

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 18 January 2022 at 7.30pm there were present:

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

In attendance – Facilities Manager – Jacqui Orange

Members of the Public – None present

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

352 / 22 - **APOLOGIES** – The Mayor Councillor Simon Cassidy, Councillors Lee-Julian, Tony Powell

353 / 22 - **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Cllr David Ambler, Chair of Liskeard Town Forum for item 5.

354 / 22 - **MINUTES OF 16 NOVEMBER 2021** – Minute 302 / 21 amended to show Committee entering and leaving PART 2 in sequence with the rest of the meeting. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 16 November 2021.

355 / 22 - Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 21 September 2021.

356 / 22 - **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None present

357 / 22 - **FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT** – The Facilities Managers Report was noted by the Committee. The main item for discussion was the Water ReFILL Station / The Fountain Project brought forward by Liskeard Town Forum. The Facilities Manager will undertake further research regarding reinstating a non-potable water supply to The Fountain and bring a report to the next Facilities Committee. The Facilities Manager will also undertake more research on Water ReFILL stations and bring a report to the next Facilities Committee. The Facilities Manager will invite the Conservation Officer to attend the next meeting with a view to discussing future proposals for The Fountain, The Pipewell and the Guildhall. Councillor Ambler will explore possible links with GWR at Liskeard Railway Station.

358 / 22 - **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT** - Councillor Goldsworthy sort further clarification regarding the electricity costs associated with the Guildhall, Eastern Avenue, and consumables. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the Budget Monitoring Report to 30 November 2021.

359 / 22 – **WILDFLOWER AREA AT THORN PARK** – Councillor Dorling presented a proposal to create a wildflower area at Thorn Park. Councillor Dorling has secured free wildflower seed from the Making Space for Nature Project. The estimated cost is £400.00 for the hire of a mini-digger and driver to remove the turf and re-grade the area. This cost could be met by the historic trust fund set up to help maintain Thorn Park. The Committee was supportive of the idea but could not agree on suitable locations in the park. Councillor Dorling will do further some further investigation with the Facilities Manager and will bring revised suggestions to the next Facilities Committee for consideration.

360/ 22 - **DEVOLUTION** - Councillor Smith presented a report on the Progress of Devolution. The Committee noted the report and there was further discussion on how best to progress the devolution of Castle Park and other Cornwall Council assets. Councillor Smith will prepare a report for Full Council reviewing the devolution process. In the meantime, the Facilities Committee will continue to support the devolution of Castle Park as planned. Councillor Pascoe and Councillor Craker will arrange a meeting with Councillor Smith, Steve Foster (CC), David Read (CC) and Town Council Officers to discuss how the element of goodwill generated by the successful transfer of Castle Park to the Town Council will help us achieve a revenue/cost balanced devolution package and how this will be formalised.

361 / 22 – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the recommendation that on the completion of the transfer of Castle Park to the Town Council, Cormac are appointed to undertake the ground maintenance at Castle Park at a cost of £8,400.00 + VAT, and that Biffa are appointed to undertake the waste collection at a cost of £3,290.00 + VAT for 2022/23.

362 / 22 – **PUBLIC HALL PRICING REVIEW** – The Facilities Manager presented a report regarding the pricing review for 2022/23. Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, Councillor Goldsworthy abstained, and the Committee **APPROVED** Option D, apply a 3% increase for inflation.

363 / 22 - Councillor Dorling proposed the following amendment: That a new discount rate of 40% is applied to all meeting rooms and a new 50% discount rate is applied to the main hall for 2022/23. Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the new discounted rates.

364 / 22 – **BUDGET 2022/23** – Councillor Smith presented the 2022/23 Facilities budget summarising the main changes over the preceding year. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the Facilities budget 2022/23.

365 / 22 – **CORRESPONDANCE** – None received.

366 / 22 – **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 15 March 2022

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 of business.

Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** entering Part 2.

367 / 22 – **LAND ADJACENT TO THE PIPE WELL, WELL LANE, LISKEARD** –The Committee noted the report relating to land adjacent to the Pipe Well.

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