OF ROUNDABOUT – Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the recommendation that £2,000 is vired from the 2023/24 Castle Park budget to fund new planting proposals for the roundabout adjacent to Pets @ Home as put forward by Liskeard in Bloom at the next Facilities Committee meeting.

172/23 CCTV – The Committee noted the update from the CCTV Working Group.

173/23 DEVOLUTION – The Committee noted the update regarding the devolution of Castle Park. A recent response has been received from Cornwall Council's legal team addressing questions raised by the Town Council's solicitor.

174/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19 September 2023.

Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee APPROVED entering Part 2.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 Pursuant to Section (2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the businesses to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business.

175/23 PHASE 2 REFURBISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC HALL – The Committee received the written report from Le Page Architects. Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee APPROVED sending the item to a meeting of Full Council pending value engineering and further VAT advice.

176/23 ROUNDURY – The Committee noted the update on the Roundbury Sports Pitches project. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the recommendation that the report is put before Full Council for detailed consideration.

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee APPROVED leaving Part 2.