

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Public Hall on Tuesday 25 January 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, Rachel Brooks, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Tony Powell, Lori Reid, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Responsible Financial Officer / Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward.

Members of the Public – Armand Toms (Cornwall Councillor – East Looe and Deviock).

Mayor's Chaplain Reverend Andy Day outlined his thoughts on the work of the Council and then lead the Council and member of the public in prayers.

368 / 21 **APOLOGIES** – Councillor Annette Lee-Julian.

369 / 21 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

370 / 21 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor provided an overview of his most recent activities including:

- 15th December – presented a certificate to the Pengover Residential Care Home which had been operating in the town for 25 years.
- 18th December – the Mayor had attended the Lyskerrys Youth Club and been pleased to hear of their ideas for the town which were surprising similar to those of Town Council.
- 20th December – he had visited the RIO project and discussed their activities in the town including their refurbishment of the library.
- 22nd December – Old Brewery was visited where a number of small crafts businesses were based. They were thankful of the help and support that the Cattle Market Makers project had supplied in terms of advice and assistance.
- 4th January – Was saddened to report that Alex McKay had closed the Albion pub. It was noted that Alex had supported the town through key events and in various ways. It was hoped a new landlord could soon be found.
- 8th January – helped with the clean-up and improvement to the Culverland Park area which had been organised by Councillor Nick Craker and was well appreciated by local people who participated.
- 9th January - helped with the taking down of the Christmas lights for which the Mayor thanked Councillor David Ambler.
- 13th January – Lighthouse Community Centre – had visited to see their range of help in providing food for a very nominal annual fee.

371 / 21 **MINUTES – SPECIAL COUNCIL AND COUNCIL 26TH OCTOBER 2021** – Councillor Dorling proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 26th October 2021 and the Council meeting held on 26th October 2021.

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372 / 21 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

Armand Toms (Cornwall Councillor – East Looe and Deviock) – outlined significant housing issues in Looe. He also drew attention to the deprivation report in which Liskeard and Looe both featured as towns which required investment. He would send the report to the Town Clerk.

373 / 21 **CATTLE MARKET MAKERS BOARD** – Councillor Brooks (Chair - Cattle Market Makers Board) updated the Councillors that in house team, staff at Cornwall Development Company and Ward Williams Associates were working on the documents that would be published on the Government’s Contract Finder website.

374 / 21 **GRANT APPLICATION – LISKEARD FOODBANK** - Following careful consideration, the Town Council recognized the value of the advice and support service being set up by the Foodbank. Councillor Powell proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £1,050.

375 / 21 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 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 8th November 2021.
- b. Councillor Craker proposed, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Whitty seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on 9th November 2021.
- c. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 16th November 2021.
- d. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on the 29th November 2021.
- e. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee held on the 30th November 2021.
- f. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to the note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 10th January 2022.
- g. 18th January 2022 - Facilities Committee – the draft minutes had not yet been completed owing to the need present the financial element into the Budget and Precept setting meeting. Councillor Smith did speak on the issue of Devolution which the Facilities Committee felt should form the basis of a report to a later meeting of Council.

376 / 21 **RFO’S REPORT – INTERNAL AUDIT** – Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to receive and accept the report of the Internal Auditor.

377 / 21 **BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2022/2033** – Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Kerry Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to a). set a budget of £581,561 for the 2022/2023 financial year and to b). set a precept of £472,485 for the financial year 2022/2023.

378 / 21 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Schedule of Payments for approval.

379 / 21 **YOUTH COUNCIL – PROGRESS REPORT ON SET UP** – Councillor Taylor added further to the report that the next meeting the Youth Council was on 16th February 2022. The meeting would be promoted including via social media.

380 / 21 **TOWN CLERK’S UPDATE – (26TH OCTOBER 2021 – MINUTE 258/21 CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY BILL (CEE).** – Sheryll Murray MP had responded in very timely manner to the letter and had also supplied a link to the Hansards’ guide to Parliamentary business to enable our councillor who had requested it to follow the progress of the bill.

381 / 21 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** –

Cornwall Councillor Craker – Gave Updates on the following:

- **Integrated Services Hub**

The draft design of a new Cornwall Council Integrated Services Hub was being prepared with a view to a planning application being made in the late spring. If approved a new building would not be opened until 2024. It was noted that an update report to the Town Council might be useful. This would only in respect of the Cornwall Council Integrated Services Hub and not the other possible uses of the site.

- **Laity House**

It had been decided to keep this Cornwall Council property which houses the Adult Education provision.

- **Active Travel**

Work was still progressing and there had been the suggestion of a possible inclusion of a bus depot on the former cattle market site.

- **Liskeard / Looe Highways and Transport Budget**

Cornwall Council has agreed to the next 3 years funding for the Highways and Transport budget which goes via the Liskeard / Looe Community Network Panel.

382 / 21 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded that the Planning Addendums a and b both be noted.

383 / 21 **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to move into **PARTII.**

384 / 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 update on the situation.

19. **LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP** – To note the minutes of the 5th November 2021 and 4th January 2022.

385 / 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 Kerry Cassidy proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to come out of **PARTII** and **ADOPT** the decisions made in **PARTII**.

386 / 21 **ROUNDBURY – SPORTS PITCHES – SITE NEGOTIATIONS** – To receive feedback from the agent.

387 / 21 **LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP** – Noted.