

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 21 January 2025 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors David Braithwaite (Chair), Ian Goldsworthy (Deputy Chair), Christina Whitty (Mayor), Richard Dorling, Jane Pascoe.

In attendance – Jacqui Orange, Facilities Manager

Members of the public – none

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

322/24 APOLOGIES – Councillors Simon Cassidy, Kerry Cassidy, Lori Reid, Annette Lee, Tracy Adams

323/24 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE – None.

324/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 November 2024.

325/24 FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT – The Committee noted the Facilities Managers Report.

326/24 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – The Committee noted the budget monitoring report. The Facilities Manager will provide an update at the next Facilities Committee meeting regarding invoicing for electricity and water usage at the Guildhall and cost savings relating to renewal of the utilities contracts.

327/24 BUDGET FOR 2025/26 – The Committee made the changes to the draft 2025/26 budget as follows:

323/4680 – reduce to £8,000

323/4685 – ring fence in earmarked reserve the £8,000 allocated to battery bank in 2024/25 for a Public Hall project aimed at reducing energy consumption in 2025/26.

323/4690 – reduce to £10,000.

323/4910 – reduce the PH refurbishment project allocation from £35,000 to £25,000 to cover the urgent repairs to the render on the front of the PH and the rainwater goods. Any surplus will be allocated to redecoration and fire safety improvements. The full refurbishment project was deferred until 2026/27.

326/4260 – carry over the estimated underspend from this year's budget (£35,000) into reserves to be used for external repairs at a later date and an autowinder for the town clock. Remove the £25,000 allocated to the 2025/26 budget.

334/4680 – reduce to £3,000.

348/4260 – reduce to £7,500.

359 - move £6,000 underspend from 2024/25 to reserves earmarked for Castle Park

Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the draft Facilities budget for 2025/26 subject to these changes.

328/24 DISPOSAL OF ITEMS – Councillors Dorling proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the recommendation that the ‘cinema’ style folding seating on the balcony is sold as this seating area no longer complies with the fire risk assessment.

329/24 GUILDHALL PROJECT – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded, and the Committee APPROVED the appointment of contractor A as recommended by the Tender Panel, at a cost of **£29,657.40 + VAT**.

330/24 SKATEPARK PROJECT – The Committee noted the update regarding the skatepark project including a proposal to apply to the Good Growth Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Shared Prosperity Fund – Community Levelling Up Programme, and to seek planning consent for the site.

331/24 DEVOLUTION – The Committee noted the update on devolution. The Town Clerk will circulate the date for the special purpose meeting to discuss devolution to all Councillors in due course.

332/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18 March 2025