

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Public Hall on Tuesday 24 August 2021 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor - Councillor Simon Cassidy – in the chair

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty

Mayor’s Chaplain – Reverend Andy Day

Councillors – David Ambler, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid, and Julian Smith.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Responsible Financial Officer and Deputy Town Clerk - Yvette Hayward

Facilities Manager – Jacqui Orange

Members of the Public – Jenny Foster (Liskerrett Community Centre – trustee), Debbie Mynott (Liskerrett Community Centre – trustee), Armand Toms (Cornwall Councillor – Looe East & Deviock), Rob Frost (Cooption candidate), and (Richard Reardon – (friend accompanying Annette Lee-Julian).

155 / 21 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Rachel Brooks, Tony Powell and Naomi Taylor.

156 / 21 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

157 / 21 **MAYOR’S REMARKS** – The Mayor provided a brief overview of his most recent activities including:

- 31st July – a ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of our War Memorial.
- 1st August – Beating the Bounds – huge thanks to Deborah and Ian for the refreshments and facilities provided at Treworgey Manor, to Brian Oldham for the interesting facts on various items on the route and to Yvette, Christina and Steve for helping me complete the 14.8 mile walk.
- 6th August – Honoured Burgess - John Lennon’s funeral service was very well attended and the roadside lined by people indicating the respect felt for John’s involvement in the life of the town.
- 12th August – the awful events in Plymouth prompted the Mayor to contact the Leader of Plymouth City Council and offer our condolences and support.
- 15th August – a ceremony was held to mark the anniversary of VJ day with the Mayor laying a wreath at the War Memorial.
- 19th August – attended a committee meeting of the Royal British Legion.
- He thanked the Deputy Mayor and her consort Terry who have attended several Mayor Making ceremonies across the county on his behalf.
- He made mention of Karen Partington our Museum Coordinator who is leaving her role – she was thanked for her key contribution to the success of the Museum including all the work she had done in leading the team and developing a virtual museum during the pandemic. She will still be in the Museum but in a voluntary capacity.
- There had been a recruitment process to replace Karen and India Jolly has been appointed to the post.

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158 / 20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Jenny Foster – (Liskerrett Community Centre – Trustee) and Debbie Mynott (Liskerrett Community Centre – Trustee). Gave a presentation on their proposal to create a new Arts and Community Centre on the Liskeard Cattle Market site and received questions and comments and gave answers accordingly:

- Present site has a number of buildings that are in poor condition. This absorbs much time and effort in trying to keep the existing buildings going and it was felt the same effort could be directed towards offering an enhanced range of supporting activities from a brand new building on the cattle market site. The new centre could be part funded by the capital receipt from the disposal of the current site.
- Cornwall Council has offered a Memorandum of Understanding to enable the proposals to be worked up on a site reserved for the scheme in the cattle market. They have secured £30,000 to enable the project to be worked up over a 3 year period.
- The Maltings Community Centre which had achieved a significant increase in income after improvements was seen as the role model for the project. Paul Behrman had been identified as a person with significant experience of this type of project.
- They had formed different teams - one to carry on running the existing centre, the other to carry through the new project.
- They were keen to work with partners including Cornwall Council, the Town Council, the Sterts Arts and Community Centre and other local arts and community space providers.

Questions, Comments and Answers

Comment – thank you for the very helpful presentation.

Comment – the cattle market site is Cornwall Council owned. However, they will take a clear steer from the town council and the community of Liskeard on the type of regeneration project to accept.

Comment – the former cattle market site has a great economic value.

Comment – have booked the Liskerrett Community Centre when possible, but clearly old building with limitations, so desire to improve is understood.

Comment - given that Liskerrett owns a sizeable corner plot of land and has substantial assets, it makes more sense for the Community Centre to be upgraded where it is now on its existing site with all its rich historical heritage, and save itself all the upheaval of moving a mere few yards across the road.

Question – 2016/2017 accounts running at a loss and no indication of what the sources of income were. Answer – it is in the nature of a community arts venues, that they do not make money, heavily reliant on volunteers. Will check on the income and send through more details.

Armand Toms – Cornwall Councillor (Looe East & Deviock) – Armand provided an update on his division. The main areas discussed were around housing and the provision of emergency housing as well as addressing councilor’s concerns over road improvements in the Liskeard/Looe Corridor.

Rob Frost – (cooption candidate south ward) – outlined his reasons for cooption being to give something back to the town that had been his home since 1979 and in which his wife and children had been happy.

159 / 21 COOPTION VACANCY – (SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION FORM) – ROB FROST – The vote was by secret ballot. The cooption of Rob Frost to the South Ward was approved by 8 votes in favour, 3 votes not in favour.

160 / 21 **TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE** – Noted.

161 / 21 **CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT BOARD – TERMS OF REFERENCE (SEE ATTACHED) AND MEMBERSHIP** – a). Subject to the inclusion of the amendments, Councillor Smith 45/21

proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the terms of reference.

b). The Town Clerk reported that Councillors Rachel Brooks, Lori Reid and Annette Lee-Julian had indicated that they wished to become members of the Cattle Market Makers Project Board (upon clarification that the Working Group had been replaced by the Board) Councillor Lori Reid indicated that she did not wish to be a member of the Board). Following discussion, Councillor Tony Powell was said to be interested and Councillor Richard Dorling confirmed that he wished to be part of the Board. Councillor Dorling proposed and Councillor Kerry Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the membership of the Cattle Market Makers Board as the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Rachel Brooks, Annette Lee-Julian, Richard Dorling and Tony Powell.

162 / 21 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND RATIFY THE MOTIONS:-**

- a. Councillor Pascoe proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 5th July 2021.
- b. Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on 13th July 2021. **MOTION:** (See attached), Minute 104/21 Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the terms of reference subject to the amendments noted, with a review 6 months after inception of the youth council for input from the young people and to ensure that they are fit for purpose.
- c. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 20th July 2021.
- d. Councillor Pascoe proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on the 26th July 2021.
- e. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee held on the 27th July 2021.

163 / 21 **WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIPS** – Councillor Craker proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to include Councillor Richard Dorling (as a member of the Active Travel Working Group) and Councillor Lori Reid (as a member of Parks and Open Spaces Working Group).

164 / 21 **LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP** – (Cornwall Council – see attached terms of reference). – Noted.

165 / 21 **DISCLOSURE AND DEBARRING SERVICE (DBS)** – (Minute 104/21 referred from the 13th July 2021 Communications & Engagement Committee) Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to support the concept of introducing DBS checks, subject to the views of the Cornwall Association of Local Council (C.A.L.C.) being sought and a further report being brought to the Council.

166 / 21 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments.

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167 / 21 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** – Councillor Pascoe – outlined several items:

- Tamar Bridge resurfacing works were generating a lot of complaints and comments.
- Food Waste Transfer Site was as item of work.
- Old Road Scheme has hit a snag after members of the public opposed some of the proposed plans.
- Rear of West Street Terrace has an off street parking problem.

Councillor Craker – made the following points:

- Culverland Road has been the subject of fly-tipping. The Engagement Officer from Cormac can supply a trailer of equipment to help residents and volunteers to clean up.
- Covid Case Rate in Cornwall was one of the highest in the country – the hospitality industry is particularly badly hit with the 15 – 29 year old age range the worst impacted effected.

168 / 21 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

169 / 21 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

170 / 21 **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 26th October 2021 at 7.30 pm

Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to move into **PARTII.**

171 / 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:

18. **ROUNDBURY – SPORTS PITCHES – SITE NEGOTIATIONS** – To report the comments of the Council's agent.

19. **LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP** – To note the minutes of the 6th August 2021.

172 / 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 Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to come out of **PARTII** and **ADOPT** the decisions made in **PARTII.**

173 / 21 **ROUNDBURY – SPORTS PITCHES – SITE NEGOTIATIONS** – The way forward outlined in the report is supported.

