

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair

Councillors – Tracy Adams, Sylvia Berry, David Braithwaite, Kerry Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Annette Lee, Jane Pascoe, Lori Reid and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Mayor's Chaplain – Kevin Grant.

Members of the Public – Mark Andrews (Runner with the East Cornwall Harriers and Liskeard & District Sports Association Member) - see Agenda Item 17) – Tony Knightsbridge (Liskeard & District Sports Association Trustee) – see Agenda Item 17) – Sean Barbery – Supporting Councillor A Lee.

Mayor's Chaplain Kevin Grant asked for the Lord Blessing's on the work of the Town Council to improve things for the town. He also led the councillors and members of the public in the Lord's Prayer during this easter time.

444 / 24 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Rachel Brooks, Simon Cassidy, Ian Goldsworthy and Tony Powell.

445 / 24 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

446 / 24 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor noted that owing to the shorter than normal time having passed since the last meeting this report was shorter than usual.

- 5th April 2025 – Liskeard Community Fair Day – The Mayor thanked all of the Councillors who had been involved in the event which was very well attended by members of the public.

447 / 24 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 25TH MARCH 2025 COUNCIL MEETING** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Braithwaite and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the 25th March 2025 Council meeting.

448 / 24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Mark Andrews (Runner with the East Cornwall Harriers and Liskeard & District Sports Association member) introduced himself and Tony Knightsbridge (Liskeard & District Sports Association Trustee). He explained the role of the Liskeard & District Sports Association (LDSA) in bringing together a range of sports and activities into a single organisation. The LDSA was operating with some inadequate facilities and supported the proposed project to provide new facilities at Roundbury which was a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan. Now that it appeared that the project might be progressing the LDSA would like to be involved more closely with the planning phase of the Roundbury hence the letter to the Town Council (17.a).

- 449 / 24 **LISKEARD & DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION (LDSA) (ATTACHED 17.A.B.i)** - Following discussion, regarding progress that had been made in several respects Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Braithwaite and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the adoption of a more engaged process between the Liskeard and District Sports Association (LDSA) and the Town Council in the Roundbury Sports Pitches and Associated Facilities project.
- 450 / 24 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – CCTV Live Monitoring - It was noted that the previous arrangement with the Cornwall Council Fire & Rescue Service at Tolvaddon ceased on 31st March 2025. The new partners are Cornwall Council Highways, ENERVEO, Wadebridge Town Council, Bodmin Town Council and Liskeard Town Council.
- 451 / 24 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**
- a. Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Berry seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 18th March 2025.
 - b. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Lee seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 31st March 2025.
- 452 / 24 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, INTERNAL AUDIT, PRECEPT AND OTHER RECEIPTS)** – The report is noted.
- 453 / 24 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – It was noted that the BACS Payment 447 Voice Group – Web hosting, security and support - £202. This service is provided separately by a different contractor to the main IT services. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments totaling £67,196.02.
- 454 / 24 **BUDGET MONITORING 2024/2025** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the draft budget report to 28 February 2025 for monitoring purposes.
- 455 / 24 **EXTERNAL AUDITOR BDO LLP** - Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to make the annual declaration that there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP.
- 456 / 24 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024/2025** – Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Statement of Internal Controls 2025 and the Financial Risk Assessment 2025.
- 457 / 24 **LISKEARD TOWN VISION** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Berry seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the report.
- 458 / 24 **BT PHONE BOX REMOVAL CONSULTATION (ATTACHED 18.A.A.i.)** – It was reported that no response had yet been received from the landowner regarding permission to use the land. Furthermore, there was no approved budget to fund the item and it was noted that an alternative location might be a better place for a defibrillator. There was an adjacent layby for convenient road access. It was deferred for further consideration.

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459 / 24 **NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2025/2026 CIVIC YEAR** –
Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to
APPROVE the timetable outlined in the Town Clerks report.

460 / 24 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** –

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe reported: -

Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker reported: - Devolution – the placed based devolution package for Liskeard was now broadly agreed between LTC and CC. The work of finalising the many details, surveys and legal matters would now be able to progress. Whoever should be elected as the Cornwall Councillors after 1st May election would be able to take this forward after many years of work in the background.

Housing numbers – Liskeard Town Council recently responded to the ‘call for sites’. It was reported at the last Cornwall Council meeting that the target the new government housing target has imposed on Cornwall was around 80,000+ new homes, but the call for sites only generated around 18,000 new homes. This significant shortfall was a real concern for towns like Liskeard who, until now, had been meeting its housing target.

461 / 24 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

462 / 24 **CORRESPONDENCE** – 2nd April 2025 – Embassy of Ukraine in the United Kingdom. – Invitation to attend the 3rd Annual International Summit of Cities and Regions 6th June 2025. It was noted that several factors were relevant and should be in the response to the Embassy. That the Mayor would not be able to attend owing to another pre-arranged appointment. That the UK Government’s advice was not to travel to Kyiv. The advice from the Town Councils’ insurers was that insurance cover would not be proved. Given that other participants might be experiencing the same issues as the Town Council, would it be possible to participate in (or observe) virtually the Summit?. That later in the year, the Town Council is continuing to undertake initiatives with our Twin Town of Kopychyntsi in the Ternopil region of Ukraine.

463 / 24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 20th May 2025 at 7.30 pm Council.

464 / 24 Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PART II**

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:

24. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – To note the attached minutes of the 19th March 2025 meeting.

25. GUILDHALL TEMPORARY SITE MANAGEMENT (ATTACHED APPLICATION 25.A. AND BUSINESS PLAN 25.B) – To approve an application for a lease (with subletting provision) for the main hall, basement, and balcony area of the Guildhall.

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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.

465 / 24 The Mayor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to come out of **PART II** and **APPROVE** the resolution to lease the main hall, basement and balcony area of the Guildhall, to the tenant “Trivett Studios CIC” with the addition of “with the Council’s consent” added to the sub-letting clause.