

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** held on 21 May 2024 at 7.30pm there were present:

Councillors Richard Dorling (vice-chair – in the chair), Mayor Simon Cassidy, Deputy Mayor Christina Whitty, Tracy Adams, David Braithwaite and Ian Goldsworthy.

In attendance - Stephen Vinson (Town Clerk).

Member of the Public – Lin Moore – Liskeard Traders Association – local business owner.

The Vice Chair opened the meeting and advised those present of housekeeping matters.

576/23 APOLOGIES – Councillors: Julian Smith (Chair), Kerry Cassidy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe, Tony Powell and Lori Reid.

577/23 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE – Councillor Adams owner of a business “Jane Louise Bridal Shop” on Pike Street.

578/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - Councillor Braithwaite proposed, Councillor Adams seconded, and the Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 as a true record.

579/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No speakers.

580/23 FACILITIES MANAGER REPORT – Flagpoles – regarding the lorry hit - the possibility of an insurance claim was being examined. The correctness of the original specification and installation was questioned. Should it be found that the installation company had incorrectly installed the equipment it might be possible to pursue an insurance claim.

581/23 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – 348 Pipewell/Fountain/War Memorial 4680 Electricity - £853 - was this figure due to the Christmas illuminations. The Facilities Manager to e-mail an update confirming the situation.

582/23 MEMBERS ROOM AND MAYORS PARLOUR – the Council had received tenders from 6 contractors. Our architect Chris Munson had indicated that one company was lower than the rest 4 were within 11% of each other and one was expensive. Our architect was liaising with the lowest tender to ensure that nothing had been left out and to take up references from other Town Councils and previous clients. It was hoped that the information would be available to go to the 28th May Council to accept the lowest or most suitable tender. It was noted that the project would impact the VAT situation of the Council. VAT advice was being sought which would hopefully be available at the 28th May Council.

583/23 AUDIO EQUIPMENT – Following discussion, it was decided to seek further information regarding a cost comparison between a “new system” and the “good quality second hand equipment” option proposed. A breakdown of the “good quality second hand system” should be provided.

584/23 FORE STREET BOLLARDS – There appeared to be merit in reducing the amount of traffic using Fore Street. During the discussion it was suggested that bollards at both ends of Fore Street would be needed to have the impact of stopping through traffic outside of the specified hours. The proposal would need to be worked up with Cornwall Council Highways which organisation had the legal powers to carry out the scheme. There would be costs to carrying out daily removal and putting back of the bollards. It was not clear who had placed the original bollards there and why their use had been discontinued. The item would be researched to look into possible solutions including the pros, cons, and ongoing posts.

585/23 GUILDHALL – The positive support indicated at the site visit by the Historic England Inspector was noted as were the professional advice and grant benefits of being included in the “Buildings at Risk” register.

586/23 SKATE PARK PROJECT – Following discussion of the report and the site visit, it was considered that a Project Plan needed to be produced. It was felt the Youth Council and the Lyskerrys Youth Club will be pleased to write in support of the project and the CIL application. It had been observed that in Millbrook the community had taken early ownership and support for the project and raised the majority of the money for the project through a Crowdfunding type of campaign. It was also felt that the majority of the project development and delivery work could be undertaken by Maverick.

587/23 DEVOLUTION – The documentation is being produced by Cornwall Council. It was suggested that the approach to be taken with the wider Devolution package, could be examined. A clear possibility being the Multi-Use Games Area at Rapson, with the adjacent park and car parking area. Consensus of councillors is that it is very unlikely revenue generating assets will be devolved to cover maintenance costs from devolved parks etc. Councillors should be wary of adopting additional budgetary burden from Cornwall Council.

588/23 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7.30pm Tuesday 23 July 2024.

