

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 17 June 2025 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors David Braithwaite (Chair and Deputy Mayor), Christina Whitty (Mayor), Kerry Cassidy, Lori Reid, Simon Cassidy, Tracy Adams, Annette Lee, Richard Dorling, Syliva Berry.

In attendance - Jacqui Orange (Facilities Manager), Simon Crosbie and Charlotte Kelshall (Le Page Architects)

Members of the public - Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association), Yvonne Parker, Diana Trevethan, Sharon Harris, Garry Fox, Francesca-Louise Skipper, Kieron Jewell

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

48 / 25 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR FOR YEAR 2025/2026 – Councillor Whitty proposed, Councillor Berry seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the election of Councillor Braithwaite as Chair.

49 / 25 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIR FOR YEAR 2025/2026 – Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the election of Councillor Barry as Deputy-Chair.

50 / 25 APOLOGIES – Councillor Jane Pascoe

51 / 25 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE - None

52 / 25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Councillor Adams proposed, Councillor Whitty seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 18 March 2025. The Committee formally thanked Ian Goldsworthy for his many years of service as a town councillor. Councillor Whitty noted that a Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to Mr Goldsworthy.

53/ 25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Sharon Harris introduced herself as Felix’s owner. Cllr. Braithwaite offered his condolences on behalf of the Town Council.

54 / 25 BENCHES – Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the recommendation that the draft policy be further amended, in line with comments received at the meeting, by the Chair, Deputy Chair and Facilities Manager and presented to Full Council.

55 / 25 Councillor Reid proposed Councillor Simon Cassidy seconded and the Committee APPROVED the recommendation that retrospective consent is given for the brass plaque on the bench managed by the Town Council on Plymouth Road opposite ‘Fairlight’ to commemorate Felix the cat.

56 / 25 FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT – The Committee noted the Facilities Manager’s Report. Councillor Simon Cassidy suggested a working group involving residents and stakeholders is created to support the development of Castle Park. Councillor Braithwaite indicated that the next meeting of the Facilities Committee will take place at Castle Park.

57 / 25 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – The Committee noted the budget monitoring report.

58 / 25 PUBLIC HALL REPAIRS AND REDECORATION – Le Page Architects gave a presentation on the Public Hall and the work required to address issue with water ingress including damaged render and windows.

59 / 25 GUILDHALL REPAIRS AND REDECORATION – Le Page Architects gave a presentation on the required repairs to the Pike Street elevation of the Guildhall including clearing and repairing gutters and redecorating timber windows.

60 / 25 WATER BOWSER – Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, and Councillor Dorling seconded the recommendation that the old water bowser, which is suitable for spares and repairs, is gifted to Liskeard in Bloom.

61 / 25 The new bowser is a shared resource for Liskeard and as such should not be transferred to Liskeard in Bloom. The Facilities Manager should take the necessary steps to ensure that Town Council staff have access to the water bowser and check that Liskeard in Bloom have the required insurance policies in place.

62 / 25 DEVOLUTION – Councillor Dorling noted his disappointment that the devolution update contained no financial information. The recent experience of taking over Castle Park highlights the need for revenue generating assets to support non-revenue generating items. Councillors were pleased to see the timeline for devolution of key assets is one to two years. Councillor Braithwaite highlighted the Council's interest in acquiring the public open space surrounding the war memorial. Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the recommendation that a recommendation is taken to Full Council that devolution is halted until revenue generating assets are forthcoming from Cornwall Council.

63 / 25 SKATEPARK PROJECT – The Committee noted the update on the skatepark project.

64 / 25 CASTLE PARK – The Committee noted the update on Castle Park. Several events are being planned by third-party organisations. A revised booking form and terms and conditions is currently being drafted and will be considered at a future meeting of the Facilities Committee.

65 / 25 GOLITHA RISE – Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Kerry Cassidy seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the recommendation that the Town Council no longer progresses the transfer of the play area/public open space due to lack of engagement by the developer and legal costs. A press release will be issued to explain the situation to residents.

66 / 25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7.30pm Tuesday 15 July 2025.