

# LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

**AT a MEETING of the FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor David Ambler.

Councillors – Rachel Brooks, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken, Jane Pascoe, Tony Powell, Sue Shand and Naomi Taylor.

Members of the Public – John Lennon – (Liskeard Lights Up), Lisa Ince, Alan Mawby (both representing Liskeard Scouts), John Ede (ECCABI – Liskeard Together partner organisation) Tania Horrocks (Cornwall Housing – Liskeard Together partner organisation) and N. Pearce – Menheniot Parish.

Town Clerk – Stephen Vinson

The Mayor advised the meeting of Housekeeping matters.

**586/18 APOLOGIES** – Councillors Simon Cassidy and Julian Smith.

**587/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON REGISTERABLE** – The Mayor a possible non-registerable interest in agenda item 16, Councillor Brooks in agenda item 12 payment 582 and Councillor Taylor a non-registerable interest in agenda item 16.

**588/18 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019** – Subject to including at Minute 488D/18, “subject to advice from the Cornwall Association of Local Councils on the appropriateness of making grants to individuals” the Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Committee APPROVED the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**589/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – John Lennon – Liskeard Lights Up – spoke in support of the application and in answer to questions.

- Lights Up had real problems with attempting to raise sponsorship.
- The artists were paid a commercial rate to provide the skills that the event needed in order to be a success.

Alan Mawby Liskeard Scouts: - spoke in support of the application:

- A recent inspection had raised some issues in need of urgent attention. An application had been submitted to cover those items.
- There had been a subsequent meeting including several town councillors to discuss the best way forward with the scout hut.

**590/18 LISKEARD TOGETHER PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION** – Tania Horrocks (Cornwall Housing - Engagement Manager) and John Ede (ECCABI) – circulated two sets of papers as attached and spoke for information and in response to questions:

- 222 out of work residents in Liskeard - would undertake learning, including Moneybox financial capability training and basic skills development through participating in community projects.
- Outdoor and Indoor modules to meet a range of needs would be developed with community partners. In addition, to assisting with the personal development needs, the projects themselves should experience benefits.
- Participants would progress into volunteering, work placements, employment or training depending upon the individual and employer requirements.
- Independent evaluation would identify best practice for adoption by other areas.

**591/18 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** – All items completed or on the agenda.

**592/18 BUDGET** – Noted.

**593/18 GRANT APPLICATIONS** – Liskeard Lights Up – 2019 Event – Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Powell seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £2000.

Liskeard Scouts – Urgent Hut Improvements – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £2,000.

Scouts Kernow – Furry Dance – Following discussion, including the need to reduce the length of the Furry Dance route and for the applicant to show the benefits of the application, Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £446.

**594/18 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES 2019/2020 AND WORKPLAN** – Subject to inclusion of the Neighbourhood Plan projects within the relevant committee workplans, Councillor Powell proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the objectives for 2019/2020 and task the relevant committees with progressing them through work plans.

**595/18 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW** – The Chair of Planning, Councillor Powell spoke of the previously circulated revised plan drafted from the recommendations arising from the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Planning Committee. To take account, of the reported concern of Menheniot residents, the area had been reduced to leave out about two thirds of the residential properties. However, the extension of the town boundary to take into account, the existing and consented development and that outlined in various studies, remained a valid reason to submit a revision of the parish boundary.

Councillor Powell proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the revised plan as the basis of the submission to Cornwall Council on the Community Governance Review.

**596/18 FACILITIES COMMITTEE 14TH MAY 2019** – to confirm the resolutions made by the committee.

**596/18A ROUNDABOUT AGREEMENT** – With the modification that, the Vice Chair be included in the delegation, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the roundabout agreement. Prior to the development of a sponsorship policy, the Facilities Chair and/or Vice Chair and Facilities Manager are given delegated authority to approve sponsors.

**596/18/B PARK AND PUBLIC GARDENS WORKINGS GROUP** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Brooks seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to set up a joint town council / youth council park and public gardens (including the Multi Use Games Area) working group.

**597/18 PAYMENTS SCHEDULE** – (\*post meeting note - Payment 583 AW Matthews Ltd. – 2 x collar bars - £41.25. (these are the bars which have been ordered to be added to the sashes for the Deputy Mayor and Mayors' consort. The Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded, and the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the payments schedule.

**598/18 CORRESPONDENCE** – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – Cornwall Council (car parking service). This advice differed from that previously reported. It was agreed to seek further clarification including costs and delegate the decision to meet the indicated timescales.

**599/18 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday 23 July 2019

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to move into PARTII

**600/18 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 items of Business:

**15. ACCOUNTABLE BODY STATUS JOINT PROJECT** – to update on progress with joint working on potential further European Social Fund (E.S.F.) projects and to consider a request for the Town Council to act as accountable body to a joint bid.

**16. CARETAKER PROVISION** – to receive and consider the recommendation of the 14th May 2019 Facilities Committee.

**17. MATERNITY COVER** – to approve commencement of the recruitment process for maternity cover for the Facilities Assistant.

**601/18 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.

**602/18** – Councillor Brooks proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolutions made in **PARTII** as set out below.

**ACCOUNTABLE BODY STATUS PROJECT** That the town council confirms support for a partnership bid to the Community Lead Local Development programme and confirms that subject to details set out in a contract offer letter, it would be willing to undertake the role of accountable body.

**CARETAKER PROVISION** That the creation of the 15 hour a week Caretaker/Cleaner post is approved and the post advertised externally, as well as drawn to the attention of the appropriate town council staff.

**MATERNITY COVER** To agree the external recruitment of maternity cover for the Facilities Assistant. To agree to the offering of a 12 month maternity cover contract for 20 hours per week at SCP 6, and the necessary budget increases required in the current and next financial year.