

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Long Room on Tuesday 27 February 2018 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, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Roger Holmes, Sandra Mitchell, Jane Pascoe, Sue Pike, Tony Powell, Sue Shand and Julian Smith.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson.

Mayors' Chaplain – Kevin Grant

Members of the Public – Tristram Besterman – Plastic Free 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.

**523/17 APOLOGIES** – Councillor Taylor.

### **524/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON**

**REGISTERABLE** - Councillor Ambler in Pckernow service charge. Agenda Item 14 – Schedule of Payments.

**525/17 MAYOR'S REMARKS** - The Mayor thanked Councillors for supporting the Civic Service at the Methodist Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The Mayor also outlined the following:

- Cornwall Association of Local Councils (C.A.L.C.) – were organising “Being a Better Councillor” training in the Public Hall, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 7.00 – 9.00 pm and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.
- St Petroc's Charity Quiz – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00 p.m. – The Mayor reminded Councillors of this event which was being held in the Public Hall. Tickets were available at £10 per person from the office. The Mayor hoped that the Town Council would be able to enter a team.
- Civic Service Roman Catholic Church – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The Mayor invited Councillors to assemble at 10.45 a.m. in the Mayors' Parlour for a start of service at 11.00 a.m. in the church.

## **526/17 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2018**

Subject to two small amendments, the Mayor proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 30 January 2018.

**527/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Tristram Besterman – Plastics Free. A local resident, gave a presentation on the Plastics Free issue. The points raised included:

- Recent heightened public interest in the impact of Plastics on the environment.
- Government Environment Strategy reflected long term planning.
- Cornwall Council adoption of a single use plastics free policy by 2020.
- Penzance Town Council initiative helped increase visits to Penzance.
- Liskeard Town Forum indicated strong support for a Plastics free approach.
- Some Liskeard businesses indicated support for Plastics free including a Totebag – of which sample logos were displayed.
- Tristram Besterman hoped that the Town Council would consider and endorse the approach and take a central role in its delivery.

The Mayor thanked Tristram Besterman for his presentation which would be considered by Council at a point later on the agenda.

## **528/17 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **a. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018**

Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 13 February 2018.

**529/17 TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE** – All items had been dealt with previously or were the subject of reports on this agenda.

### **530/17 SPORTS PITCH AND RECREATION PROVISION WORKING PARTY**

Following discussion, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Powell seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the opening of “without prejudice” negotiations, subject to planning consent and the achievement of external funding approval, to secure options to purchase land from the two landowners at the prospective Roundbury Park site.

Consideration of authorising the making of a planning application be deferred until the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Finance & General Purposes Committee, when further information is available including the estimated cost of an archaeological study.

**531/17 SAFEGUARDING POLICY** - Following discussion, Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Clarke seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that Erin Beswetherick be **CONFIRMED** as the Designated Safeguarding Officer (D.S.O.). The change in duties and responsibilities to be included at her next appraisal.

That the Deputy Mayor, would assist Erin Beswetherick in revising the draft Safeguarding Policy. Some changes having already been suggested in the meeting by Councillors.

### **532/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE – SUBSTITUTE COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Powell seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **CONFIRM** Councillor Julian Smith as a substitute Councillor for the Planning Committee.

### **533/17 NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2018/2019 CIVIC YEAR**

The Town Clerk reported that one nomination had been received for Mayor being Councillor Christina Whitty. Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Councillor Christina Whitty as the Mayor for the 2018/2019 civic year commencing from the Mayor Choosing on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The Town Clerk reported that two nominations had been received for Deputy Mayor being Councillor David Ambler (proposed by Councillor Pascoe and seconded by Councillor Taylor) and Councillor Sue Pike (proposed by Councillor Brooks and seconded by Councillor Clarke).

A secret ballot was held. By 8 votes to 6, Councillor Sue Pike was elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2018/2019 civic year.

### **534/17 DEVOLUTION INITIAL PROPOSAL FORM**

After discussion, it was agreed to make the following changes and recirculate to Councillors. (the former Mortuary be deleted, Trevillis Park have Play Area added, the Club House including squash courts be added to the Lux Park Sports Pitches, the projects be grouped by type and location not alphabetically, and ranked according to the Town Councils' revised aims and objectives 2018-2021).

**535/17 SINGLE USE PLASTICS** - Following discussion, Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that “Liskeard Town Council will, wherever possible, phase out the use of all single use cups, lids, plastic bottles, plastic-lined cardboard, and any other single use plastics from the entire Liskeard Town Council estate (including working with the hirers of the Public Hall and business tenants of the Council) by 2020. In addition, Liskeard Town Council will work with the Town Forum and local businesses with which we work, through procurement avenues and other networks, to promote the banning of similar products in their business environments”.

Tote bag costings would be obtained. Social media support would be offered to the Plastics Free initiative.

### **536/17 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

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

### **537/17 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** - It was noted

### **538/17 CORNWALL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR UPDATES**

Cornwall Councillor Craker updated that:

Single Use Plastics – He had voted in favour of the resolution, which had widespread support amongst Cornwall Councillors.

Wain Homes – He was working with them on ongoing issues.

Recycling – there had been complaints regarding the non-collection from Westbourne. There was concern that this might becoming a trend.

Coldstyle Road – Yellow Lining – this had faded and Cormac had scheduled the works to get the lines repainted.

Cornwall Councillor Pascoe reported that:

Boundary Review – Cornwall Council had considered further options including one for 88 Cornwall Councillors post 2021. This had potentially taken one of the schools out of Liskeard, but that had now been dropped in favour of the figure of 87.

A38 Improvements – There had been further meetings regarding the proposal.

Budget – Cornwall Council had discussed a range of options with 3.99% being the option she preferred.

Disabled Parking Spaces Costs – significant differentials with other Council areas had been the subject of discussions and a cheaper option seemed to be available.

Cornwall Councillor Hawken updated that:

Maudlin Farm – that senior Cornwall Council staff would attend the next Town Council meeting to update on their recent acquisition of land at Maudlin Farm.

Cattle Market Workspace – Cornwall Council were due to hear from the Government in April whether the application for grant to provide employment workspace in the cattle market was successful.

Disabled Parking Space Costs – it had been shown that where agreement could be reached, it was cheaper than resorting to a Traffic Parking Order which was a notice that Cornwall Council's legal service needed to issue.

**539/17 OTHER REPORTS** – None

**540/17 CORRESPONDENCE** – Noted that Cornwall Council would attend the next Council meeting to discuss the site at Maudlin Farm that they had recently acquired.

The Planning Inspector had confirmed 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 as the date for the hearing of the Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan.

**541/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018