

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the FACILITIES COMMITTEE held on 17 March 2026 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors Sylvia Berry (Deputy Chair), Christina Whitty (Mayor), Graham Berry, Kerry Cassidy, Richard Dorling, Jane Pascoe, Tony Powell, Lori Reid

In attendance – Stephen Vinson (Town Clerk), Jacqui Orange (Facilities Manager), David Martell (Caretaker)

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

457/25 APOLOGIES

Councillors David Braithwaite (Chair), Simon Cassidy

458/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE

None

459/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026 were adopted as correct.

460/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

461/25 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report to 31 January 2026

462/25 FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT

Councillors noted that any major or persistent issues with dogs are reported to Cornwall Council's Dog Welfare and Enforcement Officer.

463/25 BINS FOR BOYS

Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Kerry Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to support the Bins for Boys initiative and provide a serviced sanitary bin for men in the gents toilet at the Public Hall. Councillor Sylvia Berry signed the pledge on behalf of the Town Council.

464/25 CASTLE PARK

Councillors noted the Cornwall Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Expression of Interest.

465/25 DEVOLUTION

The Committee discussed devolution, noting that while it presents an opportunity to improve local facilities and respond to community needs, particularly around green spaces and youth provision, there are questions about cost, scale, and approach. Some members expressed concern about the

financial impact, including potential increases to the precept in future years. There was general agreement that the Council should take a measured, step-by-step approach ensuring councillors fully understand the options and can provide clear direction to move the process forward.

Councillor Berry proposed, Councillor Kerry Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that key persons work with the Town Clerk and Cornwall Council's devolution team to move devolution forward based on the preferred option. The nominated key persons were Councillors Jane Pascoe, David Braithwaite, Cornwall Councillor Kevin Grey, Deputy Town Clerk &RFO, and Facilities Manager

466/25 BATTERY BANK STORAGE – The update was noted by the Committee.

467/25 Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Kerry Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to enter Part II.

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 business to be discussed, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business.

12. Unit 4, The Guildhall

To consider applications for tenancy and make a recommendation to Full Council for approval.

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, the Press and Public were readmitted to the meeting.

468/25 Councillor Kerry Cassidy proposed, Councillor Ried seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** come out of PART II and defer the application for Unit 4, The Guildhall pending a request for further information.