

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 20 June 2023 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors Julian Smith (chair), Richard Dorling (Vice-Chair), Christina Whitty (Deputy Mayor), David Ambler, David Braithwaite, Ian Goldsworthy, Kerry Cassidy, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid.

In attendance – Jacqui Orange (Facilities Manager)

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

48/23 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 - Councillor Smith proposed by Councillor Dorling, seconded by Councillor Reid and the Committee APPROVED the election of Councillor Smith as Chair.

49/23 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024 - Councillor Kerry Cassidy proposed Councillor Dorling, seconded by Councillor Reid and the Committee APPROVED the election of Councillor Dorling as Vice-chair.

50/23 APOLOGIES - Councillor Powell, The Mayor Councillor Simon Cassidy, Councillor Lee-Julian

51/23 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE – None

52/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 16 May 2023.

53/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None notified

54/23 FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT - The Committee noted the report.

55/23 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – The Committee noted the report.

56/23 DATA CABLING - Councillor Smith, Town Clerk and Facilities Manager met with representatives of Event Services (SW) Ltd to receive an update regarding the data cabling contract. At the meeting it was agreed that the Mayors Parlour and Members Room element of the project would be removed and the contract value adjusted. A timetable through to completion was agreed on or before 18 August 2023 and a letter of confirmation sent to Event Services (SW) Ltd.

57/23 ACCESSIBLE ALLOTMENT PROJECT - A site meeting was held on 7 June 2023 with the site managers, Councillor Ambler, Councillor Craker, Councillor Smith and the Facilities Manager. The site will accommodate 8 allotments. Gravel paths have been laid, dividing the site into 4. A tarmacked area has been laid at the entrance. The fence surrounding the allotments will also become part of the Town Council's property on transfer. The meeting discussed possible adaptations to make at least one of the plots more accessible – including extending the tarmacked path and adapting a shed. We are submitting our wish list to Persimmon of additional facilities we

would like to see implemented. The site is almost ready for handover pending some clearing and rotovating of the ground and a possible additional water standpipe.

58/23 GUILDHALL UPDATE – An outline application has been submitted to the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth Shared Prosperity Fund for a full refurbishment and repurposing of the Guildhall. A total of £50,000 has been applied for, to be match-funded by Liskeard Town Council.

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Pascoe 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.

59/23 ROUNDURY – The Committee received an update on the Roundbury Sports Pitches Project.

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

60/23 CORNWAL COUNCILS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) – The Facilities Manager held a meeting with local residents interested in re-developing the skatepark at Rapsons Field on 25 May 2023. An expression of interest will be submitted to Cornwall Council's Community Infrastructure Levy by the deadline of 22 June 2023. The Facilities Manager will engage with the Youth Council and put the skatepark group in touch with Councillor Pascoe. Councillor Reid proposed suspending the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group for the present, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the suspension of the working group.

62/23 HERBICIDE FREE CAMPAIGN – The advert reached lots of people and was shared with other local social media sites. A majority of these comments were against the use of herbicides. There was no follow-up on the initial advert and it was withdrawn and replaced with information on the Town Council's plans for reducing herbicide. The Committee suggested that future campaigns could consider turning off the comments function and signposting people to further detailed information and their local Councillor, on the Town Council's website.

63/23 MAINTENANCE AND PLANTING OF ROUNDABOUT – The planting on the roundabout adjacent to Pets at Home managed by the Town Council under a management agreement with Cornwall Council is being affected by the exceptionally hot and dry weather. The Committee were supportive of a more drought resistant display using shrubs and perennial plants in the longer-term. Councillor Braithwaite proposed that the existing bedding is removed and replaced with drought resistant planting using the Roundabout Maintenance/Plants budget, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the replacement of the bedding plants with drought resistant alternatives using the Roundabout Maintenance/Plants budget. The Committee also approved the reuse of the plants ordered for the roundabout elsewhere in the town centre. The Facilities Manager will contact Liskeard in Bloom to arrange a meeting with Councillor Smith and Councillor Pascoe to discuss the roundabout planting.

64/23 CCTV – The Committee received an update on the CCTV Working Group.

65/23 DEVOLUTION – The Committee received an update on devolution, including Castle Park.

66/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 18 July 2023

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

67/23 PHASE 2 REFURBISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC HALL – The Committee received an update on Phase 2 refurbishment of the Public Hall. Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Committee APPROVED leaving Part 2.

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