

LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

AT a MEETING of the FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.00 p.m. there were present:

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor David Ambler – in the chair.

Councillors – Rachel Brooks, Simon Cassidy, Anna Clarke, Sally Hawken, Jane Pascoe, Sue Shand and Naomi Taylor.

Members of the Public – Councillor Judy Davidson MBE – Abigail Hunt – Office Administrator (both Redruth Town Council - two Redruth Youth Councillors (Ellen & Martha - current and former Chairs). Milly – Member of the Youth Parliament, Nick Craker (Cornwall Councillor Liskeard North) and John Hesketh (Clerk Menheniot Parish Council).

Town Clerk/RFO – Stephen Vinson

The Deputy Mayor advised the meeting of Housekeeping matters.

484/18 APOLOGIES – The Mayor, Councillors Ian Goldsworthy, Sandra Mitchell, Tony Powell and Julian Smith.

485/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE – Councillor Pascoe non-registerable interest Agenda Item 20, Councillor Brooks in Agenda 16 payment 511 and Councillor Cassidy potentially, a non-registerable interest in Agenda Item 17.

486/18 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2019 – Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Committee **APPROVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019.

487/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Ellen and Martha – Redruth Youth Councillors – spoke of the Youth Council and their experiences of it. Key points were as outlined below.

- They had been involved with the Youth Council since the age of 7.
- Redruth Town Council provided admin and financial support to the Youth Council of £1,000 a year.

- The Youth Council provided the Town Council with advice and guidance on relevant issues such as, the parks and play equipment.

Responses to Questions:

- They were most pleased with the impact that their involvement had on the provision and layout of play equipment by the town council.
- The benefits of including younger age ranges were that they engaged more honestly and consistently.
- The best way to get greater involvement of more young people was to go out and speak to them.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the team from Redruth from attending and giving their views and experiences. The team departed at this point.

488/18 YOUTH COUNCIL – Following discussion, Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council that: a Youth Council is set up on the same lines as Redruth, open to all young people aged 10-18 in Liskeard, and with an external facilitator. The Town Council would give the Youth Council an annual budget of a £1,000 and provide some administration.

Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council that: the Town Council helps to set up a Youth Network - which brings together local youth organisations and schools to work in ways they find helpful. That the Town Council would convene the initial meeting and could offer free meeting space but that, once it is established the Network would be self-sustaining. It might be useful for the Town Council to have one or more representatives at the Network meeting to ensure good communications.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** that: the Youth Council makes recommendations on youth grants and the final decision rests with Finance, Economic Development and General Purposes Committee.

The Town Clerk would obtain and report the views of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils on the appropriateness of making grants to individuals.

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council that: both individuals and organisations are eligible for the receipt of grants, up to a limit of £200 for individuals and £500 for organisations.

489/18 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – Minute 387/18 Dementia Friendly and Disability Confident – Noted.

490/18 BUDGET – Noted.

491/18 GRANT APPLICATIONS – Cornwall International Male Choral Festival – Regional Concert in Liskeard 4 May 2019 Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £250.

492/18 FUTURE PROJECTS – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Following discussion, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the ranking of the projects and activities as outlined in the report and listed below, subject to the taking out of Project E and the inclusion of Projects M, Q and R.

Priority 1 Short Term – Project D - Cattle Market

Priority 2 Short/Medium – Combined Project - Project A , B and C – innovation centre/business support hub/skills and training centre/superfast 'gigabyte' support. – Short – Medium Term (dependent on location if town centre short term or business park medium term).

Priority 3 Short Term – Ongoing – Project K - Sports Pitch and Recreation Provision Project – at Roundbury Parc.

Project M - Walking, Equestrian and Cycling Local Infrastructure Plan for Liskeard

Project Q - Community energy Scheme - encouraging developers to enable purchasers of new estate properties to benefit from renewable energy through bulk buying and installation of solar PV or thermal equipment on appropriately oriented houses.

Project R - Community energy Scheme - promote energy conservation and carbon reduction by facilitating community-led and funded renewable energy projects (e.g. through under-writing of grant applications)

493/18 CCTV UPDATE 2018/2019 – Following discussion, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve to development of CCTV options and invite the Police to attend a meeting of Council and make a presentation on the crime levels and public safety in the town centre.

494/18 CORNWALL COUNCIL – POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW – Noted.

495/18 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – The Town Clerk updated that a meeting had been held with the Chair and Clerk of Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council. A revision of the proposed new parish plan had been prepared and was circulated. John Hesketh (Clerk of Menheniot Parish Council – updated that Menheniot Parish had the item on their 21st March 2019 Council to discuss).

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the revised plan as circulated to form the basis of discussions with the neighbouring parishes and Cornwall Council.

496/18 BUS SHELTERS – The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the transfer of the ownership of the Town Council Bus Shelter assets to Cornwall Council for ongoing and maintenance.

497/18 GRANTS POLICY – Councillor Cassidy proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the changes to the grants policy outlined in the report subject to further modification and inclusions as below:

“Should a grant be awarded the Town Council requires as a condition of approval that the support of the Town Council is acknowledged in all relevant press releases, social media posts etc. and that the recipients of grants give feedback to the Town Council on the use of the monies awarded. This could include presenting information at the public annual meeting”

“Should the grant fund the purchase of an asset or service, which could be used by other community groups when not required, the applicant is encouraged to share the benefit.”

To add to the application form at the top of the text box “What is the total cost of your project?” The following text - “The Council cannot fund the normal ongoing operating costs of organisations. This application should not contain such costs.”

498/18 SHARPS WARNING SIGN – Councillor Cassidy proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the placement of sign at Sungirt toilets and erections of the supporting signage.

499/18 PAYMENTS SCHEDULE – Councillor Cassidy proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the payments schedule.

500/18 CORRESPONDENCE – 12th March 2019 - Darren Arulvasagam - Liskeard & Looe Christians Against Poverty. Noted and extend thanks for the provision of the service. Mark Hopwood GWR Notification that the consultation for the Williams Review of the railways is now open and runs until 31st May 2019. Noted. Agreed to circulate to all councillors and the Community Rail Partnership.

501/18 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 21 May 2019

20.37 Councillor Pascoe left the meeting at this point

Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to move into PARTII

502/18 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:

Agenda Item 20. Unit 1, Guildhall - to approve the issue of a new lease.

503/18 – The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Cassidy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in **PARTII** as set out below.

Unit 1, Guildhall – That the Committee APPROVES the granting of a new three year lease.