

## Liskeard Town Council

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 24 January 2023 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, David Braithwaite, Kerry Cassidy, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid, Julian Smith, and Naomi Taylor.

Mayor’s Chaplain – Reverend Andrew Day.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Responsible Financial Officer / Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward

Members of the Public – Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association) – John Hesketh (Liskeard In Bloom – Agenda Item 6) and Richard Reardon (Personal assistant to Councillor Anette Lee-Julian).

The Mayor’s Chaplain Reverend Andrew Day recalled the biblical story of Jonah and related it to work of the Council. He then led the Council and members of the public in a prayer for their work.

437 / 22      **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Rachel Brooks, Nick Craker and Ian Goldsworthy.

438 / 22      **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

439 / 22      **MAYOR’S REMARKS** – The Mayor made the following observations:

- The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and said he looked forward to 2024 notably the Coronation.
- The Mayor announced that Councillor Craker and his wife had become parents to a baby boy born last night. The Mayor sent his Congratulations on behalf of the Council.
- The Mayor reported that the Liskeard Community Fire Station was initiating links with their counterparts in Quimperle. He also asked Councillors to think of any other organisations that would be interested in building links with our twin town.
- The Mayor reminded Councillors of the Youth Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> January – the Coronation Planning meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January and the annual visit of the Pride Bus 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- The Mayor thanked all of those Councillors who had assisted with the Lights Up and all the volunteers who made the event possible.
- The Mayor thanked Councillor Julian Smith for his work on setting up of a CCTV Working Group focusing on CCTV coverage across the town.
- The Mayor thanked the RFO and Councillor Naomi Taylor for work their work in overturning a recent Cornwall Council planning decision to turn a high street into a residential unit.

440 / 22      **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE A). 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE B). 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 COUNCIL MEETING** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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441 / 22      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – John Hesketh (Liskeard In Bloom – Agenda Item 6) – thanked the Town Council for its support and showed the Councillors the Gold Award trophy that the town had won in the “In Bloom” competition. It was hoped that with the continued support of the Town Council a further and enhanced floral display would be possible in the coming year. In response to questions and to further explain the grant application John said:

- Despite the loss of the involvement of HSBC and Barclays, a number of new participants had already come forward and it was hoped that some relocated displays could cover the bank premises going forward.
- 13 “Amberol” style hanging baskets were new and additional to the existing displays.
- 25% increase in the cost of the materials had also impacted their financial planning.

Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association) – thanked the Mayor and the Town Council for its continued support of the town centre and its traders over the last two years. Trading conditions had been difficult during the Covid period. Lin believed that Liskeard was still a good town especially with joint working on projects such as the floral displays. The Mayor outlined plans to set up a much closer relationship with both the Traders Association and the Chamber of Commerce and thanked Lin for everything she does for the town.

442 / 22      **GRANT APPLICATION – LISKEARD IN BLOOM – TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO COVER 50% OF THE COST OF PURCHASING AND INSTALLING “AMBEROL” RESERVOIR HANGING BASKETS AND ACCESSORIES (£760 - CONTRIBUTION)** – Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £760 towards the cost of purchasing and installing the hanging baskets.

443 / 22      **TOWN CLERK – UPDATE – ROUND BURY SPORTS PITCHES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES DEMAND ASSESSMENT – 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023** - The Town Clerk noted that 3 companies had been in contact regarding the submission of tenders towards the contract which was good given that it was a specialist piece of work in Cornwall.

444 / 22      **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- b. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the draft minutes of the Facilities Committee 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- c. Councillor Lee-Julian proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

445 / 22      **RFO REPORTS** – Noted.

446 / 22      **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Following some clarification, on 3 items, Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Brathwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments.

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447 / 22 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/2023** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept and note the Budget Monitoring Report.

448 / 22 **DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2023/2024** – The budgets of the various committees having been considered carefully over a number of months the resulting recommendation was presented for adoption.

Following consideration, (12.ii FEDGP Committee budget sheet), Councillor Ambler proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to restore the £500 separate DBS budget line (Total budget £657,443).

Various precept figures were considered and presented over the course of the debate. The Mayor having asked for a recorded vote the votes were as follows:

### **PRECEPT PROPOSALS:**

**Proposal - 5% increase** - proposed by Councillor K Cassidy, seconded by Councillor Reid – For Councillors K Cassidy, Lee-Julian, Reid, Smith and the Deputy Mayor. Against – The Mayor, Councillors Ambler, Braithwaite Pascoe, Reid and Taylor. **Proposal Not Carried.**

**Proposal - 0% increase** - proposed by the Mayor – not seconded. **Proposal not valid.**

**Proposal - 6.69% increase** - proposed by Councillor Dorling, seconded by Councillor Braithwaite – For Councillors Ambler, Braithwaite, Dorling and Pascoe, – Against The Mayor, Deputy Mayor Councillors K Cassidy, Lee-Julian, Reid, Smith and Taylor. **Proposal Not Carried.**

**Proposal - 6% increase** - proposed Councillor Dorling, seconded by Councillor Ambler – For Councillor Ambler, Braithwaite, Dorling and Pascoe. – Against The Mayor, Deputy Mayor Councillors K Cassidy, Lee-Julian, Reid, Smith and Taylor. **Proposal Not Carried.**

**Proposal 0% increase** - proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by the Mayor – For The Mayor Councillors Lee-Julian and Taylor. – Against – the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Ambler, Braithwaite, K Cassidy, Dorling, Pascoe, Reid and Smith. **Proposal Not Carried.**

**Proposal 5.5% increase** - proposed by Councillor Ambler, seconded by Councillor Dorling – For the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Ambler, Braithwaite, Dorling and Pascoe. – Against – the Mayor, Councillors K Cassidy, Lee-Julian, Reid and Taylor. – Abstain - Councillor Smith. The Mayor used his casting vote not to support the proposal. **Proposal Not Carried.**

**Proposal 4% increase (£509,853)** - proposed by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Reid – For - the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors K Cassidy, Lee-Julian, Reid, Smith and Taylor – Against – Councillors Ambler, Braithwaite, Dorling and Pascoe. **RESOLVED** that there would be a 4% increase in the Town Council's element of the Council Tax charge in the 2023/2024 and the precept would be £509,853.

449 / 22 **CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT UPDATE** – Noted.

450 / 22 **NOMINATION FOR THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2023/2024 CIVIC YEAR** –

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the timetable for the nomination and election for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2023/2024 civic year.

451 / 22 **MINUTE 385/22 – CCTV WORKING PARTY** – In response to a question, the Chair Councillor Smith clarified that Councillor Taylor as the Town Council Councillor representative on the Youth Council would be welcome on the Working Party. It was noted that membership of the Working Party was open to any Councillor interested in contributing.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the terms of reference.

452 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JANE PASCOE GAVE THE FOLLOWING UPDATE:**

**Cornwall Devolution Deal** – There will be a public event for the Cornwall Devolution Deal on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm in the Public Hall, Liskeard. The Leader will be attending with a team of officers and they will be able to answer your questions.

**Cornwall Council Survey Link** – A reminder to complete the survey online CornwallCouncil/letstalk.gov.uk by 17<sup>th</sup> February. This is very important as your local Councillors really do want to hear your views before they are in the difficult position of having to make the right decision for the people of Cornwall that they represent.

Car Parking Tariffs – are changing and I have made strong representation to the Portfolio holder. Rapsons will be C at £3.75 per day. A discount if bulk tickets are purchased will reduce the fee to £1.75. Following strong representation this has been reduced from the original proposal of £5.50. The remaining car parks will be B zone. Generally, A zones are in larger towns with good public transport connectivity and/or busy tourist areas.

The original proposal for the charging period was 9.00 – 18.00. That has now been put back to 9.00 – 16.00. This is a public consultation being implemented early in March, but it is for a short period and will only run to March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once again, I implore you to comment on the proposals which will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Cornwall Council – The new proposed geographical CAPS for Cornwall. They will be reduced from 19 to 12 only. This will leave Liskeard/Looe and the Gateway joined together and will encompass 29 Parishes and 12 Cornwall Councillors. I will add that both myself and the Chair of the Gateway see the practical aspects of this difficult and both of us have made strong representation regarding officer resources, funding and meeting venues.

453 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

454 / 22 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

455 / 22 **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 pm  
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