

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 18 JULY 2017 at 7.30 pm there were present:

The Mayor, Councillor Christina Whitty – ex officio.

Councillors - Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Jane Pascoe, Anna Clarke, Sue Pike and David Ambler.

Facilities Manager - Tony Misson

Members of the Public – 22 Members of the public were present.

The Chairman advised those present of Housekeeping matters

176/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Bennetts. Councillors Powell and Taylor. Public: Judy Ransley.

177/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BOTH REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE

None were declared.

178/17 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2017

Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 JUNE 2017.

179/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of Public present were given the opportunity to raise their concerns and suggestions regarding the nuisance caused by urban seagulls. Although the problem was widespread it was also localised with some areas effected whilst nearby areas not. The main areas noted at the meeting, among others were Pengover, Lower Lux Street and Castle Park / Bodgara Way. The main topics raised were Issues of aggressive gulls, mess caused by scavenging gulls, noise from gull cry's, particularly in the evening / night. The request for free issue of Gull proof sacks. Complaints of households putting refuse out several days ahead of the collection day. The need for a separate food waste collection. The need to maintain weekly bin collection - not fortnightly. A more direct course of action to reduce the number of gulls. Greater policing and enforcement where households were not taking measures to control their bin waste. The frustration caused when you take all the right steps to protect your property but neighbouring properties do not. Better Seagull proof street furniture, bins etc. A variety of bin options as not all households have bin stores or the ability to manage items such as wheelie bins. That the problem would need to be tackled by everyone as local action would only move the problem to the next street. That the removal of the food source was key in tackling the problem. In addition there was a common request to be kept informed, possibly via the local press, and for on-going public consultation on possible measures to tackle these issues.

As a separate topic to the above Mr Gander of allotment plot A2(b) gave a verbal update on the progress he was making on his allotment plot, which was hindered by the postponement of his planned operation and the subsequent pain he was enduring.

180/17 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2017 / 2018

Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Clarke seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** that Councillor David Ambler be elected as Vice Chair of the Facilities Committee for the year 2017 / 2018.

181/17 SEAGULL NUISANCE

Having received numerous communications via email, press and social media, together with the personal presentations received in the public participation session of this meeting the Committee discussed and considered the measures and advice that the Town Council could offer to households and businesses in order to minimise the nuisance caused by nesting seagulls, ahead of the 2018 nesting season.

Councillor Hawken informed the Committee regarding the initial stages of specification setting currently underway for the Cornwall Council waste contract which is due for renewal in March 2020 and stated that feedback from the issues raised regarding the seagull nuisance should be communicated to Cornwall Council by the Town Council and any other interested parties.

It was agreed that action and advice should be split into three categories; Short, Medium and Long term and include items such as updates and advice on Social Media, Town Council Website and other publications. Public consultation and feedback. Supplies of the Seagull proof sacks to be made available to purchase from the Town Council office in West Street and the Tourist Information Centre in Pike Street. Surveying areas where waste sacks were congregating in larger numbers. Investigating and costing control measures such as de-fertilisation of seagull eggs. Greater consideration of future planning applications to ensure adequate amenity and bin space is provided and that building design reduces the opportunity for nesting sites. Communication with Cornwall Council regarding their waste strategy and the need for greater waste security – domestic bins – seagull bags, communal bins, collection frequency and recycling.

Armed with the information received, and to enable the Town Council to formulate a coherent strategy which could be costed and presented ahead of the Autumn budget setting Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Clarke seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the setting up of a working group consisting of Councillors Ambler, Clarke, Pike and Whitty with a first meeting planned for Thursday August 3rd 2017.

182/17 TO RECEIVE THE FACILITIES MANAGER'S UPDATE – FOR INFORMATION

Following circulation of the written report, the Facilities manager gave a verbal update on its contents.

183/17 BUDGET REPORTS FOR THE FULL YEAR 2016/17 AND FOR MAY 2017

The budget results to 31st May 2017 were presented and noted.

184/17 TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW HAND WASH EQUIPMENT FOR WESTBOURNE PUBLIC TOILETS AND TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE THE OBSOLETE HAND WASH EQUIPMENT AT THE SUNGIRT PUBLIC TOILETS AT A COST OF £5265.20

Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the purchase of the new hand wash equipment as above.

185/17 TO RESOLVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TREE SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ALL TREES ON TOWN COUNCIL CONTROLLED LAND

The Mayor, Councillor Whitty proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the committee **APPROVED** the implementation of tree surveys and management plans for trees on Town Council controlled land.

186/17 TO RESOLVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT SURVEYS FOR THE PUBLIC HALL, GUILDHALL, FORESTERS HALL AND DEAN STREET PUBLIC TOILETS

Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the committee **APPROVED** the implementation of asbestos management surveys for the Public Hall, Guildhall, Foresters Hall and Dean Street Public Toilets.

187/17 TO RESOLVE THE APPROVAL OF THE TOWN CLERK AND CHAIR OF FACILITIES DECISION TO INSTIGATE A TEMPORARY SYSTEM OF FIRE WARDENS FOR THE PUBLIC HALL

Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the decision made by the Town Clerk and Chair of Facilities in instigating a temporary system of fire wardens for the Public Hall.

188/17 TO RESOLVE TO OBTAIN A MINIMUM OF THREE COMPETITIVE QUOTATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HALL COMPLEX FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEM AS IDENTIFIED IN THE FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to obtain a minimum of three competitive quotations for improvements to the Public Hall Complex fire detection and alarm system as identified in the Fire Risk Assessment.

189/17 TO RESOLVE TO REFER THE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUOTATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HALL COMPLEX FIRE DOORS TO FULL COUNCIL

Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to refer the consideration of quotations for improvements to the Public Hall Complex fire doors to Full Council.

190/17 TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL USE OF THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF THE TOWNS PUBLIC TOILETS AS SITES FOR INFORMATION BOARDS

The committee were generally in favour of the use of the Public Toilets as potential sites for information boards but requested that the item be referred to the Communications and Engagement Committee for their consideration in the first instance.

191/17 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence that had been received either by email or social media had been discussed in item 181/17

192/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Facilities Committee would be held on Tuesday 19 SEPTEMBER 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber.