

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT a MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Long Room on Tuesday 25 July 2017 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, Ian Goldsworthy, Jenny Haley, Roger Holmes, Jane Pascoe, Sue Pike, Tony Powell, and Naomi Taylor.

Member of the Public – Pete Warman – Cornwall Wildlife Trust (Yellow Fish Project)

The Mayor advised the meeting of Housekeeping matters

193/17 APOLOGIES

None.

194/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE

The Mayor declared an interest in agenda item 10, Councillor Goldsworthy in agenda item 19 and Cheque 102957 in the Schedule of Payments and Councillor Ambler in the Pc Kernow D/D on the Schedule of Payments.

195/17 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017

The Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2017.

196/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Pete Warman – explained the context of the Yellow Fish project which had been extended to Liskeard. He said that the advice was well received as it was confidential and delivered by a non-statutory body. He indicated that the funding for the initiative was dependent upon the £10,000 Environment Agency grant being confirmed and a match funding £10,000 from the South West Water also being approved. Subject to the finalisation of the details of the scheme, a request for funding from local partners including the Town Council would be made.

Councillors particularly noted:

- The appropriate stickers could be supplied to the Council as, in addition, to the three public conveniences operated by the Council, the Public Hall and Foresters Hall toilets could be included in the scheme.
- The supply chain for the cooking oil industry did not include warnings to purchasers about the safe disposal of the used cooking oil.

197/17 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – All items were the subject of agenda reports or had been reported to the 6th June Council meeting.

198/17 BUDGET – for the next meeting:

- Miscellaneous – to provide a breakdown of the budget line to consider whether individual budget line entries were required.
- Elections – once the cost of the recent election is known report the balance of the released reserve.

199/17 GRANT APPLICATION – MS MERLIN CENTRE

Following discussion, the Deputy Mayor proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** not to provide grant support for this project.

200/17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION (LGBC) – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CORNWALL – (deferred from the 27th June 2017 Council meeting)

Following much consideration and discussion, Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the response to the LGBC be that the figure of 87 Cornwall Councillors be supported, subject to:

1. rebalancing the number of electors per Liskeard and Looe CNA Councillor from 348 more than the Cornwall average, to the Cornwall average.
2. that the greater travel distance and time required for Councillors travelling to Truro from Liskeard / East Cornwall be recognised as impacting upon the attendance of meetings at Truro and effectively making them whole day events.
3. that the remuneration be set, with a view to encouraging more candidates of working age to stand.

201/17 FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE BALANCE OF THE CURRENT ACCOUNT, THE RESERVES AND THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN ACCOUNTS

Following discussion, which included reporting to the next meeting the possibility of investing further reserves, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Powell seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** a). That the accounts (Current Account Lloyds TSB £128,822.27 and Business Investment Lloyds TSB £122,831.14) be closed and the funds transferred to the Cornwall Council interest earning holding account. b). That £150,000 be placed in a one-year bond with United Trust Bank.

8.43 The Mayor left the meeting.

202/17 AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIODIC LOAN OF AN ITEM OF SILVERWARE TO AN INSTRUCTOR AT HMS RALEIGH (27th June 2017 Council agreed to the principle, subject to the receipt of an appropriate Risk Assessment)

Following discussion, the Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to receive and approve the Risk Assessment enabling the commencement of the loan arrangement.

8.47 The Mayor returned to the meeting.

203/17 HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT 2017/2018

Subject to the alteration of the “company’s” to the “Councils”, Councillor Haley proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the Health and Safety Policy Statement 2017/2018.

204/17 CCTV UPDATE ON THE BID FOR GRANT SUPPORT TO UPGRADE THE CURRENT CCTV SYSTEM

Pending receipt of the formal decision on the Councils’ grant application to the Office of the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner, it was agreed that the number of businesses possessing their own CCTV systems in the town centre be ascertained, together with any statistics that Police might have regarding the usefulness of town centre CCTV.

205/17 LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Mayor and Councillors welcomed Councillor Naomi Taylor on her election to the Council.

206/17 DEVOLUTION – INITIAL PROPOSAL FORM

The update was noted.

207/17 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

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

208/17 CORRESPONDENCE Liskeard Bookshop – 17th July 2017 – The Mayor reported that she had visited the bookshop. The shop had been broken into with the door damaged and petty cash taken.

The Town Clerk reported that further to the circulation of the 14th July 2017 e-mail from NHS Kernow, they had said that they would be able to reserve two places at consultation events. The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Powell had confirmed their willingness to attend the consultation events.

209/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Tuesday 26 September 2017

9.13 Councillor Goldsworthy left the meeting.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Pike seconded and the Committee RESOLVED to move into PARTII

210/17 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;

AGRI HUB BID – EMPLOYMENT SITE DEMAND STUDY

211/17 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public were readmitted to the meeting.