

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Public Hall on **TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30 p.m.** there were present:

Committee Members - Councillors Simon Cassidy (Mayor in the chair), Christina Whitty (Deputy Mayor), David Ambler, Rachel Brooks, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Lori Reid, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Stephen Vinson.

Responsible Financial Officer and Deputy Town Clerk - Yvette Hayward

Mayor's Chaplain – Rev Andy Day

Members of the Public – Katie Smith (Liskeard Gleaning)

The Mayor made the following observations and thanks:

- Methodist Church – it was regrettable to hear that, it had been decided to put the church and associated land up for sale.
- Remembrance Day Parade – thanked all the Councillors for attending the service at the War Memorial – the Royal British Legion Liskeard branch were very honoured to be presented with the “Freedom of the Town” at the following reception.
- Lights Up – thanked Councillor David Ambler for helping to put up the Christmas lights and thanked Councillors Nick Craker and Lori Reid for raising contributions from local businesses.
- Methodist Church Christmas Tree Decorations – thanked Councillors Annette Lee-Julian and Rachel Brooks for decorating the Town Councils tree.
- Foodbank – following the Mayor's official reopening of the refurbished Coop store, the Coop had presented a cheque for £250 for the Mayor's chosen charity the Liskeard Foodbank. The Mayor indicated that instead of the usual “Secret Santa” that he felt it would be more appropriate to make donations to the Foodbank instead.

The Chaplain led the committee and member of the public in prayers.

324 / 21 APOLOGIES

Councillor Ian Goldsworthy.

325 / 21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE

None.

326 / 21 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2021

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 28 September 2021.

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327 / 21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Katie Smith from the Liskeard Gleaning project gave a brief presentation, distributed flyers and answered questions on the project:

- 40 tons of vegetables and fruit had been collected over a 3-month period and provided locally to the Liskeard Foodbank which reported supporting 150/200 families per week and the Community Fridge which supported 60/70 families per week.
- £3,000 had been raised on crowd-funder towards the costs of the 4x4 vehicles.
- Local Contacts – already existed however, more help of any type was still most welcome.

328 / 21 GRANT APPLICATION – LISKEARD GLEANING PROJECT

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £500 to the Liskeard Gleaning project which was a most excellent project in several respects. An update on progress would be appreciated.

329 / 21 CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT UPDATE

a). Councillors were reminded that all Councillors were invited to attend the Cattle Market Makers Board as this would be the correct point at which to ask questions regarding aspects and decisions relating to the Cattle Market Makers project. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to receive the notes and endorse the actions of the Cattle Market Makers Board meeting of 10th November 2021.

b). To note the return, sealing and completion of the Access Agreement

Noted.

c). To note and approved the revised risk assessment.

Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to note and approved the revised risk assessment. There were two abstentions.

d). To note the newsletter updating on the Cornwall Council Workshed project.

Noted.

e). To note the press coverage of the launch of the Cattle Market Makers project.

Noted.

330 / 21 TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

The Town Clerk advised that the meeting on the 25th January 2022 would not be the next meeting of the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee, but would be a Special Budget and Precept Setting meeting of the Town Council.

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331 / 21 RFO REPORT (for information – bank balances, bank reconciliation checks and internal audit interim visit)

Noted

332 / 21 BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22 – To receive and accept a budget report to 31 October 2021 for monitoring purposes

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the budget monitoring report.

333 / 21 BUDGET SETTING 2022/2023

It was noted that the service committees were developing their draft budgets for 2022/2023. A general objective of trying to repeat the previous year's no increase in the household precept was desirable. However, it was noted that Castle Park was due to be transferred to the Town Council under Devolution which might increase the costs.

334 / 21 AGED DEBTORS

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the aged debtors report. Following discussion of the report, it was felt that a review of the of the Credit Management Policy might be in order.

335 / 21 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Following discussion of the cost effectiveness of the website in line entry "Dell 'Anno CMM website design". It was explained that this was in fact an overall branding and communications package that was intended to meet the needs of several different client groups in conjunction with the development of a website. It was further noted that the contract had been publicly tendered and that 7 bids had been received. The company to which it had been awarded was a Liskeard based company. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Schedule of Payments.

336 / 21 WELCOME BACK FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The Mayor thanked Councillor Lori Reid, Lin Moore (Liskeard traders Association) and Jacqui Orange (Facilities Manager) for all of the their work in the preparation and submission of the bid which was noted. It had not been possible to include all items in the bid.

337 / 21 CORRESPONDENCE

30th November 2021 – e-mail "Mayors of Cornwall" letter regarding the possible closure of some Leisure Centres. Following consideration, it was agreed that the Town Clerk draft an e-mail for circulation to Councillors in which support for the Lux Park Leisure Centre be expressed. Rifles – letter regarding the impact of the current defence review on their structure. Town Clerk to circulate to councillors.

338 / 21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 7.30pm.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to go into PART II.

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339 / 21 PART II - 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 be excluded from the meeting for the following items of Business:

17. **Roundbury - Sports Pitches – Site Negotiations – To report the feedback from the Council’s agent.**
18. **Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group** – To receive the notes of the 6th October 2021 Working Group

340 / 21 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.

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the course of action agreed in PART II.

341 / 21 ROUND BURY SPORTS PITCHES – Site Negotiations

To meet the interested party as suggested by the Council’s agent. Mindful of the current Neighbourhood Plan allocation of the land for sports pitches and informal recreation provision and the need for new planning applications to be judged on their merits.