

Liskeard Town Council

AT A SPECIAL MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 8th August 2023 at 7.15 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor - Councillor Simon Cassidy

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty

Councillors – David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Lori Reid, Julian Smith and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Stephen Vinson

Facilities Manager – Jacqui Orange

Members of the Public – Matthew Barrett - (Ploughman’s Festival – see agenda item 5), Matthew Twornicki (Ploughman’s Festival – see agenda item 5), Jamie Hanlon (Enable Accessibility CIC – Disabled Allotments Project – Facilities Committee agenda).

152 / 23 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors David Ambler, Jane Pascoe, and Tony Powell.

153 / 23 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

154 / 23 **MAYOR’S REMARKS** – The Mayor updated on some of his recent engagements and an upcoming date.

- Charlie’s Funeral – the Mayor had attended Hillfort School to pay respects to the family of Charlie when the cortege passed at Hillfort School.
- Christmas Lights – the Mayor advised Councillors that the survey was now live and available both online and in paper form and asked Councillors to encourage residents to have their say.
- The Mayor expressed his sympathy to Matthew Twornicki who had recently lost his grandmother.
- 12th August at 10.00 am – Scouts Summer Fayre at Castle Park
- 13th August at 2.00 pm – at the War Memorial a wreath laying to mark VJ Day.
- 23rd September – the Lions are organising a “Fun Day” in Castle Park (this is in lieu of the Carnival).

155 / 23 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Matthew Twornicki and Matthew Barrett (both Ploughman’s Festival – agenda item 5) spoke in support of the application and answered questions from councillors.

- Fighting Fund – that they had generated since the commencement of the festival in 2014 was lost through both the 2019 weather wash out and the impact of COVID.
- Local Sourcing – many of the items, services and performers were local and hence there were business benefits to support the Ploughman’s Festival.
- Food Stall Fees – these had been increased, although a few stall holders had dropped out.
- Limited Grants Budget – to try and make the limited grants budget go further various options were considered and put to the vote including: £2,000 and £1,500.

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156 / 23 **GRANT APPLICATION – LISKEARD PLOUGHMAN’S FESTIVAL.** – Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £1,000 to the Liskeard Ploughman’s Festival.

157 / 23 **REMEMBRANCE DAY – ROAD CLOSURE** – It was noted that Contractor A was a not for profit Community Interest Company (CIC), that had carried out road closures in our town before in support of other organisations and was known to the RBL and Lions. Following consideration of the quotes, Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** Contractor A for the road closure with the cost for the road closure taken from the General Reserve and in future years included in the approved budgets as a Civic Event.

158 / 23 **CORRESPONDENCE** – The Town Clerk noted that day that all Councillors had been e-mailed and briefed regarding an issue with water penetration in the flat roof section connecting the Public Hall with the rest of the building. An initial quote from a contractor had been obtained. The Facilities Manager was meeting two further contractors later this week. This would enable quotes to be compared, but in which the speed with which the repairs could be carried out would be a relevant factor, as well as cost.

The point at which the water was dripping through the ceiling was close to lights and hence electrics. Subject to the costs and time in which the contractors could carry out the works, it was agreed by all Councillors present that due to the urgency under Financial Regulation 4.5 the decision to select and instruct the contractor be delegated to the Town Clerk with a report to go to the 29th August 2023 Council.

159 / 23 **DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** – 29th August 2023 at 7.30 pm