

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Public Hall on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor - Councillor Simon Cassidy – in the chair

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty

Councillors – David Ambler, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee-Julian, Ian Goldsworthy, Tony Powell, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Responsible Financial Officer / Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

Members of the Public – Richard Reardon (PA to Annette Lee-Julian) and Scarlett Hills-Brooks
Cornish Times Reporter.

48 / 22 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Rachel Brooks, Rob Frost, Lori Reid and Jane Pascoe.

49 / 22 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE**
– None.

50 / 22 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor spoke on the following:

- Falkland's 40th Year Anniversary – The Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy Mayor and Consort had attend the ceremony at the War Memorial to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands War.
- Planning Committee – had again appointed Councillor Naomi Taylor as Chair of the Committee. Councillor Rob Frost had been appointed as Vice Chair. He thanked Councillor Naomi Taylor for Chairing the Committee in the previous year. He thanked Councillor Tony Powell for being Vice Chair in the preceding year.
- Library – The Mayor had visited the library. During which progress on the refurbishment works was explained by RIO. A couple of very interesting features had been uncovered that had not previously been known about.
- Mid-Summer Bonfire – 23rd June 2022 at 18.30 pm, near Bolitho Farm - The Mayor invited Councillors to attend.
- Liskeard Carnival – The Mayor praised the Lions Club of Liskeard for organizing the Carnival.

51 / 22 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – No Speakers.

52 / 22 **CATTLE MARKET MAKERS** - a). To receive and consider the report of the Town Council's consultants (WWA) and agree the next steps with the capital project.

The Town Clerk outlined those aspects, of the WWA report (in particular page 8) and the CLLD schedule are confidential PARTII elements. Hopefully, the discussion could be conducted in open session without the need to reference those details.

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Following much discussion, the key point of concern was the risk to the ratepayers of Liskeard. Slippage in the delivery of the contract past the ending of the CLLD programme would mean the Town Council needing to cover that element which was 62% of the project costs (£445,347). The Town Council does not have the financial reserves to cover such a gap.

Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to abort the capital delivery project as the risk that it will not complete within the time scales is now too great, and the Town Council has insufficient reserves to complete the project, which would equate to at least its whole annual precept, and continue with the ERDF and ESF revenue projects.

It was noted that the published agenda did not contain either agenda item 5b. or the agenda item 6. Hence, no resolutions should be made at this Council meeting.

53 / 22 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

54 / 22 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – 28th June 2022 at 7.30 pm