

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the Public Hall on Tuesday 20 December 2022 at 7.45 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor - Councillor Simon Cassidy (in the Chair)

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty

Councillors – David Ambler, David Braithwaite, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee-Julian, Lori Reid, Julian Smith, and Naomi Taylor.

Mayor’s Chaplain – Reverend Andrew Day.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Members of the Public – Lisa Ince (Liskeard Silver Band – Agenda Item 6), Annie Purdon (Honoured Burgess), Brian Oldman (Honoured Burgess), Martin Gilbert (Honoured Burgess) and 3 members of the public.

The Mayor’s Chaplain Reverend Andrew Day shared his thoughts with the Council and members of the public and then lead them in a prayer for their work. He noted that the Civic Carol Service was on the 18th December 2022 at 6.00 pm in the Liskeard Methodist Church with all welcome.

368 / 22 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Rachel Brooks, Jane Pascoe and Tony Powell.

369 / 22 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Councillor Braithwaite agenda item 6.

370 / 22 **MAYOR’S REMARKS** – The Mayor made the following observations:

- **METHODIST CHURCH – 1st December** – The Mayor and Mayoress decorated the Town Council Christmas Tree for the Methodist Church Tree festival.
- **MEMORY CAFÉ – 2nd December** – The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Christmas Event where the Town Council’s grant support was appreciated.
- **CHRISTMAS EVENTS – 3rd December** – The Mayor thanked everyone for helping with the organizing of the range of Christmas Events as well as Lights Up, particularly Councillors Rachel Brooks, Dave Ambler and David Braithwaite. The Mayor also expressed his thanks to the former Councillor Sue Shand for leading the Light’s Up Team and Lin Moore of the Liskeard Traders Association.
- **MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING – 5th December** – The Mayor and Mayoress planted a tree in Thorn Park to commemorate the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II. The Mayor thanked the Facilities Team for their work in making this possible as well as Councillors Smith and Pascoe for their attendance.
- **TOWN CLERK PRESENTATION** – The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk for his 35 years local Council service and presented him with a plaque.
- **CHRISTMAS AND 2022** – The Mayor thanked the Mayoress and all Councillors for their support during 2022 and wished Councillors and their families a Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2023.

371 / 22 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 29th NOVEMBER 2022 COUNCIL MEETING** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2022. 95/22

372 / 22 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Lisa Ince (Liskeard Scouts) spoke in support of the grant application after helping to set the context of the range of activities and fund raising that the Scouts were undertaking.

373 / 22 **GRANT APPLICATION – LISKEARD SCOUTS – TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF PURCHASING A PROJECTOR THAT WILL ASSIST IN THE TRAINING OF SCOUTS (£400-£600)** – Councillor Kerry Cassidy proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded, and in recognition of the hard work of the Scouts in supporting the town, the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £600.

374 / 22 **HONOURED BURGESS PRESENTATIONS:** Following prior consideration and resolution by the Town Council, on behalf of the wider community of Liskeard, the Mayor and Town Council presented Medals and Certificates to the following citizens for the reasons set out in the attached biographies:

Annie Purdon – (see attached biography)

Martin Gilbert – (see attached biography)

Brian Oldham – (see attached biography)

375 / 22 **TOWN CLERK – UPDATE – CORNWALL COUNCIL “DEVOLUTION TO CORNWALL DEAL” – 12TH DECEMBER 2022** - The Town Clerk noted that this Cornwall Council e-mail had been circulated to all Councillors and included links to various presentations that would be updated by Cornwall Council as and when the information became available.

376 / 22 **COMMITTEE MEETING – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 28th November 2022.

377 / 22 **RFO REPORTS** – Noted.

378 / 22 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor Dorling proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments.

379 / 22 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/2023** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept and note the Budget Monitoring Report.

380 / 22 **DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2023/2024** – It was noted following consideration of the relevance of the use of reserves, the eventual gross cost of the Public Hall improvement project, and genuine increases in some externally determined costs.

381 / 22 **CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT UPDATE** – Noted.

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382 / 22 **BARCLAYS AND HSBC BANK CLOSURES** - Councillor Craker and the Town Clerk had met with two representatives of Barclays Bank. They indicated that the building that they occupy is not owned by the bank itself and hence the reuse of building is not something with which they are involved. They hope to reach an agreement with the Post Office regarding the provision of cash and counter services for Barclays customers. They were actively looking for an office type facility in the town from which to carry on the provision of more involved accountholder support. Several buildings were suggested – including the Liskerret Centre, Dean Denver and Trebyan, CAB building, part of the library.

383 / 22 **FEDERATION OF OLD CORNWALL SOCIETIES – HQ SEARCH (1ST DECEMBER 2022 ATTACHMENT)** – It was reported that the anticipated correspondence from the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies had now been received and included on the agenda. Our provisional input had been to point out the availability of the vacant former Nat West Bank building and the Cornwall Council owned Dean Denver and Trebyan properties. The Federation of Old Cornwall Societies bid to the “Shared Prosperity Fund” identified Liskeard as the preferred location for a new Cornwall HQ with the Cornwall Council properties surplus to requirements the preferred properties. It was noted that perhaps the smaller of the two to become vacant bank properties might be suitable for the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies Cornwall HQ project.

384 / 22 **GRIT BINS – REPLACEMENT (CORNWALL COUNCIL WEBSITE)** – Councillor Craker reported that he had approached Cornwall Council regarding the wording of the website item and suggested that the “discretionary” involvement of the Town and Parish Councils’ be highlighted. Councillor Kerry Cassidy proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to contact Cornwall Council regarding the wording of the website item to reflect the “discretionary” nature of the Town Councils involvement.

385 / 22 **SAFER LISKEARD AND POLICE SUPPORT – CCTV UPDATE** – Regarding covering the quote from the nominated supplier to provide the live link requested by the Police from the CCTV system to the Liskeard Police Station. The Town Clerk updated that the Police had checked on the availability of funding from the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner’s Office and that there are no current live funding streams for which to bid. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) had indicated that in the current year’s revenue budget a provisional sum for the Rapid Deployable Cameras (RDC) has been included. This would not be drawn down. This could cover not just the difference but a more significant element of the cost along with including the proposed increase in the CCTV dilapidations sum. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote for the provision of the live link from the CCTV system to the Liskeard Police Station (this being funded from the current years unspent RDC budget and the proposed increase in the CCTV dilapidations budget). Work to continue on obtaining quotes for the extension of the town centre CCTV system to the Sun girt area as per site visits which the Police requested.

386 / 22 **STAFF POLICY REVIEW WORKING PARTY (CLLR KERRY CASSIDY TO UPDATE)** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the revised Terms of Reference.

387 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR NICK CRAKER GAVE THE FOLLOWING UPDATE:** The Devolution Deal for Cornwall had been circulated in the earlier e-mail. When details of the overall package became available it would help set a context to understand the overall picture. It was noted that any Elected Mayor role would after the initial election then synchronize with the holding of the Cornwall Council elections.

388 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

389 / 22 **CORRESPONDENCE** – 13th December 2022 – December Newsletter – Passmore Edwards 200th Anniversary of his birth celebrations. Noted with the question as to whether the works to the library would be finished in time for the celebrations.

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390 / 22 **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 24th January 2023

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PARTII**.

391 / 22 **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:

24. **ROUNDBURY SITE** – To note the responses to the contract so far.

25. **LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP** – To note the unapproved minutes of the meeting of 5th December 2022

392 / 22 **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 Kerry Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the decisions made in **PARTII**.

393 / 22 **ROUNDBURY SITE** – Noted.

394 / 22 **LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP** – Minutes of the 5th December 2022 Noted.

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