

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor - Councillor Simon Cassidy (in the Chair)

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty

Councillors – David Ambler, David Braithwaite, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee-Julian Ian Goldsworthy, Jane Pascoe and Naomi Taylor.

Mayor’s Chaplain – Reverend Andrew Day.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Members of the Public – Bryan Ugalde (Liskeard Radio – Agenda Item 6a) and Lois Taylor (Dance Centred – Agenda Item 6b).

The Mayor’s Chaplain Reverend Andrew Day related that this would be his last Council attendance as he was moving to Minehead. He related his recent experience at a funeral and drew analogy with the Council’s work and the lives of individuals. The Mayor thanked Andy for all of his efforts as Mayor’s Chaplain and in the wider community.

559 / 22 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Rachel Brooks, Lori Reid, and Julian Smith.

560 / 22 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Councillor Ambler – Liskeard Radio (Agenda Item 6a.) and (Agenda Item 14.) and Ian Goldsworthy – non registerable (Agenda Item 14).

561 / 22 **MAYOR’S REMARKS** – The Mayor made the following observations:

- Coronation Events - The Mayor reported that a meeting had been held to discuss the holding of Coronation Events. The Lions were explaining there is a national problem with the insurance cover to deliver road closures no longer possible. There are also local issues that mean, that any future events, might be impacted.
- Commemorative Tree Planting – Thorn Park - The Mayor and Deputy Mayor had planted a tree commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Passmore Edwards who had provided the local library and the hospital.
- The Mayor noted that a new Sector Inspector had been appointed and the Mayor had asked for an urgent meeting to discuss the issue of knife crime that was being reported in social media.
- The Mayor reported that the India Jolly, the Museum Coordinator had obtained a full time Museum Curator job with Newton Abbott Town Council. He wished her well and all the best in her new job. Councillors Craker and Lee-Julian were reviewing the job description etc.

562 / 22 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 28TH FEBRUARY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 28th February 2023.

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563 / 22 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Bryan Ugalde (Liskeard Radio - Agenda Item 6.a) – spoke in support of the application.

Lois Taylor (Dance Centred CIC – Agenda Item 6.b) – spoke in support of the application. In response to questions from Councillors:

- Eligible Costs – the degree of separation of the Dance Together activity programme from the central costs salaries etc. was questioned. – The programme of activity is separate. A number of other instructors will be bought in as programme is approved and delivered. The project might not progress or in a reduced form if external funding is not forthcoming.
- External Funding – how is the securing of external funding going? – The Coop have committed the base funding which might be increased further. Others will need to be secured.

Councillor Ambler left the meeting.

564 / 22 **GRANT APPLICATIONS – A. LISKEARD RADIO – APPLICATION FOR £270.60 TOWARDS THE COST OF HIRING THE PUBLIC HALL FOR A FUND RAISING EVENT TO MARK THE 10 YEARS’ SINCE SET UP OF THE LISKEARD RADIO (£270.60 - CONTRIBUTION)** – Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the grant.

Councillor Ambler returned to the meeting.

565 / 22 **GRANT APPLICATIONS – B. DANCE CENTRED CIC – APPLICATION FOR £625 TOWARDS THE COST OF HOLDING A “DANCE TOGETHER” PROGRAMME OF 27 WEEKLY DANCE AND EXERCISE CLASSES FROM APRIL 2023 – MARCH 2024** - Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Lee Julian seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £625.

566 / 22 **TOWN CLERK – UPDATE** – None. The items are covered in the agenda.

567 / 22 **COMMITTEE MEETING – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 21st February 2023.
- b. Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Special Facilities Committee held on 23rd February 2023.
- c. Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on 9th March 2023.
- d. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 16th March 2023.

568 / 22 **RFO REPORTS** – (For Information – balances, Cattle Market Makers financial update and Internal Audit). Noted.

569 / 22 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2022/2023** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept and note the budget monitoring report to 28th February 2023.

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570 / 22 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Noting the Fountain SSE Electricity is an estimate until an actual charge is confirmed the Mayor proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments.

571 / 22 **CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT** – Noted.

572 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCIL CCTV MONITORING RESPONSE (ATTACHED)** – Following an update and discussion, it was agreed the Council should continue to monitor the situation and support the development of options going forward with the emphasis on joint working to achieve economies of scale and involve key partners such as, the Police and Safer Liskeard.

Councillors Ambler and Goldsworthy left the meeting.

573 / 22 **CORONATION CELEBRATIONS ILLUMINATION – UPDATE (MINUTE 508/22 28TH FEBRUARY 2023 COUNCIL.** – The Town Clerk clarified that the permanent illumination at the Guildhall had been considered by the Facilities Committee during its budget setting last year. It was considered beneficial in several respects. However, the Public Hall Phase 2 Refurbishment (including toilets etc.) had been considered a more urgent project to progress as part of the programme of works. Since, then last months' Council meeting had agreed to support "Commemorative Lighting" with new funding taken from the reserves. The original Guildhall permanent lighting proposal appears a cost-effective approach compared with a temporary illumination. The owner of Webb's House had just agreed to that element of the proposal.

It was decided to obtain:

- Other quotes for the temporary lighting solution – over the places (Guildhall, Fountain and front of the Webb's House).
- Other quotes for the permanent lighting solution to the Guildhall only.

(Check if there had been an earlier version of the Guildhall lighting at £1,200.) Given the very short timescales, the Mayor confirmed that a Special Council might need to be held.

Councillors Ambler and Goldsworthy returned to the meeting.

574 / 22 **COUNCIL MEETING FREQUENCY (MINUTE 508/22 – 28TH FEBRUARY 2023 COUNCIL)** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to retain the holding of monthly Council meetings rather than alternating Council and Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee meetings in successive months.

575 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES: Nick Craker:**

- **Devolution deal** for Cornwall consultation results were now published. 69% of public were against the deal, specifically a new governance model with directly elected mayor. However, a representative survey of 1,000 people from across Cornwall indicated support for the deal. This would now be sent to Cabinet and then Full Council for a decision on what to do next, including a decision on whether a referendum is required.
- **Electric car charging points** had been installed in Westbourne and Sungirt with Rapsons due to follow soon. Cornwall Council had match funding from the ERDF.
- **Liskeard Library** had been granted funding from SPF to complete the library refurbishment, expected completion end of 2023, all being well. 138/22

- **Liskeard WorkShed** construction delayed again, completion now expected end of June 2023. Daniel from Foundry Asset Management is now in post to manage the co-working space and outdoor events area, he would be at the community fair to talk about the plans for the WorkShed.

Jane Pascoe:

- **Fire & Rescue Critical Control Centre** Following a robust review Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee voted unanimously for the Fire & Rescue Critical Control Service Centre to remain in Cornwall.
- **CCTV Monitoring Service** A further review will be undertaken for the CCTV Monitoring service at Tolvaddon and the Towns that use the services will be consulted.
- **Liskeard and Looe Community Network Area** The last meeting of the Liskeard and Looe Community Network Area will be at Lanreath Village Hall on 24th April 7.00pm, this will be an informal face to face meeting and a chance to network with the other parishes and discuss the next steps for our future amalgamation with the Gateway CNA.
- **Car Parking Charges Changes** – Cllr Pascoe continues to object in the strongest terms regarding the changes to the car park tariffs, including the new tariff for Sundays.

576 / 22 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted. Councillor Taylor thanked Councillor Craker for his support in helping to deal the 20+ people who had attend the last Planning Committee regarding a contentious project.

577 / 22 **CORRESPONDENCE** – Malcolm Mort – Blue Plaque Request – late Owen Sivell – It was recalled that this request had been discussed last year more than 6 months having passed. The same items raised were still valid – he is already recognised by the late Queen with the award of an M.B.E., already has recognition in the naming of the industrial estate road after him (as Chair of the Employment Committee which commenced the project), is it the correct use of the Blue Plaque Scheme in any case, a number of past Mayors’ (and other people) have done a lot for the town over the years at what point do you draw the line/. – The correspondence was noted.

578 / 22 **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 25th April 2023 at 7.30 pm

Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to move into PARTII.

579 / 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 item of Business:

20. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group (attached) – To receive the notes of the 6th March 2023 meeting.

580 / 22 PARTII - 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.

Councillor K Cassidy proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the discussions and decisions made in PARTII.