

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 6 December 2016 at 7.00 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Jane Pascoe – in the Chair

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty

Councillors – Rachel Brooks, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Roger Holmes, Sue Pike, Anne Purdon, Phil Seeva, James Shrubsole and Lorna Shrubsole,

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Mayor's Chaplain – Kevin Grant.

Members of the Public – Tyler Bennetts.

The Mayor's Chaplain led the Council and the Member of the Public in prayer.

The Mayor advised the Council and Members of the Public of Housekeeping matters.

317/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Tony Powell and Hella Tovar and Cornwall Councillor Mike George.

318/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE

Councillor Seeva declared an interest in Cheque 102612 at Agenda Item 16 Accounts.

319/16 MAYOR'S REMARKS

The schedule of Mayor's Visits was tabled at the meeting. The Mayor drew attention to the following events:

- Neighbourhood Plan – the formal 6 week consultation had been launched and would run until 31st January 2017. The Mayor thanked the team who had worked upon Neighbourhood Plan to date.

- Liskeard School and Community College – the Mayor indicated that it had been particularly pleasing to attend an event which recognised the success of Liskeard School and Community College. The responsible Government department had issued a best practice guide in which Liskeard School and Community was one of only fourteen schools nationally to be highlighted.

320/16 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2016

Subject to the amendment of 246/16 Cornwall Councillor Updates “Liskeard” to read “Cornwall”, the Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 October 2016 be adopted.

321/16 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a. COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2016

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on Tuesday 1 November 2016.

Motions:

Councillor Seeva proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Council trial a new Town Council Twitter Account for six months.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Seeva seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the revised Social Media Policy.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor L Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Communications Policy.

b. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2016

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor L Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 2 November 2016.

c. FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2016

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on Tuesday 8 November 2016.

d. FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2016

The Mayor proposed, Councillor J Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 15 November 2016.

e. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2016

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor J Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 23 November 2016.

322/16 CO-OPTION VACANCY

Discussion deferred pending completion of the interview process.

323/16 LISKEARD TRADERS ASSOCIATION GRANT APPLICATION

Following discussion, on the understanding that the subsequent years consumable materials costs would be paid for by the businesses benefitting from the hanging baskets themselves and not form ongoing requests to the Town Council for grant, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £1,000 to the one-off capital set up costs (e.g. purchase and installation costs of items such as brackets, baskets, etc.) and £1,000 towards the purchase costs of consumables materials and supplies such as compost, flowers etc. and to the cost of making up the hanging baskets themselves.

324/16 CAR PARKING CHARGES

Following discussion, it was agreed that other towns would be contacted regarding similar issues affecting them and the potential for joint lobbying taken if relevant.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor L Shrubsole seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that Cornwall Council be lobbied and the view strongly expressed that the proposals for the introduction of an after 4.00 p.m. parking charge would be detrimental on several grounds:

- Harmful impact on the existing post 4.00 pm use of the town centre
- Stifle the ongoing efforts to develop an evening economy
- Contravene the National Planning Policy Framework guidance that parking charges should not be punitive.
- Displace into the surrounding streets and private driveways those cars of residents using the car parks for evening and overnight parking.
- The regulations permitting the levying of car parking charges, do so as a traffic management tool not for revenue generation. The introduction of an evening fee would displace cars into the surrounding streets and hinder traffic management.
- That the increase in the one hour charge was 14% whilst the Retail Price Index was 2%
- Cornwall Council car parking charge increases harm the viability of businesses. A consequent reduction in the number of businesses and hence Business Rates receipts for Cornwall Council is ultimately self-defeating.

325/16 LAND AT EASTERN AVENUE

The Town Clerk confirmed that the landowner has instructed his solicitor to accept the form of words proposed by the Town Council's solicitor and to proceed with the land transfer. Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to continue with the transfer of the land as per the Town Council legal advice.

326/16 REGALIA & SILVERWARE REVALUATION

Following discussion, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor authority to accept a quote up to £2,000 to obtain an updated insurance valuation for the Town Council's Regalia and Silverware.

327/16 REMEMBRANCE DAY ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION

It was noted that the Police were the responsible body. Following discussion, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, the Mayor seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** that the item be deferred and the Police asked why they are not able to undertake the role.

328/16 TOUR OF BRITAIN

Following discussion, and on the understanding that the aim would be to stage the Tour through Liskeard, Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the bid to have Cornwall stage a Tour of Britain was supported.

329/16 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

The information was noted.

330/16 ACCOUNTS

If was noted that item 102612 covered the design and the printing costs of the leaflets and postcards.

The Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments.

331/16 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES

It was noted that a Cornwall Council transport review proposed significant cuts in support to the student traveling costs.

A draft report recommended the retention and investment in an upgrade to Luxstowe House. The Town Councillors were strongly supportive of these proposals.

332/16 OTHER REPORTS

None

333/16 CORRESPONDENCE

None

334/16 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council would be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24th January 2017. (Since the meeting a Special meeting of Council is organised for 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday 13th December 2016.