

# Liskeard Town Council

**AT A MEETING** of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 21 September 2021 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

Councillors – Richard Dorling (Vice-Chair), Simon Cassidy (Mayor), Christina Whitty (Deputy Mayor), David Ambler, Kerry Cassidy, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe, Tony Powell, Lori Reid.

In attendance – Facilities Manager – Jacqui Orange

Members of the Public – Representatives from Pengover Allotments

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

196 / 21 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr. Julian Smith

197 / 21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

198 / 21 **MINUTES OF 20th JULY 2021:** – Councillor Lee-Julian proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 20th JULY 2021.

199 / 21 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – The Vice-Chair and Mayor presented cups for the ‘Best Allotment’ to Mr Derek Turner and ‘Best Raised Beds’ to Mr John Ede. Councillor Whitty reported that the judges, Owen and Jean Hoskin, were delighted to be asked to judge the competition again this year. They commented on both the standard of the plots and quality of the produce, and they were impressed with the amount of work had been achieved during the lockdown. Mr and Mrs Hoskin particularly enjoyed reminiscing with some of the plot holders after the judging was completed.

200 / 21 - **FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT** – The Facilities Managers Report was noted by the Committee.

A letter has been sent to the Land Registry requesting further information regarding Huddy’s Court. It was noted that the concrete slabs underneath the bins are breaking up. This was, in part caused by the drainage repairs carried out in 2020. The Facilities Manager will arrange for repair and investigate what can be done to tidy up the area.

201 / 21 - **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT** – Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the Budget Monitoring Report to 31st July 2021. Councillor Goldsworthy sort further clarification regarding the repayment of business rates.

202 / 21 - **UTILITIES** – Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the recommendation that due to the short-term volatility in the gas market a one-year contract should be sought and that owing to the rapidly rising prices the decision be voted on via email.

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the acceptance of the quote received from SSE Protect 48-months at a cost of £8,534.75 + VAT per year.

204 / 21 - **DEVOLUTION** – The Facilities Manager provided a verbal update on the devolution programme. The next Working Group meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

205 / 21 - **BUDGET 2022/23** – The draft budget paper was noted by the Committee. The actual 2020/21 budget to be presented to the next Facilities Committee meeting to inform the discussion around budget setting for 2022/23.

206 / 21 - **CORRESPONDENCE** – None

207 / 21 - **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021