

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT a MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the Chair

Councillors – David Ambler, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Roger Holmes, Sandra Mitchell, Jane Pascoe, Sue Pike, Sue Shand and Julian Smith.

Members of the Public – Nick Craker (Cornwall Councillor), Stuart Houghton (Liskeard Lions), Kate Sidwell (Young People Cornwall), Andy Marsh (Young People Cornwall), James Rees (Youth Club), Bryony Rowe (Youth Club) and Eleanor Taylor (Youth Club).

The Mayor advised the meeting of Housekeeping matters

478/17 APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Powell and Councillor Brooks.

479/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE

Councillor Goldsworthy Agenda Item 7 (Lions Member), Councillor Hawken Agenda 8 (Liskerret Centre Board Member), Councillor Shand Agenda Item 8 (Liskerret Centre Board Member), Councillor Ambler in the Pc Kernow D/D on the Schedule of Payments.

480/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – (this element was brought forward to allow Stuart Houghton to attend immediately thereafter the rehearsals in the Public Hall.) Stuart Houghton explained the context of the application and the efforts of the Lions to raise other income to offset the costs associated with the staging of the event.

481/17 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 November 2017.

482/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Kate Sidwell (Young People Cornwall) expanded on points made within the application and answered Councillors questions in conjunction with Andy Marsh (Young People Cornwall) and James Rees (Youth Club). The main points made were:

- The youth club offered an informal, friendly and safe environment to talk with friends away from school or a cadet style organisation.
- The youth club refers issues to relevant organisations as needed.
- The scale of local provision post April 2018 would depend upon the support of the Town Council and using it to secure match funding.

483/17 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – All items were either on this agenda or referred to the next Council meeting.

484/17 BUDGET – Following discussion, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the budget with the following modifications:

- Administration – reduce to £9,000.
- Equipment & Leasing – reduce to £1,000.
- Car Parking – reduce to £1,000.

These savings came to £3,484.

20.06 Councillor Goldsworthy left the Chamber at this point.

485/17 GRANT APPLICATIONS – A) LISKEARD LIONS – B) LISKEARD & DISTRICT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLUB

a). Liskeard Lions. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £500.

20.12 Councillor Goldsworthy returned to the Chamber at this point.

b). Liskeard & District Flower Arrangement Club. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £250.

20.14 Councillors Hawken and Shand left the Chamber at this point.

486/17 LYSKERRYS YOUTH - FUNDING BID FOR YOUTH PROVISION

Considerable discussion took place during which the following main points emerged:

- Although the Council had invested money in one off projects such as the Multi Use Games Area and Thorn Park, and it has a grants budget and makes donations from the Mayor's Charity, the Council had not provided standing financial contributions for a Youth Service provision on an ongoing basis as was being requested.
- The Council had no Youth Policy or budget against which to consider local requests for project or service funding.
- There were a number of other organisations in the town providing facilities and activities for children and young people. Most of these are voluntary.
- The Lyskerrys Youth Club seems very well appreciated by the young people who attend it, partly because of its relaxed non-institutional atmosphere.
- The more substantial and long term the core funding put forward by the Council, the less necessity for the club to secure external grants.

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council a) that it consider funding a proportion of the Lyskerrys Youth budget for the forthcoming year. b). the Council carry out an appraisal of the youth provision in the town in the next 6 months.

21.13 Councillors Hawken and Shand returned to the Chamber at this point.

487/17 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE BUDGET SETTING 2018/2019

The draft 2018/2019 committee budget, was approved as at minute 484/17 above.

488/17 BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2018/2019

Following discussion, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council that it adopts the Foundation Living Wage.

Following discussion, Councillors Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council a modified Option 1 to include the adoption of the Foundation Living Wage paid for from savings identified in the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

489/17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION (L.G.B.C.)

Following discussion, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council, that the two ward Option 4 be submitted as the Council submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission (L.G.B.C.).

490/17 STANDING ORDERS – DISPENSATIONS POLICY

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the Dispensations Policy.

491/17 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

Councillor Pascoe proposed, the Mayor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule for payment.

492/17 CORRESPONDENCE 8th December 2017 Sheryll Murray MP – WASPI campaign – Noted. 10th January 2018 Jeffrey Butel – local resident – GWR train services (Town Clerk updated that St. Austell and Bodmin Town Councils had advised that a joint Town Councils response was not considered necessary. Committee asked what explanation and response had there been from GWR and had the passengers sought financial recompense. 15th January 2018 Keith Goldsmith – Liskeard Football Club – Floodlights Project. Councillor Hawken added that the Club had a meeting with SITA on Friday. The Committee agreed a timely letter of support.

493/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Tuesday 23 January 2018

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to go into **PART II**

494/17 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;

495/17 CCTV - Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution that the CCTV equipment would remain in place.