

Liskeard Town Council

AT A MEETING of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7.30 p.m. there were included:

The Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair
Councillors – Tracy Adams, Sylvia Berry, Kerry Cassidy, Simon Cassidy, Nick Craker, Annette Lee, Ian Goldsworthy, Jane Pascoe, and Naomi Taylor.
Town Clerk – Steve Vinson
Mayor’s Chaplain – Kevin Grant.

Members of the Public – Lin Moore (Liskeard Traders Association and local business owner).

Mayor’s Chaplain Kevin Grant reflected on the situation and the suffering in Ukraine and asked for the councillors’ and the member of the public to pray for Ukraine and bless the aid convoy which Councillor Simon Cassidy would be joining in the next few days.

364 / 24 **APOLOGIES** – Councillors David Braithwaite, Rachel Brooks, Tony Powell and Lori Reid.

365/ 24 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – None.

366 / 24 **MAYOR’S REMARKS** – The Mayor updated on the following:

- 2nd February 2025 – The Mayor attended the Launceston Civic Service.
- 13th February 2025 – Rainbows – They were presented with awards by the Mayor.
- 17th February 2025 – Town Vision – The Mayor and most of the Town Councillors attended the event which was very attended by members of the public.
- 21st February 2025 – The Mayor was very pleased to attend the Opening of the much-needed Front Desk Facility at the Liskeard Police Station. The Police and Crime Commissioner Alision Hernandez and the MP Anna Gelderd attended along with a broad cross section of our community.

367 / 24 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 28TH JANUARY 2025 COUNCIL MEETING** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Lee second and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the 28th January 2025 Council meeting.

368 / 24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – No comments.

369 / 24 **GRANT APPLICATION** – None.

370 / 24 **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – Minute 326/25 – Roundbury Next Phase – the update was given on the decision to draw down the next phase of Section 106 funding, to retain a consultant to submit a planning application, whilst notifying the landowner and developer. It was noted the land-owners consent would be needed to access the site for carrying out any necessary survey work.

- 371 / 24 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**
- a. Councillor Goldsworthy proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee held on 21st January 2025.
 - b. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Adams seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 10th February 2025.
- 372 / 24 **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION - BANK BALANCES, VAT)** – The Mayor proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **NOTED** the report.
- 373 / 24 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Lee seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule of payments. Noting, that the energy supplier in the Public Hall has been changed.
- 374 / 24 **BUDGET MONITORING 2024/2025** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Berry seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget monitoring report to 31st January 2025.
- 375 / 24 **AGED DEBTORS** – Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ACCEPT** the report on aged debtors.
- 376 / 24 **LISKEARD TOWN VISION** – Councillor Craker updated that the consultants had held an online event with the Schools earlier that day. The input would be combined with those of the 17th February 2025 Visioning event to create a set of proposals to bring back to the 25th March 2025 Town Council meeting. The intention being to re-consult the wider community on 15th April 2025. It was noted, that expectations should be managed that this set of proposals was not for the Town Council alone to deliver but with the whole range of organisation’s involved in the town.
- 377 / 24 **CORNWALL COUNCIL – DEVOLUTION PACKAGE – (ATTACHMENT A) – UPDATE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU B)** – Noting, that in other towns where a “Place Based Devolution Package” has required 5 years+ to carry through, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU – attached) has been used to confirm a willingness in both Councils to progress consideration of the package. This would not commit the Town Council to taking all or part of the package. Following discussion, Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Memorandum of Understanding as the basis of joint working on the Devolution Package.
- 378 / 24 **GOVERNMENT (NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK) – CORNWALL COUNCIL (INTERIM POLICY POSITION STATEMENT) – NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY STATEMENTS - UPDATE** – Following discussion, an additional special meeting might be called on 11th March 2025, Councillor S Cassidy proposed and Councillor Craker seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that the listing of sites (15.a.) and other suitable sites be put to the 3rd March 2025 Planning Committee, the Special Meeting on 11th March 2025 and brought to the 25th March 2025 Town Council meeting.

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe reported: -

“Today at Full Council we voted on approving the budget and it was resolved that the Cornwall Council element of Council Tax be increased by 2.99% plus a levy of 2% to be spent solely on Adult Social Care. The vote was

The Town Vision workshop was well attended, and some interesting points were raised. I didn't think enough time was given to the positive issues in the town, but I do think it may galvanise people in to talking and thinking about the future of their town.

At the public meeting it was disappointing that some of our own Town Councillors spoke negatively about the town. They must be reminded that over £1 million has been invested in the library, £millions in the development of the redundant cattle market site, a new Police Station and further funding for the renovation of the Guildhall and the new Skate Park. In addition to investment to the extension of the town Medical Practice, demolition of redundant ATS, Coronation Hall and St Ambulance buildings to accommodate a bus terminal. Not forgetting the Front facing services in the Integrated Service Hub, which could easily have gone to Bodmin, St Austell or Truro. Shame on anyone who says Liskeard is standing still.

On the 21st February I was pleased to attend the opening of the front desk facility in the Liskeard Police Station. I believe this will be welcomed by the residents as it will be a safe place for them to report crimes and or seek advice. Residents must be encouraged to use this facility, use it or lose it.

On Saturday, I joined the Forest for Cornwall Team handing out over 700 trees to residents. The trees included Hazel, Rowan, Crab Apple, Wild Pear, Cherry/Plum, Red Wood and Whitebeam. The queue went along Dean Street and it was encouraging to see so many people willing to support the project to increase the number of trees in Cornwall.

Peninsula Transport – Implementation of Strategic Plan. Sadly failing Liskeard in connectivity by public transport to the hospital and health services. Ends 3rd March please take part in the consultation and comment.

Mt Edgecumbe, owned jointly by Plymouth Coty Council and Cornwall Council has had a serious incident involving the fire in the Barrow Centre. Huge thanks to the 40 firefighters who worked through the night to put out the fire. Staff accommodation was destroyed. Please support the park.”

– Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker reported: -

“Cornwall Council approved their budget which represented a 2.99% increase for the Council and 2% for Adult Social Care. The plans include an increase of £22 million in the council's net spending on care for adults and children. Huge savings have had to be found across the Council to focus on services the Council legally have to provide like social care, SEND and home to school transport. £250,000 had been found to support the development of a highway upgrade to the Plusha junction on the A30 which was now one of the most dangerous junctions in the country.

RIO who run Liskeard Library had one of their cornerstone NEET programmes come to an end and conversations were ongoing with Cornwall Council to ensure the library can continue to grow and develop its services. It would be good for all Liskeard Town Councillors to catch up with RIO soon, to understand how they are operating and their future plans”.

380 / 24 **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted.

381 / 24 **CORRESPONDENCE** – Rame Peninsula Public Transport Users Group – Request to support a range of changes to bus services. Following discussion, the Town Council confirmed that it supports the need for a direct bus service from Liskeard to Derriford Hospital.

382 / 24 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 25th March 2025 at 7.30 pm Council.

383 / 24 Councillor Craker proposed, Councillor S Cassidy 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 item of business:

20. **Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group** – To note the attached minutes of the 22nd January 2025 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.

384 / 24 Councillor S Cassidy proposed, Councillor K Cassidy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in **PARTII** namely,

20. **Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group** – Noted.