

## Liskeard Town Council

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 26 September 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 Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Mayors' Chaplain – Apologies.

Members of the Public – Martin Symonds (Liskeard Lions – Agenda item 6), Stuart Houghton (Liskeard Lions – Agenda item 6), Tracy Adams - (Business Owner "Jane Louise" – Liskeard Traders Association / Liskeard Traders Town Projects Ltd. and Lin Moore – (Business Owner "The Shoe Shop" Liskeard Traders Association / Liskeard Traders Town Projects Ltd.

240 / 23      **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Kerry Cassidy, Jane Pascoe, Tony Powell and Lori Reid.

241 / 23      **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Deputy Mayor Agenda Item 6 – Liskeard Lions, Grant Application.

242 / 23      **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor noted that the Mayor's Chaplain was on leave.

- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Liskeard Unlocked Weekend – the Mayor visited numerous venues during the day and thanked all those who had worked so hard to make it such a success.
- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – the Mayor attended the official opening of the Wildanet training academy.
- 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – on behalf of the Town and community of Liskeard, the Mayor welcomed the French Civic Party and Sports Groups from Quimperle. The party from Quimperle visited the Workshed, Museum, Liskerrett Community Centre, the Church Tower (where they were able to ring the bells as well as go to the top of the tower). The Mayor and Deputy Mayor visited Wildanet, whilst the Chess, Badminton and Rugby visitors met their respective contacts at Lux Park. The delegation laid a wreath during an act of remembrance at the Public Hall and later undertook a tour of the town with Brian Oldham.
- The Mayor thanked Councillor David Braithwaite and the members of the Liskeard Scouts for tidying up the War Memorial.
- 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Army Cadet Force – the Mayor visited the Liskeard detachment of the A.C.F.
- 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - the Mayor was invited to bowl the first ball of the season at the Liskeard Bowling Club.
- The Mayor noted today was the last day for the library service to be operating out of Luxstowe House before moving back the library building. He wished to place on record the thanks of the whole town to librarians past and present for their dedication to our community and wished RIO the best of luck going forwarded.
- The Mayor read out David Ambler's letter of resignation from the Town Council. The Mayor placed on record the Council's deepest appreciation of everything David has done for the town and the wider community in his role as Councillor and Deputy Mayor as well as the work with the Town Forum.

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243 / 23 **TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023 COUNCIL MEETING** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Brathwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

244 / 23 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Stuart Houghton and Martin Symonds – spoke in support of the Liskeard Lions grant application at Agenda Item 6. A comparison of the costs and income for this year and last year was circulated. In the presentation and following discussion, the main points made were:

- Costs – had increased across a couple of items. However, the cost of insurance had become prohibitive and has changed what can be done.
- Income – the catering trailer had always been a key element of the Lions income stream. However, the catering trailer was no longer operational.
- Lions Grants – they had continued to give grants to individuals during the course of the year.
- Revenue Plan – going forward it was thought an alternative income stream should be sought or developed, if the catering trailer remains non-operational.

Deputy Mayor left the meeting at this point.

245 / 23 **GRANT APPLICATION – LISKEARD LIONS £1,000 – TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF HIRING THE HALL, SOUND, LIGHTING AND COSTUMES TO HOLD THE “FREE AT ENTRY” PANTOMIME** – Following consideration, in recognition of the hard work that the Lions put into this and other activities, Councillor Smith proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £1,500 against the costs of the Pantomime.

246 / 23 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – All items covered on the agenda.

247 / 23 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- b. Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Communications & Engagement Committee.
- c. An updated version was available of the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Facilities Committee, hence they were deferred to the next Council meeting.

248 / 23 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, PRECEPT, S106 EXPENDITURE AND CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT FINANCIAL UPDATE)** – The report was noted.

Deputy Mayor returned to the meeting.

249 / 23 **EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT AND CERTIFICATE 2022/2023** – Councillor Smith proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE** and **ACCEPT** the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2022/2023. The RFO's and Accounts Clerk were commended for achieving a good report.

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250 / 23      **BUDGET MONITORING 2023/2024** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget report to 31 July 2023. It was considered that the budget setting for the following year should be the subject of special consideration given the additional items and projects that were being undertaken and considered.

251 / 23      **TWINNING VISIT** – The Town Clerk updated the figures in the report as follows:  
RBL Buffet Lunch Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September - £60 less than the report.  
Simon Pascoe Services (Pre event planning, translation, travel and photography - £84 more.  
Total - £1,767.40  
Funded from other budgets - £789  
Balance - £978.

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the expenditure for the Twinning visit.

252 / 23      **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve Schedule of Payments.

253 / 23      **CHRISTMAS EVENTS FUNDING** – Following updates from Councillor Brooks and Braithwaite, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the additional £1,000 to the Communications & Engagement Events budget from the General Reserve to support the additional costs of Christmas activities in the town. Noted – that there might be some leeway within the Facilities Committee to cover a further £1,500 of costs.

254 / 23      **CORNWALL COUNCIL – LICENSING ACT POLICY – PUBLIC CONSULTATION** – Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to support the revised and updated “Statement of Licensing Policy”

255 / 23      **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** – Councillor Nick Craker.

256 / 23      **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted

257 / 23      **CORRESPONDENCE** – David Ambler’s resignation as a Town Councillor 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 read out by the Mayor in his remarks.

258 / 23      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at 7.30 pm Council.

Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PARTII**

259 / 23      **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 item of Business:

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20. **Roundbury – Implementation Assessment for the Provision of Sports Pitches and Related Recreational Facilities** – To update on passing the Council’s resolution to partners and our agent on working with partners to carry out the recommended Option 2 at Roundbury.

260 / 23 **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.

261 / 23 Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in PARTII namely,

**18. Roundbury – Implementation Assessment for the Provision of Sports Pitches and Related Recreational Facilities** – That the respective Town Council people and those in Cornwall Council continue to progress the scheme. That the Liskeard & District Sports Association might benefit from Councillor Craker’s attendance at the next meeting.