

## Liskeard Town Council

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty (in the Chair)  
Councillors – David Ambler, David Braithwaite, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid, Julian Smith, and Naomi Taylor.  
Mayor’s Chaplain – Reverend Andrew Day.  
Town Clerk – Stephen Vinson

Members of the Public – Alex Denney (Project Advisor – Making Space for Nature – Cornwall Council – virtual participant) and Richard Reardon (Personal assistant – to Councillor Anette Lee-Julian).

The Mayor’s Chaplain Reverend Andrew Day shared his thoughts with the Council and member of the public and then lead them in a prayer for their work.

250 / 22      **APOLOGIES** – The Mayor Councillor Simon Cassidy and Councillors Rachel Brooks and Tony Powell.

251 / 22      **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

252 / 22      **MAYOR’S REMARKS** – The Deputy Mayor made the following observations:

- **HMS RALEIGH - 14<sup>th</sup> October** – The Deputy Mayor and Mayor had attended the lunch and passing out parade at the invitation of Captain Jane Roe RN, Commanding Officer of HMS RALEIGH.
- **Trafalgar Night – 21<sup>st</sup> October** – The Deputy Mayor and Consort and the Mayor had attended the annual Royal Naval Association Trafalgar night celebration. The Town Council owned Muffineer was the subject of a presentation which the attendees much appreciated.

253 / 22      **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE (A) THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR CHOOSING MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022** – Subject to the change, Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE (B) THE MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING** – The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE (C) THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** – Subject to the change, Councillor Reid proposed, and Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE (D) THE MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 COUNCIL MEETING** – Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Dorling second and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

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254 / 22      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Alex Denney (Project Advisor – Making Space for Nature – Cornwall Council). Spoke to a presentation (attached) which set the context and delivery of the Making Space for Nature project in Liskeard. This included the Castle Park site which is being “Devolved” to the Town Council. The other sites being St Martins Churchyard and Lanchard Woods. An issue was raised by a Councillor. The main points were:

- Castle Park – 2.4 Hectares site. Mixed use park and amenity grass areas, play equipment, 37 fruit trees, 4 new picnic benches and new footpaths. Achieved a “Building with Nature” award. There is a Community Toolbox installed in the Scout hut area. (The Facilities Manager has been given the key). Survey response quote “My garden backs onto Castle Park and I have lived here over 40 years. I really appreciate the new paths, benches and landscaping.”
- St Martins Churchyard – 1.5 hectares site. Management plan to increase bio-diversity. Site already home to the Yellow Meadow Ant. New seeding includes Yellow Rattle which competes with some of the tougher grasses.
- Lanchard Woods – 1.8 hectares site. Improvements include a new culvert to reduce flooding from the surface water run-off and an upgraded timber inset footpath. A lot of help from volunteers including scything days to keep paths open. Ideally, a circular walking route could be created. Veteran Oak Tree status has been given to one of the oak trees.
- Lanchard Woods – Collapsed Wall and Fencing – the councillor had reported the collapsed wall and the appearance of fencing on land that might be privately owned. However, it impacted public access to and enjoyment of the Woods. The site is managed by a different team, but they would pass on the follow up comments.

No speakers from any of the grant applicants.

255 / 22      **GRANT APPLICATIONS – A. HEALTHY CORNWALL – “COOKWISE” COURSE INCLUDING PURCHASE OF SLOW COOKERS (£500)** – Following discussion, the Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** the application and request the further information needed. **B. BABY BASICS – PURCHASE “GOPAK” TABLES AND CHAIRS (£500)** – Following discussion, Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to indicate to the applicants, the possible availability of the items from the Methodist Church and Elliot House, and **REFER** to the Facilities Committee the decision, with the Council **RECOMMENDATION** that the grant be approved if needed. **C. ST MARTINS CHURCH – CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT / CHRISTINGLE EVENT (£500)**. Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the grant of £500.

256 / 22      **TOWN CLERK – CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE AND POLICY ADOPTION TRAINING – MINUTE 175/22** Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to follow the advice of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (C.A.L.C.) and defer the Town Council’s adoption of the Civility and Respect Pledge until the roll of sufficient Councillor and Staff training.

257 / 22 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.
- b. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- c. Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

258 / 22 **RFO REPORTS (9-15)** – In response, to Councillor questions, it was confirmed that a breakdown of the Town Council's actual reserves was available this included that element being used to fund current year expenditure and into nominated reserves and the unallocated reserves.

259 / 22 **BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23** – In response, to Councillor questions, it was confirmed that any difference in the current years' salaries might be covered by the difference in the profit and loss account or the reserves. The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note and approve the budget monitoring report.

260 / 22 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Asking for clarification on the number of anti-virus licenses purchased and the Canadian import charges, Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments.

261 / 22 **AGED DEBTORS** – Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillors Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the report on aged debtors.

262 / 22 **EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT AND CERTIFICATE 2021/2022** – Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/2022.

263 / 22 **INSURANCE** – Following consideration, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the quote from Aviva totalling £21,807.05 with a three year rating stability agreement for the Town Council's insurance as recommended by brokers.

264 / 22 **DRAFT BUDGET SETTING 2022/2023** – Following initial consideration, it was noted that the position on the general reserves would need to be taken into account going forward and the Roundbury project would need to be included again in the project costs.

265 / 22 **CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT UPDATE** – Noted.

266 / 22 **COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES** - Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve Councillor Naomi Taylor as the Town Council representative on the Liskeard & District Sports Association (L&DSA).

267 / 22 **Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe gave the following update:**

"The work to complete the Old Road/West Street traffic calming scheme will be scheduled in once the scaffold has been removed from Westbourne House.

I attended the NOSC meeting in Truro as the Fire Control Partnership was on the Agenda. The meeting was well attended by the Fire service and some from our station in Liskeard. The committee agreed to hold a task and finish inquiry, where they will investigate and consider all the details regarding this important issue.

CNP REVIEW. Workshops have taken place with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the CNAs in Cornwall and there will be a reduction in the number of areas, possibly down to 12.

The Consultation has been sent out to local members and I believe now to Parish Councils, although I suspect not in time for this Agenda.

I shall be interested to listen to your views. There is a proposal for Liskeard/ Looe and the Gateway CNAs to join together. There will be an Extraordinary meeting of the Network Panel on Monday 14th November 18.00- 20.00

#### Shared Prosperity Fund.

Last week the New Cornwall and IOS Economic Prosperity Board was established to consider how to invest the Shared Prosperity Fund.

It is made up of Councillors from Cornwall Council and IOS. At the next meeting they will be considering 25 applications for funding totalling £15 million.

There are 4 categories of the SPF Good Growth Programme.

- Strategic Business, Enterprise, Research and Development £18.7m
- Cultural Events and Talent Programme £4.4m
- Culture/Heritage led Regeneration and Skills £10.82m
- Town, Rural & Coastal, High Street Development & Skills. £4.4m

#### Virgin Cosmic Girl.

Cosmic Girl the adapted Jumbo jet touched down at the Cornwall Spaceport last week, marking the beginning of the exciting Space Programme in Cornwall.

This will inspire many young people into ground-breaking research and will put Cornwall on the global map.

We are approaching the winter and the increasing cost of energy is detrimental to many residents' well-being. It may be appropriate to ask everyone to be vigilant and check on neighbours' particularly more senior and vulnerable members of the local community who may not be able to keep warm.

Community Energy Plus are an advisory group set up to give householders in Cornwall advice and assistance with the rise in the cost of living.

Contact details: Tel 0800 954 1956. [www.cep.org.uk](http://www.cep.org.uk) email: [advice@cep.org.uk](mailto:advice@cep.org.uk) Cornwall Council Sustainable Warmth Fund [www.cornwall.gov.uk/winterwellbeing](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/winterwellbeing).

Liskeard Prime stock Show. Saturday 29th October in the Cattle Market Site.

Judging for the livestock at 10.30am and also the grains, crops and forage.

All other classes, which include the arts, floral, baked, YFC competitions will be exhibited in the Wesley Church Hall rooms. Entries in by 24th October, deliver 4-6pm on 28th and judging will be at 7.00pm.

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**Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker gave the following update:**

**“South West Water’s road closure on St Cleer Road** - was continuing to cause issues, particularly for residents who live on Coldstyle Road and Tremeddan Lane along the informal diversion route. I am keeping in close contact with South West Water and their contractor Kier to provide updates on the works, currently looking like they will finish a week early. It was very disappointing South West Water undertook no engagement with the wider community or Liskeard Town Council.

**Lux Park Leisure Centre** - Following complaints about the service at Lux Park, I arranged for a site visit with Cllr Smith and Cllr S Cassidy to look at the leisure centre facilities with their general manager. Improvements had been made to the changing area and a refurbishment would happen next year. Many of the facilities have not been refurbished since Caradon District Council managed the centre pre-2009. GLL were looking for an operator to run the café, local businesses and traders are being asked to consider running the café business at Lux Park.”

268 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

269 / 22 **CORRESPONDENCE** – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Cornwall Council – Community Network Review: The Future of Cornwall’s Area Partnerships. Noted

270 / 22 **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PARTII**.

271 / 22 **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 items of Business:**

22. **ROUNDBURY SITE** – To note the Planning Authorities response to the pre-application. To note our agent’s feedback from the landowner’s agent.

23. **LISKEARD REDEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP** – To note the unapproved minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

272 / 22 **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 were readmitted to the meeting.**

The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Reid seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the decisions made in **PARTII**.

273 / 22 **ROUNDBURY SITE** – That the draft tender be agreed and finalised and then a consultant sought.