

## **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT a MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 28 November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the Chair

Councillors – David Ambler, Rachel Brooks, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Jane Pascoe, and Tony Powell.

Members of the Public – Janet Haley, Margaret Simmons (both W.A.S.P.I.)

The Mayor advised the meeting of Housekeeping matters

### **394/17 APOLOGIES**

Deputy Mayor (planning training).

### **395/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE**

The Mayor cheque 103189, Councillor Goldsworthy cheque 103161 Councillor Ambler in the Pc Kernow D/D all on the Schedule of Payments.

### **396/17 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 September 2017.

**397/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Janet Haley and Margaret Simmons - WASPI – the presentation spoke to the points raised at Agenda Item 15 as previously supplied. Additional items raised were:

- The issue attracted interest nationwide which included cross party support.
- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – debate scheduled in the House of Commons.
- Cases varied widely and needed to be understood on an individual basis.

**398/17 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** – The invoice raised at minute 305/17 had been looked into and dealt with. The Mayor commented that, costings for a “Past Mayors’ Pin” had been researched and it was possible to procure them at a cost of £14.95 per item. A report would be going to the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Council meeting.

**399/17 BUDGET** – following explanation and discussion, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Powell seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to make the following changes to the draft 2018/2019 budget and ask for further information at the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 Finance & General Purposes Committee:

- Professional Fees – increase to £3,000
- Ellis Whittam – £2,600 - ask for actual invoice figure.
- Subscriptions/Memberships – provide breakdown.
- Neighbourhood Plan - £7,855 remove budget to fund ESF project from 2018/2019
- Dilapidations (included narrative, “CCTV, printer copier” etc.)

**400/17 GRANT APPLICATION – CORNWALL WILDLIFE TRUST – YELLOW FISH PROJECT**

Following discussion, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded, a grant of £500 be made. The Committee voted with 3 for and 4 against. Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Powell seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to decline the request for funding support.

**401/17 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES 2017-2021**

Subject to bringing forward the date of the resubmission of the Initial Proposal Form from June 2018 to April 2018, Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the objectives as outlined in the report.

**402/17 BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING COMMITTEE BUDGET 2018/2019**

The draft 2018/2019 committee budget, was approved at minute 399/17 above.

**403/17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION (L.G.B.C.)**

Following discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of this item until the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 Committee meeting. It was agreed to circulate all Parish Councils indicated in the options within the report and attachments and to seek their views if any on the proposals. Clarification would also be sought from Cornwall Council regarding CNA boundaries. 2. 117/17

## **404/17 CCTV UPDATE – UPGRADE TO CCTV SYSTEM**

During discussion the following points were made:

- The current CCTV system does not involve Live Monitoring, as it is some years since it was felt to be needed.
- If Live Monitoring is not involved in the new CCTV system, then the permanent hub connection is not required.
- If the permanent connection to the hub is not required then the project is no longer eligible to receive the grant.
- £62,000 is a significant capital cost for a new CCTV system, as the Council has other projects and issues to progress.
- The Council has a “power” to provide a CCTV system, but not a “duty”.
- The servicing and maintenance contractor for the current CCTV system had indicated that they been bought out and would not be continuing to offer a contract beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.
- The annual revenue expenditure upon the current or a new upgraded CCTV system could be used to fund other activities.

Following consideration, Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** not to upgrade the current CCTV system, but instead to close it down. After a year or so there might be some evidence as to whether the crime rate had changed.

## **405/17 BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN**

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Powell seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the Business Continuity Plan.

## **406/17 DEVOLUTION**

Due to sickness the Community Link Officer had cancelled the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. An indication by telephone was given that they believed that the Council’s Initial Proposal Form which had been submitted earlier in 2017 was largely ready to be assessed. The Cornwall Council Cabinet member whose responsibilities included Devolution was giving a presentation to Parish and Town Councils next day 29<sup>th</sup> November which might give more detail.

Following discussion, noting that since the May election about third of the Councillors were new and owing to the potential significant cost and increase in responsibilities, that all Councillors be invited to attend a meeting to understand and discuss Devolution. This to be immediately after the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Council meeting.

**407/17 LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL NORTH AND EAST WARD VACANICES – POLL CARD**

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that in the event of contested elections, to **APPROVE** the use of poll cards to help to raise public awareness of the elections and increase the turnout.

**408/17 WASPI CAMPAIGN**

Following discussion, it was agreed that, the Council would write to the MP regarding the 14th December debate and ask if the MP could consider attending, Council would include Social Media coverage of the visit to the Committee, the Council would have a link from our website to the DWP website in connection with the issue.

**409/17 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

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

**410/17 CORRESPONDENCE** Cornwall Council – Christmas Free Parking. It was agreed to contact Cornwall Council and thank them for the one day free Christmas parking.

**411/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** Tuesday 23 January 2018