

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held in the Mayors Parlour on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair

Deputy Mayor – Councillor David Braithwaite.

Councillors – Tracy Adams, Rachel Brooks, Kerry Cassidy, Simon Cassidy, Nick Craker, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Lori Reid and Naomi Taylor.

Town Clerk – Steve Vinson

Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) / Deputy Town Clerk – Yvette Hayward.

Mayor's Chaplain – Kevin Grant.

Members of the Public – Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association and local business owner), Frances Foulkes – (Hon. Secretary – Liskeard Local Committee Cancer Research UK – (Agenda Item 6.)), Carol Kinver – Treasurer – Liskeard Local Committee Cancer Research UK – (Agenda Item 6.).

Mayor's Chaplain Kevin Grant welcomed the honour of being the Mayor's Chaplain again. He led the Council and members of the public in the Lord's Prayer.

275 / 24 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors Sylvia Berry, Rachel Brooks*(late attendance), Jane Pascoe and Tony Powell.

276/ 24 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – The Mayor – Cheque 280 Travel Expenses - Agenda Item 11. Councillor S Cassidy – Membership of an outside body - Agenda Item 16.

277 / 24 **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Mayor reminded Council of the sad recent loss of Pip Harris a valued member of the community who had supported individuals and organisations in Liskeard, most notably his leading role in the Liskeard Armed Forces Breakfast Club. He had regularly attended Town Council meetings. No further details regarding the arrangements were yet available. The Mayor reported they had attended the following:

- Halloween Competition – assisted along with the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Tracy Adams, Councillor Sylvia Berry to judge the shop windows for the best display.
- 1st November 2024 – Castle Park Handover – The Mayor cut the ribbon to signal the official date of transfer of the freehold ownership of Castle Park from Cornwall Council to Liskeard Town Council. The Mayor was accompanied by Town and Cornwall Councillors, the Town Clerk and staff and members of the public.
- 2nd November 2024 – Prime Stock Show – The Mayor assisted in judging the pumpkins and presenting the trophies to the winners in the craft sections.
- 3rd November 2024 – Field of Remembrance Ceremony – outside of Webb's was supported by the Mayor who thanked the other Town Councillors for their attendance.
- 10th November 2024 – Remembrance Day – a very busy day – with the Parade and Church Service. Followed by presenting awards to the youth groups assisting the RBL Chairman. Then in the Legion, the Mayor presented WOII Neil Walsh with an award for all the hard work he has done maintaining the War Graves. The Mayor also presented the Royal Naval Association with the Freedom of the Town. Later in the day the Mayor and some of the Councillors attended the last ever service in the Methodist Church.

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- 11th November 2024 – Armistice Day – at 6.20 am the Mayor put a Poppy Wreath on the Poppy Train which was taken to London. At 11.00 am a short Armistice Service was held outside of Webbs and attended by the Mayor and other Councillors.
- 12th November 2024 – Cornwall Association of Local Council (CALC) – The Mayor and Town Clerk attended the Annual General Meeting in Truro.
- 19th November 2024 – Code of Conduct Training was held on line which the Mayor and a number of other councilors attended.
- 30th November 2024 – Liskeard Lights Up – The Mayor reminded all the Councillors of the events which were going to be held and encouraged their participation.

278 / 24 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE A) 29TH OCTOBER 2024 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AND THE B) 29TH OCTOBER 2024 COUNCIL MEETING – The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Dorling second and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the 29th October 2024 Special Council meeting. The Mayor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the 29th October 2024 Council meeting.

279 / 24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Frances Foulkes – Hon. Secretary – Liskeard Local Committee Cancer Research UK (see Agenda Item 6). Spoke in support of the grant application, noting that the Town Councils’ help and grant support has contributed to this major fund raising event.

280 / 24 GRANT APPLICATION – LISKEARD LOCAL COMMITTEE OF CANCER RESEARCH UK - Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** a grant of £800 to holding of the Annual Exhibition & Sale of Art & Craft.

281 / 24 TOWN CLERKS UPDATE – In the written reports.

282 / 24 COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:

- a. Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to ratify the decision and the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28th October 2024.

283 / 24 RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, TOWN ACCELERATOR FUNDING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY AWARDS 2024/2025, VAT, INTERNAL CONTROLS) – Noted.

284 / 24 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments.

285 / 24 BUDGET MONITORING 2024/2025 – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget monitoring report to 30th September 2024.

20.00 Councillor Brooks attended the meeting.

286 / 24 DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING 2025/2026 – Following discussion of the budget impact of the transfer of Castle Park and the changes in National Insurance contributions, Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to defer the item with the Facilities Committee asked to look again at its budgets. Also, the Live Monitoring costs of the CCTV budget line of the Administration Budget.

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287 / 24 **INTERNAL AUDIT INTERIM REPORT** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the report.

288 / 24 **DEFIBRILLATORS** – It was noted that the Youth Council had received a presentation on the issue. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor S Cassidy seconded, and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the adding of an additional maintenance service of £40 per unit from Bleed Control UK to maintain new donated bleed control kits within the defibrillators.

289 / 24 **POST OFFICE – POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF CROWN POST OFFICES** – Town and Cornwall Councillors Nick Craker and Jane Pascoe had written to the Post Office regarding the press speculation on the possible closure of the directly owned Crown Post Offices including the Liskeard Post Office. The response had previously been circulated. It was noted that the Liskeard Post Office was not at threat as a branch. The Post Office were now aware of local interest and concern regarding any change in the status of the Liskeard branch as an operational Post Office.

290 / 24 **MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES** - Councillor Reid proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to include Councillor S Cassidy as a Town Council representative on the Liskeard Pub Watch.

291 / 24 **CCTV LIVE MONITORING HUB PROPOSAL AT NEW COUNTY HALL – UPDATE - LEASE AND COSTINGS (ATTACHED A. HEADS OF TERMS JOINT LEASE B. COSTINGS INCLUDING LEASE RELATED COSTS)** – Following discussion, Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** a). To approve the participation of the Town Council in the joint lease arrangements of the Live Monitoring Hub at New County Hall, Truro b). To note the willingness of the Live Monitoring contractor to use the 5 year contract period suggested by the Town Council and develop further with the Contractor and the Police the Live Monitoring provision.

292 / 24 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** –

– **Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker reported:** -

293 / 24 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

294 / 24 **CORRESPONDENCE** – With the permission of the Mayor, Councillor S Cassidy reported Bogdan Kelichavyi, the Mayor of Kopychyntsi had been in contact regarding possible twinning opportunities between the two towns in the forthcoming year.

295 / 24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 17th December 2024 at 7.30 pm Council.

296 / 24 Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy 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:

22. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – To note the attached minutes of the a) 15th October 2024 meeting and b) the 13th November 2024 meeting.

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.

297 / 24 Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Reid seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in **PARTII** namely,

22. Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group – Noted.