

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 24 April 2018 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair.

Councillors – David Ambler, Rachel Brooks, Anna Clarke, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Roger Holmes, Sandra Mitchell, Sue Shand, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson.

Mayors' Chaplain – Kevin Grant

Members of the Public – J Lloyd-Owen Cornwall Council, A Lee Cornwall Council, Steve Clark RIO, Kate Reed RIO, Steve Creese, Anne Creese, David Danson, Bob Saville, Pat Ascott, Rachel Terrell, TJ Turner, Justine Bennison, Kirk Mason – Residents. Phil Seeva Cornwall Councillor and Nick Craker Cornwall Councillor.

The Mayor's Chaplain led the council and members of the public in prayers. The Mayor advised the Councillors and the public of housekeeping matters.

**619/17 APOLOGIES** – The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Pascoe and Powell.

### **620/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON**

**REGISTERABLE** - Councillor Ambler in Agenda Items 5, 13 and 20. Councillor Goldsworthy Agenda Item 20.

**621/17 MAYOR'S REMARKS** - The Mayor thanked Councillors for supporting the Mayor's Mass at the Roman Catholic Church on Sunday 15th April 2018. From amongst a range of events attended by the Mayor she drew particular attention to the following:

- Annual Town Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – The Mayor remarked that this was easily the best attended Annual Town Meeting for many years. She thanked Councillor Brooks for organising the event and the recent Community Fair which was likewise well supported.
- Cancer Research – Art Exhibition – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – The Mayor had been asked to attend the official opening of the Cancer Research – Art Exhibition in the Public Hall. A celebratory birthday cake had been baked to mark the fact that it is the 50<sup>th</sup> year that the event has been held in Liskeard.
- Plastic Free Liskeard – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 - The Mayor indicated that over 100 members of the public had attended this meeting to scope the possibilities Plastic Free initiatives in Liskeard.

**622/17 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018** - The Mayor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2018.

**623/17 CORNWALL COUNCIL – REPORT ON MAUDLIN FARM LAND PURCHASE AND PROPOSED USE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - Jon Lloyd-Owen (Cornwall Council Service Director Housing) and Tony Lee (Cornwall Council Strategic Manager for Housing Services) presented information on the recent purchase of a site at Maudlin Farm. Cornwall Council intends to construct affordable homes and manage them through a company set up for the purpose. There were on going discussions regarding whether the bridge should be completed and in what type vehicle carrying format.

Important points raised by the Councillors and public:

- i. Would the affordable housing for rental be offered at rents achievable for local people, that is, within the “Local Housing Allowance”? Yes.
- ii. With the intended high proportion of houses for families with young children, were there sufficient places in local primary schools? There appeared to be some capacity at St Martins, the situation at Hillfort was not known.
- iii. Narrow roads with on street parking were causing some issues at present. With the completion of further houses at the Linden Homes site and the potential construction of further houses at the Maudlin Farm site, traffic generation and management across the whole area needed to be taken into consideration. There were to be two “community workshop” public consultations to assist the planning of the scheme. An edition of the Community Magazine is scheduled for June. An article might prove useful.
- iv. The construction of a bridge across Lake Lane offered the potential for a range of types of access. These included local links, such as, pedestrian, cycle, busses and emergency services, through to large trucks and cars using the bridge as a “rat run”. This needed to be carefully thought through and the public consulted.
- v. The section 106 agreement relating to the extant planning consent for the site, indicated that a portion of the land recently purchased by Cornwall Council should be transferred to the Town Council as an amenity site. This would be before development commenced on the larger residential element of the site. The piece of land was directly adjacent to the St Martins School. No new schools were scheduled for Liskeard in the Cornwall Council capital programme. Hence, the presentation had indicated the potential for an expansion of the St Martin’s School onto the amenity land at some point in the future.
- vi. Bus Shelter – a resident considered that the bus shelter at the junction of the Charter Way and the Morrison’s roundabout was poorly located from a drivers’ perspective. It was noted that pedestrian’s trying to access the bus shelter across cross Charter Way, also had concerns.

- vii. Adoptions of Highways – there has been a push to get highways adopted recently. Cornwall Council have purchased the land at Maudlin Farm to enable the adoption of Bovey Drive.
- viii. Golitha Rise Children’s Play Area – the developers should provide better signage with a view to discouraging parking adjacent to the play area.

The Mayor thanked Jon Lloyd-Owen and Tony Lee for attending and giving their presentation on the proposals for the land at Maudlin Farm.

**624/17 TOWN CLERK’S UPDATE** – The Town Clerk had previously circulated an e-mail to all Councillors concerning the 20th April meeting with the Liskeard Scouts. In brief, the Scouts pay to rent the ground only from Cornwall Council. The building itself is owned by the Scouts. The Scouts indicated that they might be willing to look at a project as part of the Town Council’s Devolution discussions with Cornwall Council. The Initial Proposal Form had been submitted with Castle Park and the Scout Hut as possible projects.

**625/17 LIBRARY BUILDING AND LIBRARY SERVICE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – discussions regarding the pre-application PA18/00940 – Real Ideas Organisation. Liskeard library, pre-application for advice on extensions and refurbishments to enhance use of the building. Deferred from the 17th April 2018 Planning Committee to Council. To discuss a response to Cornwall Council and RIO regarding the pre-application.

(To assist members of the public, this item was brought forward on the agenda and combined with a Public Participation slot.)

Café – a local business indicated that they had been in the catering sector for 14 years and believed that Liskeard currently had too many cafes. The opening of the Wetherspoons and possible arrival of a Costa Coffee would further impact the sector. What was required was an attraction or activity that brought in extra people including the elderly and children. RIO response – a community consultation would be undertaken regarding the potential services to operate from the library. It was noted that owing to budget cuts, there was a need for the activities to make money. It was stressed that no decisions had been signed off.

Library Provision – it was essential to retain the library on the ground floor. Could the income generation not be put upstairs e.g. offices? RIO – there is an intention to put enterprise space upstairs. However, it is felt that this would take time to let and the income from a café might be more quickly achieved.

Cornwall Council “Library Service Standards” - Councillor Hawken confirmed she would send these to the Town Clerk to circulate to Councillors.

Library Building – the building was a valuable and iconic building, in its own right.  
Pre Application PA18/00940 – There were issues regarding the uses indicated on the architects impressions. However, the majority of the application actually deals with the structural soundness of the building which is essential for carrying out the project. RIO – It was noted that £100,000 was needed to fund repairs to the library.

Following discussion, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to respond to the Pre Application – indicating In principle support, to the upgrade of the fabric of the building, to make it fit for modern purposes.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to issue a press release that, the Council is concerned to ensure that there is a strong element of the library service in the library building and to reaffirm the vision set out in our Liskeard Library Cooperation Agreement. We believe it is important that new activities complement what is already available and we will work with RIO to help them engage with the stakeholders and partners.

The Town Council will write to Norman Pampling and Mrs Sichel as per their respective letters.

## **626/17 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **a. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018**

Councillor Holmes proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 5 March 2018.

### **b. COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018**

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Shand seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on Tuesday 6 March 2018.

### **c. FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018**

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on Tuesday 13 March 2018.

### **d. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 20**

**MARCH 2018** The Mayor proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 20 March 2018.

**e. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018**

Councillor Holmes proposed, Councillor Shand seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 27 March 2018.

**f. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018**

Councillor Holmes proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 17 April 2018.

To facilitate consideration of the role of Deputy Mayor 2018/2019, in conjunction with the representation on Outside Bodies 2018/2019 agenda item, the Deputy Mayor 2018/2019 Civic Year agenda item was brought forward.

**627/17. DEPUTY MAYOR 2018/2019 CIVIC YEAR – to discuss and decide arrangements regarding the vacancy for Deputy Mayor in the 2018/2019 civic year.**

Following discussion, it was agreed to invite nominations for Deputy Mayor 2018/2019 to be submitted to the Town Clerk before 5.00 p.m. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. A Special Council meeting will be held at 7.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 in the Long Room.

**628/17 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES 2018/2019 CIVIC YEAR –**

**to consider the attached listings and propose any changes ready for adoption at the 16th May 2018 Mayor Choosing.** - Councillors indicated upon which Outside Bodies, they wished to serve. A draft would be circulated with the final deadline for submission of updates being noon 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It was agreed that 2 or 3 could provide brief and relevant updates under the Council “Other Reports” agenda item.

**629/17 LISKEARD TOGETHER BID - to receive an update on the partnership bid.**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Clarke seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to support the efforts to secure an early and favourable decision.

**630/17 NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL (NJC) 2018/2019 AND 2019/2020 PAY SCALES – to receive and adopt the NJC negotiated pay scales for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial year.**

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** a). to adopt the NJC negotiated pay scales for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years. b). to adopt the revised Spinal Column Points system from 1st April 2019.

**631/17 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Following a question from Councillor Taylor it was confirmed that the Council held a Survey Monkey license as an element to enhance its capacity to consult the community. Presently, there was a survey of activities and organisations supporting the youth of the town.

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

**632/17 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

**633/17 CORNWALL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** -

Cornwall Councillor Craker updated that:

Highways Budget – Community Network Panel – Guidance had been issued regarding the operation of the highways budget delegated to the Community Network Panels (The Town Clerk confirmed that David Read’s e-mail containing the information had been circulated to all Town Councillors. The item would be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May Finance & General Purposes Committee for discussion.)

Respite Care Charges – There had been concern regarding the level of charges.  
Persimmon – Deed of Modification – there had been 3 options, this had now been increased to 4. There was a desire not to raise the trigger unless there was good reason.

Cornwall Councillor Hawken updated that:

Stadium – that the toilets had been revised to increase disability access.

Norman Lamb MP – Chair of the Science and Technology Select Committee – had visited Cornwall to be informed of progress on relevant projects.

Parent Carers Cornwall – She had meet with the volunteer group to discuss a range of issues, but which also included budget issues.

**634/17 OTHER REPORTS** – None.

**635/17 CORRESPONDENCE** – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Sue Pike’s letter of resignation had been circulated previously to all Councillors. Cornwall Council’s Election Office had issued the necessary notice, which we have displayed. The period for electors to contact the Election Office at Cornwall Council is 24<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Historic England Competition – Details had been previously circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that the Communications & Engagement Committee be tasked with submitting a bid.

**636/17 DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** - Annual Meeting of Council (Mayor Choosing) Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Public Hall. Next normal Council meeting Tuesday 26th June 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Councillors Ambler and Goldsworthy left the meeting at this point.

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

**637/17 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;

**638/17 IT CONTRACTOR TENDERS (Minute 592/17 Item referred from Finance & General Purposes Committee 20th March 2018)** – to consider the tenders and appoint an IT contractor for the three year period 2018/2019 – 2020/2021.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to offer the IT contract to Contractor B.