

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 19 November 2024 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors Ian Goldsworthy (Deputy Chair), Kerry Cassidy, Simon Cassidy, Jane Pascoe, Tracy Adams, Richard Dorling.

In attendance – Jacqui Orange

Members of the public –Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association)

The Chair opened the meeting and advised those present of house-keeping matters.

253/24 APOLOGIES – Councillors David Braithwaite, Christina Whitty (Mayor), Lori Reid.

254/24 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE – None.

255/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Simon Cassidy seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 19 September 2024.

256/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

257/24 FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT – The Facilities Manager gave a verbal update. All the vacant plots have been re-let except for plot CD4 that has been covered with weed control fabric over the autumn/winter. A successful plot ‘amnesty’ to encourage plot holders to get rid of broken and/or unwanted items was held on Saturday 19 October.

The devolution of Castle Park has completed with the official transfer taking place on 1 November 2024. A working party with residents and stakeholders will be set up in due course to determine the next steps. The Committee extended thanks for our Cornwall Councillors and former MP for their help with the transfer of Castle Park.

258/24 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – The Committee noted the budget monitoring report.

259/24 BUDGET FOR 2025/26 – Councillor Simon Cassidy proposed, Councillor Adams seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the first draft of the Facilities budget for 2025/26 as presented.

260/24 DEVOLUTION - A meeting is being held with representatives of Cornwall Council on 5 December 2024 to discuss devolution of further assets to the Town Council and a report to Councillors will follow.

261/24 GUILDHALL PROJECT – The Committee noted the update on the Good Growth Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Shared Prosperity Fund Community Capacity Fund and that the report from the

ecologist has now been received Le Page Architects are able to finalise the Listed Building Application. The Committee also noted that the Town Council's application to Cornwall Council's Town Centre Revitalisation Fund Town Delivery Fund has been successful, and work will to refurbish the former courtroom will be undertaken over the winter.

262/24 SKATEPARK PROJECT - The tender for the skatepark project at Rapson's Field has been awarded to Betongpark. An initial meeting has been held with the Betongpark team and the plan is to deliver a community consultation event in early February 2025. In the meantime, we will be undertaking more detailed survey work (utilities, drainage, contamination) and sharing more information via social media and local press. It is hoped that the new skatepark will be open by Spring 2026 subject to planning permission and funding. The total cost of the project is estimated to be £300,000 + VAT.

263/24 GOLITHA RISE - further correspondence has been received from Barratts legal advisor regarding the transfer of Golitha Rise and the Facilities Manager will undertake a site inspection and update Councillors at the next Facilities Committee meeting.

264/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21 January 2025