

# LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 p.m. there were present:

The Mayor – Councillor Rachel Brooks – in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Sandra Mitchell,

Councillors – David Ambler, Ian Barlow, Ian Goldsworthy, Sally Hawken and Julian Smith.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Mayors Chaplain – Rebecca Bell

Members of the Public – H Fearnley (Cornwall Council – Public Space Team), A Harwood (Community Right to Bid), F Wood (Community Right to Bid), P Beall (Community Right to Bid), P Harris (Resident, N Craker (Cornwall Councillor Liskeard North).

The Mayor addressed the Council and members of the public.

“As you all know, a young man from Liskeard, Damien Bendelow, was fatally wounded in the Cattle Market car park last Saturday night. This is a shocking tragedy and our community has responded with an outpouring of support and sympathy for his family and friends. I will be writing to his parents on the Town Council’s behalf to express our condolences directly.

As I’m sure you also know, the police have a suspect in custody and we have cooperated with them to ensure they have the recordings from the recently installed CCTV cameras. Those have proved useful in the police investigation and we can hope that they play a part in securing justice for Damien’s family.

Damien’s life was brutally cut short when he should have had his whole future before him. Tonight, our thoughts are with his family and friends and I’d like to ask you to join me in standing for a minute’s silence in his memory.”

The Mayor lead the Council and Members of the public in a minutes’ silence in remembrance.

The Mayor’s Chaplain led the council and members of the public in saying a prayer for Damien Bendelow and thereafter the prayers for the town and council.

**467/19 APOLOGIES – Councillors Cassidy, Clarke, Pascoe, Powell, Shand, Taylor and Whitty.**

**468/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – It was clarified that Councillor Ambler in his role as an unpaid Chair of the Forum, which had already indicated support for the Community Right to Bid, was not considered to have an interest in Agenda Item 11 Community Right to Bid – Barleysheaf.

**469/19 MAYOR'S REMARKS** – “Along with the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk I have been spending time on the development of the Cattle Market Makers application, which we will be bringing to Full council next month. That included a very positive meeting with senior officers at Cornwall Council and I’m hopeful we can secure substantial investment for the project.

I was very pleased to present the prizes for the Swimathon. The Town Council team won the award for raising the most money, so thanks again to Christine, Julian, David, Phoebe, Cameron and James, and lots of children took part and were very pleased to get their awards. The event raised over £5,000 in total.

Along with other councillors, I’ve attended a Safer Liskeard meeting which focused on preventing crimes against businesses. I also went to a presentation about the results of having paid firefighters at the Community Fire Station. That was extremely positive - they massively exceeded their targets for working with the community and businesses around fire safety and it looks very hopeful that the new set up will be made permanent.

Sadly I couldn’t make it to the Pantomime in the end but I know it was a great show and thanks to Sandra for representing the Town Council there.

This weekend I will be attending the opening of the police station on Saturday and of course we have our Methodist Civic Service on Sunday, which will be another opportunity to reflect on the importance of bringing our community together. If anyone can bring cakes or biscuits along I know the congregation will be very appreciative.”

**470/19 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE 17TH DECEMBER 2019 COUNCIL MEETING:** – The Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th December 2019.

**471/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Helen Fearnley – Making Space for Nature – Public Space Team – Cornwall Council.** Gave a presentation the key points of which were:

- Liskeard should benefit from an investment of approximately £200,000.
- Cornwall Council owned sites were eligible for consideration because Cornwall Council had provided the local match funding to draw down the European Regional Development Fund (E.R.D.F.) grant which made up the majority of the money being invested.
- Eligible types of expenditure were wild planting, new footpath provision, new seating – ineligible expenditure play equipment and repairs and maintenance.
- Castle Park has been put forward as the priority location for the project with other sites dependent upon funding.
- Timeline – Consultation until April 2020 – Start on Site April 2021 – Programme Completion June 2022.

During discussion with councillors, it was confirmed that the devolution process with Castle Park should not be hampered because of its selection as a “Making space for Nature” project. The maintenance of the new elements provided should be covered for 2 years. Helen Fearnley would be happy to be part of discussions about more environmentally friendly verges in Liskeard and it was possible Liskeard could be part of a pilot on this.

The Mayor thanked Helen Fearnley for her presentation and welcomed the opportunity for Liskeard to benefit from the “Making Space for Nature” project.

**Community Right To Bid – Barleysheaf, Church Street, Liskeard – Andy Harwood (project supporter)** – Further to the correspondence received from Cornwall Council, Andy Harwood introduced the subject. The council viewed a video on the concept of a community pub. Arising from the discussion, the viability of the project was considered in the context of costs, working capital and possible funding support. The proposers considered that the offer would be sufficiently different to other public houses in the town to compliment them and boost the towns offer.

The Mayor proposed and the Council agreed to move Agenda Item 11 forward on the agenda.

Councillor Hawken proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to support the inclusion of the Barleysheaf in the “Community Right To Bid” list.

**472/19 TOWN CLERK’S UPDATE – ITEMS FROM THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

None.

**473/19 COMMITTEE MEETINGS – MINUTES:**

**a. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019** – Councillor Smith proposed, the Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**b. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020** – Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Barlow seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**c. COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Barlow seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Communications & Engagement Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**d. FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Motion: Minute 432/19** – Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Hawken seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Barratt Homes proposal of transferring the freehold site known as the Golitha Rise play area to the Town Council together with an ex-gratia payment of £11,000, subject to the necessary repairs being fully completed

**e. FINANCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2020** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the minutes of the Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**f. PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020** – The committee had agreed a resolution to set out policy on connectivity in advance of the consideration of the Linden Homes *PA19/04221 Linden Homes, Land north of Lake Lane* Following discussion, which resulted in the inclusion of “with disabled access” Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** an appropriately lit foot and cycleway with disabled access connecting this development and those around it to Lake Lane and the development, school and other amenities to the south, improving connectivity in the area, although this did not need to be a bridge.

Councillor Hawken abstained from the vote.

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**474/19 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2020/2021** – Based upon a 2020/2021 budget figure of £590,254 and the 2020/2021 precept figure of £451,545 Councillor Smith proposed, Councillor Ambler seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to set a 0% increase in the town council precept of the average Band D householder.

**475/19 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – The Mayor proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments which the Mayor signed.

**476/19 VACANCY WEST WARD** – The Town Clerk had previously circulated the Returning Officer's revised date for the election of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the cost of Poll Cards as £1,200. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to agree to the issue of Poll Cards at a cost of £1,200, to promote a greater turnout and public participation in the electoral process.

**477/19. ENVIRONMENT EMERGENCY UPDATE** – Feedback was given on the Environment Emergency Working Group which had met the day before. It was noted that the £3,000 for an Energy and Carbon Audit had been included in the approved budgets and that a brief should be developed for that piece of work and brought back for consideration. It was also noted that progress of the "Local Electricity Bill" through the legislative process might have been changed by the General Election in the previous month. This should be checked and reported back to the next meeting.

### **478/19. MAYORS PARLOUR AND COUNCIL CHAMBER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT –**

Following discussion, it was agreed to progress with the Mayors Parlour Project as this was relatively straight forward. Regarding, the Council Chamber there seemed benefit to adopting the 75" screen option within the overall IT and electrical purchase and installation package. The removal of the bench and dais and making good of the area seemed also a good idea. The purchase of 8 small tables might be done as a later phase. Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Smith seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **CONFIRM** the total budgets for the combined projects as £10,000 and **APPROVED** the specification of the Council Chamber as outlined in the report and above.

**479/19 CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – noted.

**480/19 CORNWALL COUNCIL COUNCILLOR UPDATES – Nick Craker – Bus Routes Contract** – has been placed. This included provision for a Liskeard to Derriford Hospital Service the details for which had not yet been finalised. This was a very positive improvement. The company still has a presence at the Trevecca site which is being gradually vacated.  
**Section 278 Agreement** – work was still ongoing regarding the provision of footways at Addington by the residential developer.

**Sally Hawken – Former Cattle Market Regeneration – Phase 2** – Now that progress is being made with Phase 1, Charles Campion is looking at taking on Phase 2 of the project. There will be a meeting involving Cornwall and Town Councillors regarding the possible location of a bus depot.

**Maudlin Farm – St Martins Primary School** – a meeting is being held to consider the possible expansion requirement of the Primary School on to the piece of amenity land that Cornwall Council were intending to transfer to the Town Council.

**481/19 CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

**482/19 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30 pm.

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Smith seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to move into PARTII.

**483/19 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:**

**ROUNDBURY PARC – LAND ACQUISITION** - to receive the report of the agent and agree a response.

**484/19 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.**

The Mayor proposed, Councillor Hawken second and the Council **RESOLVED** to come out of **PARTII** and adopt the resolution.

**485/19 ROUNDBURY PARC - LAND ACQUISITION** – That the details of the offer be clarified and revised.