

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Long Room on Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Tyler Bennetts.

Councillors – David Ambler, Rachel Brooks, Anna Clarke, Sally Hawken, Roger Holmes, Jane Pascoe, Sue Pike, Tony Powell, Sue Shand and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson.

Mayors' Chaplain – Kevin Grant

Member of the Public – Nick Craker Cornwall Councillor.

The Mayor explained that at a ceremonial event in another town, it was noted that the Mayor's Chaplain had a prayer scarf. At no cost to the Town Council, the Mayor had arranged the production of a Liskeard Mayor's Chaplain's prayer scarf. She presented it to the Mayor's Chaplain and indicated that it would be passed onto the next Mayor's Chaplain at the Mayor Choosing ceremony.

The Mayor's Chaplain led the council and member of the public in prayers.

The Mayor advised the Councillors and the public of housekeeping matters.

**422/17 APOLOGIES** – Councillor Goldsworthy (work commitments).

### **423/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE**

Agenda Item 13 – Schedule of Payments. Councillor Ambler interest in the Pc Kernow Direct Debit. The Mayor in Agenda Item 11.

### **424/17 MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor outlined engagements attended, the more notable being:

- Visits to patients at the hospital, and residents at Passmore Edwards, Coombe House, Abbeyfield, Eventide, Pengover, Beechlawn and St Anthony.
- British Heart Foundation Swimmathon – the Mayor thanked Councillors David Ambler and Rachel Brooks for taking part in the Mayors' team.
- Dedication of the Field of Remembrance, the Remembrance Day Parade and Christmas Carol Concert – The Mayor thanked all Councillors whom had attend those events on behalf of the Council.

**425/17 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2017**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 31 October 2017.

**426/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**427/17 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**a. COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2017**

Councillor Pike proposed, Councillor Shand seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on Tuesday 7 November 2017. **Motion:** Minute 362/17 – Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the Community Engagement Strategy.

**b. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017**

Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 14 November 2017.

**c. FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2017**

Councillor Ambler proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on Tuesday 21 November 2017. **Motion:** - Minute 389/17 Councillor Ambler proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Health & Safety, Access and Catering Hygiene improvement to the Public Hall Complex using funds from dilapidations and nominated budgets are proceeded with as a matter of necessity.

**d. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Powell seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 28 November 2017.

#### **e. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017**

Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Shand seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 5 December 2017.

**428/17 TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE** – All items had been dealt with previously or were the subject of reports on this agenda.

#### **429/17 COMMUNITY COHESION AND RESILIENCE PROJECT**

The Town Clerk updated Council:

- 18<sup>th</sup> December – the bid had been submitted by the Learning Partnership for Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly. This organisation being the accountable body for the bid partnership which includes the Town Council.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Department of Communities and Local Government (D.C.L.G.) – acknowledged receipt of the bid.
- In the previous week, Cornwall Housing confirmed that they would be partners with the bid and contribute £60,000 over the 3 years of the project period.
- Cornwall Council confirmed that should the bid be successful, they would support the project with a sum of £70,000 over the 3 years of the project.
- The increased level of local match funding enabled the total bid to be revised from the indicative £600,000 to a final figure of £880,000.
- The bid would be accessed by D.C.L.G. and a decision would probably be made in March 2018. If successful a contract might be entered into in April 2018.

#### **430/17 ELECTION – LISKEARD NORTH AND EAST WARDS**

The Town Clerk circulated details supplied by the Election Office at Cornwall Council. This indicated:

- Liskeard North Ward – There was one nomination - Julian David James Smith – Consequently, as an Uncontested Election, this person was duly elected Councillor.
- Liskeard East Ward – There were two nominations - Nick Craker and Sandra Elaine Mitchell – Therefore, this was a Contested Election to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

The Town Clerk would make contact with the new Councillor to welcome them to the Council and ascertain interests and experience relative to the Committees and activities of the Council.

### **431/17 CORNWALL COUNCIL PROPOSAL – STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY NETWORK PANELS**

Following discussion, it was agreed, that if several Councillors attended future meetings of the Community Network Panel, the Mayor should have the vote in accordance with any resolution made by the Town Council, if such voting on budgets and activities proves necessary. a.) the Mayor proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to support the Cornwall Council proposals to strengthen the role of the Community Network Panels. b). the Mayor proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Town Council proposes the that, when appropriate, the Community Network Panel be used to support the progression of projects that enhance the economic and social wellbeing of the Community Network Area.

### **432/17 PAST MAYOR'S PIN**

Following discussion, which included confirmation that the unit cost had been reduced to £12.46, Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** by 8 votes to 4, to adopt the practice of awarding a Past Mayors Pin and accept the quotation.

### **433/17 INTERNAL AUDITOR 2016/2017 REPORT – PROGRESSION OF ITEMS**

The Town Clerk noted that, with the exception of the Dispensations Policy, that would be brought through the January 2018 Committee cycle, the other elements had either been implemented or were being implemented.

### **434/17 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

It was noted that cheque 103234 Pckernow Ltd. did not relate to the monthly payment for the provision of IT support, but for reimbursement for a one-off item.

It was clarified that the Government funded Neighbourhood Plan grants are accessed via Groundwork UK. They are applied for in advance and payment received upfront against indicative costs. Once the finalised costs are known this sometimes requires a repayment of any unspent grant. In this case, £4,900 had been previously received, £660 remained unspent for repayment.

Clarification would be sought regarding the items under cheque 103225 West Country Fruit Sales – TIC shop supplies.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Schedule of Payments.

## **435/17 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** - It was noted

## **436/17 CORNWALL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cornwall Councillor Craker updated that:

CAB Funding Consultation Cornwall Council was consulting until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018, on the future funding proposals for the CAB. This included an option in which only Liskeard and Camborne would be kept open with 53% of the current funds.

Persimmon – Tregay Lane There had been follow up with Persimmons in connection, with the concerns expressed by residents of Tregay Lane, that there were breaches in the requirements stipulated in the storage and treatment of sewage. Persimmons were scheduled to make an early connection into the publicly adopted sewerage system which should solve the problem.

Persimmon – Callington Road – Highways were indicating that the 450 crossings to trigger the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing had not yet been met.

Investment Plan – Councillor Craker had supported the Investment Plan vote as it had Liskeard based projects within it.

Cornwall Councillor Pascoe updated that:

Constitutional and Governance Committee – Councillor Pascoe had encouraged reference to the A38 and South East Cornwall in discussions which had been west Cornwall and A30 focussed.

Investment Plan – whilst preferring to receive further financial information, Councillor Pascoe had supported the Investment Plan as it had contained projects in Liskeard.

Cornwall Councillor Hawken reported that:

Budgets – Cornwall Council were intending to use the Social Care Levy to increase the relevant budget by 3% and under the general precept to increase by 1.99%. It is proposed that there would be a 4.99% increase overall within in the Cornwall Council element of the Council Tax.

Cattle Market Working Group – following recent progress on key items, the Cattle Market Working Party had recommenced meetings with a revised membership.

Investment Plan – this included a project to approve the purchase of land at the Bridge to Nowhere and adjacent land to support a housing development.

**437/17 OTHER REPORTS** – None

**438/17 CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**439/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.