

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor – Councillor Simon Cassidy – in the chair

Councillors – David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Mayors' Chaplain – Teresa Conway – Salvation Army.

Members of the Public – Pip Harris (Liskeard Resident), Tracy Adams - (Business Owner "Jane Louise" – Liskeard Traders Association / Liskeard Traders Town Projects Ltd. – see agenda item 16). and Lin Moore – (Business Owner "The Shoe Shop" Liskeard Traders Association / Liskeard Traders Town Projects Ltd. – see agenda item 16).

The Mayor's Chaplain spoke of the issue of homelessness affecting people's ability to live their lives to enable them to reach their full potential. She also considered the terrible impact on civilians of the conflict in Gaza and the war in Ukraine. She led the Council and members of the public in praying for all those affected by war.

271 / 23 **APOLOGIES** – The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Nick Craker and Tony Powell.

272 / 23 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Councillor Smith – Director – Liskeard Traders Town Projects Ltd. - Agenda Item 16 – Liskeard Traders Town Projects Ltd. Support of the grant application.

273 / 23 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a minutes silence for all those affected by terrorism and conflict such as was seen in Gaza and the war in Ukraine.

- 29th September 2023 – Macmillan Coffee Morning – the Mayor thanked the Council staff for organising the coffee morning which was well supported. He attended the Safer Liskeard pop-up with the Police and partners. He also had a catch up with the Liskeard Traders.
- 30th September 2023 – the Mayor attended the official opening of the Liskeard Library. It was great to finally see the reopening of a key asset in the town-centre as it had been greatly missed. The Mayor thanked Real Ideas Organisation (RIO) and Cornwall Council for their ongoing investment in the town.
- 3rd October 2023 – with Liskeard-in-Bloom and Councillor Jane Pascoe attended the presentation event at Truro Cathedral at which the town received a Gold Award for both the Town and Fore Street as well as an award for the residents of Culverland Park.
- 12th October 2023 – the Ministry of Defense informed the Town Council that it had now achieved Bronze award level under Defense Employers Recognition Scheme.
- 13th October 2023 – The Mayor commended Hillfort School on achieving a "Good" inspection rating from OFSTED meaning all three major schools in Liskeard were now rated as "Good".
- 14th October 2023 – The Mayor attended the monthly Farmers Market at the Workshed.
- 15th October 2023 – The Mayor thanked Councillor Julian Smith for arranging another Liskeard Business forum and thanked our MP Sherryl Murray for attending. 60/23

- 21st October 2023 – Trafalgar Day – The Mayor had visited the grave of Captain John Richards Lapenotiere, who brought the news of the Victory at Trafalgar back to England in 1805. Captain Lapenotiere is buried in Menheniot.
- 22nd October 2023 – The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Liskeard Royal Naval Association dinner at Hannafore Point Hotel with Councillor Jane Pascoe.
- 25th October 2023 – The Mayor met with the RBL Chaplain, his own Chaplain and the Church Warden at St Martins Church to discuss the upcoming Remembrance Day events.
- 25th October 2023 – The Mayor visited the Salvation Army Citadel and met with people attending the latest Alpha Course. This was followed by a visit to the Salvation Army Shop where he met volunteers.
- 25th October 2023 – The Mayor was invited to the Youth Council where he undertook a Q & A session. The main areas raised were around, when were we likely to see a fast food restaurant in Liskeard, as well as issues around public safety, schools and street lighting.
- 27th October 2023 – the Mayor and Town Clerk had a virtual meeting with Bogdan Kelichavyi – Mayor of Kopychyntsi, a town in Ukraine, which has many similarities to Liskeard. The possibilities of establishing a twinning link were discussed and the Mayor asked Councillors if they agree that such a link should be made. Councillors agreed in principle to this. The Mayor will undertake further meetings and establish a draft twinning document to be sent to the next full council meeting in November.
- 27th October 2023 – The Mayor presented the Liskeard & District Flower Arrangement Club – with a framed certificate to celebrate their Emerald Anniversary 55 years’ service to the town.
- 28th October 2023 – the annual Primestock Show was held in the cattle market and was well attended despite the torrential rain. The Mayor said he hoped Cornwall Council would allow the farming community to use this space more often, as it was great to see cattle and the farming community maintain a place in the former cattle market. He thanked Councillor Pascoe for her ongoing efforts to support this aspiration.
- 28th October 2023 – The Workshed was officially opened by Councillor Pauline Giles Chair of Cornwall Council. The Mayor symbolically, presented the original 1905 “Key to the Market” to Councillor Giles at the start of the opening. In addition, the original Cattle Market Bell was loaned by the Liskeard and District Museum and the Mayor thanked them all for their help in ensuring this was made possible. The Mayor also thanked Councillors Craker and Pascoe as well as Mr. Paul Pascoe for all their help in safely moving the bell.
- 29th October 2023 – The Mayor helped members of the Liskeard RBL in dressing the roundabout near Pets at Home with Poppies in preparation for Remembrance.
- 29th October 2023 – The Mayor attended the Caradon Swimming Clubs Golden Anniversary event to present them with a certificate to mark their 50 years of service to our town and thanked all volunteers and sponsors past and present for their support.
- 31st October 2023 – The Mayor thanked all Councillors’ for their support in opposing plans to close the Ticket Office at Liskeard Station after the Government today made a U-turn around these proposals. He also thanked members of the Trade Unions for their steadfast approach.

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TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023 COUNCIL

MEETING – Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2023.

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275 / 23 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Lin Moore - (Business Owner “The Shoe Shop” – Liskeard Traders Association / Liskeard Traders Town Projects Ltd. – see agenda item 16 - spoke in support of the Liskeard Traders Town Project application at Agenda Item 16 and asked for the Town Council to give the project its support.

276 / 23 **GRANT APPLICATION** – None.

277 / 23 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – All items covered on the agenda.

278 / 23 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 19th September 2023.
- b. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the 2nd October 2023 Planning Committee.

279 / 23 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, CATTLE MARKET MAKERS PROJECT FINANCIAL UPDATE, INTERNAL AUDIT, BUDGET SETTING, TRUST UPDATE, INSURANCE BROKERS)** – In considering the report, the amount being used from the reserves to support this years’ expenditure was not present in the figures, but would be an important part in budget and precept setting.

280 / 23 **BUDGET MONITORING 2023/2024** – The amount earned from the filming would be reported as would the variation against the 4010 Facilities Committee figure. Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget report to 31 August 2023.

281 / 23 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve Schedule of Payments.

282 / 23 **AGED DEBTORS** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the report on aged debtors and **APPROVE** the write off of invoices for £70.10 and £64.80 both outstanding for more than 90 days.

283 / 23 **ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL** - Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** renewal of the insurance with AVIVA at a total cost of £23,614.74 including taxes and charges and enter into a three-year long term arrangement.

284 / 23 **GOOD GROWTH CORNWALL & ISLES OF SCILLY – SHARED PROSPERITY FUND – COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUND (SEE ATTACHED IN PART II A. GRANT OFFER LETTER B. APPLICATION FORM)** – In general discussion, it was noted that the feasibility study would look at the range of possible disabled access and community use options. Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the grant offer letter in respect of the Guildhall project.

285 / 23 **CORNWALL COUNCIL – ELECTIONS OFFICE (LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL CENTRAL WARD – VACANCY APPLICATION FORM)** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the cooption process as set out in the report.

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286 / 23 **LISKEARD TOWN TRADERS PROJECTS LTD. COMMUNITY CAPACITY FUND**

APPLICATION (SEE ATTACHED IN PARTII) – There was a general discussion on the project which was seen to have merit. The feasibility study should look at a range of issues relating to the proposal. Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council voted 2 in support v 3 against on the wording “to fully support, *in principle*, the grant application submission of the Liskeard Traders Town Regeneration Project. Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council voted 5 in support v 5 against (by the casting of the Mayor as Chair of the meeting in support) “to fully support the grant application submission of the Liskeard Traders Town Regeneration project.

287 / 23 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** – Councillor Jane Pascoe

“I was honoured to transport and accompany Liskeard in Bloom volunteers to Truro cathedral for the RHS Britain in Bloom awards and delighted they were awarded the Gold Pennant Award for the floral displays in Liskeard. Congratulations and our sincere thanks to them all. We should never underestimate how much their tireless efforts impact on the aesthetics of our town. I attended the opening of the Library, which has returned to its rightful place in the building given to the townspeople by philanthropist Passmore Edwards. It was interesting to see the internal improvements. The number of visitors to the Library has been missed and I do hope that the reopening will attract them back into the town centre. I have received some positive feedback, but it should be mentioned some people are disappointed with the reduction in the number of books. I was pleased to welcome Cornwall Councillor Louis Gardner, Cabinet member and Portfolio holder for Economic Growth to Liskeard to discuss the Guildhall Project application and for him to gain a good understanding of the renovation that is needed along with other projects in the area. Undoubtedly it was a useful visit, and I am pleased that we have a good outcome with that application.

The SE Cornwall CAP Climate Change working group have met, and it was useful to have a sample of actions that some of the Parish Councils have undertaken to work towards a reduced carbon footprint. A list of actions from every Parish in our CAP will be helpful to present to the Cornwall Council.

I also attended the launch of the East Primary Health Care Hub in The Lighthouse premises. There was an interesting presentation, and this facility will provide support for many people.

Last Friday I was invited to go to Hillfort School with the MP Sheryll Murray to open the Nature Classroom at Hillfort School. The pupils told me they enjoyed their outdoor lessons. I also was able to congratulate the new Head Boy and Head Girl.

The 102nd Primestock Show took place on Saturday and coincided with the Chairman of Cornwall Council, Cllr Pauline Giles officially opening the Workshed in the Cattle Market.

Despite the weather there was a good turnout of stock and spectators, and the exhibits were on display in the Workshed. There was much interest in the plans for the remainder of the Cattle Market site.

During the event John Hesketh and John Crompton of Liskeard in Bloom received a special community award, handmade especially for the Chairman of Cornwall Council, in recognition of their voluntary work in the local community.

This morning I joined the Community Speed Watch volunteers in New Road. I have recently used my Community Chest Fund to purchase weatherproof flash jackets for the volunteers working in our area.

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They would like to recruit more volunteers and are keen to outline that the commitment can be a little as an hour every 3 months. Their work is crucial to reducing speed in built up areas and saving lives.

I also attended Safer Liskeard and was able to thank them for the recent work in Melbourne Road. Messages will be going out to “keep safe” for Bonfire night. Please ask people to behave responsibly and if possible, join an organised display.

Finally, it is great news that the ticket office closures are to be scrapped. The consultation revealed 57825 objections 100 supporters. In Liskeard the number of objectors was 278. Well done to the people in the Liskeard area for responding to the consultation.”

288 / 23 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted

289 / 23 **CORRESPONDENCE** – 10th October 2023 – Fran Dennison – Liskeard Resident – Reduction in Number 11 Bus Service. The impact on those accessing educational provision and employment opportunities and health services needed to be considered against the operating costs and passenger use of a service. Councillor Brooks proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to write to both Cornwall Council and Go Bus asking for a meeting to discuss the issue.

290 / 23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 28th November 2023 at 7.30 pm Council.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PARTII**

291 / 23 **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:

21. **Roundbury and Implementation Assessment for the Provision of Sports Pitches and Related Recreational Facilities)** – To update on passing the Council’s resolution to partners and our agent on working with partners to carry out the recommended Option 2 at Roundbury.
22. **Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group** – a). To note the minutes of the 13th September 2023 meeting and b). the draft minutes the 11th October 2023 meeting.
23. **Documents relating to Agenda Items in the Open Session which are “Commercial in Confidence” or PARTII from Public Bodies** – 14. Good Growth Cornwall & Isles of Scilly – Community Capacity Fund (a. Grant Offer letter) and 16. Liskeard Traders Town Projects Ltd. Community Capacity Fund Application.

292 / 23 **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.

293 / 23 The Mayor proposed, Councillor Lee-Julian seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in PARTII namely,

21. Roundbury and Implementation Assessment for the Provision of Sports Pitches and Related Recreational Facilities – To note the responses and confirm the approach outlined in the report.

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