

## Liskeard Town Council

**AT A MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Emily Hobhouse Room on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30 p.m. there were:

Deputy Mayor – Councillor Christina Whitty – in the chair.

Councillors – Tracy Adams, David Braithwaite, Kerry Cassidy, Richard Dorling, Ian Goldsworthy, Annette Lee-Julian, Jane Pascoe and Naomi Taylor.

Mayors' Chaplain – Captain Theresa Conway – Salvation Army - Apologies.

Town Clerk – Stephen Vinson.

Members of the Public – Zoe A' Lee – (Liskeard / Looe Girls Rugby Coach), Colour Sergeant Simon Griffin (Liskeard Army Cadets – Acting Unit Commander), Pip Harris – (Liskeard Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club) and Lin Moore – (Business Owner and Chair of Liskeard Traders Association).

The Deputy Mayor explained that the Mayor's Chaplain had tendered her apologies. The Deputy Mayor said that with the aid convoys to Ukraine, it was sad to relate the loss of one of the medical units which had been donated from the southwest and whose Ukrainian crew were known to the Mayor and those whom had participated in the convoys.

532 / 23      **APOLOGIES** – The Mayor Councillor Simon Cassidy, and Councillors Rachel Brooks, Nick Craker, Tony Powell, Lori Reid and Julian Smith.

533 / 23      **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS REGISTERABLE AND NON-REGISTERABLE** – Councillor Taylor – Agenda Item 6.a son is an army cadet and Agenda 6.b son plays rugby and the Councillor is involved the Club. Councillor K Cassidy Agenda Item 6.b. son plays rugby.

The Deputy Mayor indicated that as, Colour Sergeant Simon Griffin (Liskeard Army Cadets – Acting Unit Commander) needed to be away to be at the Unit at 8.00 pm, "Public Participation" would be brought forward on the agenda.

534 / 23      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** –

**Colour Sergeant Simon Griffin (Liskeard Army Cadets – Acting Detachment Commander)** – spoke of the benefits of the Army Cadets in providing young people with a set of character-building activities to help keep them occupied, that might lead them to a career in the armed forces. The application for grant was discussed along with the two quotes for a new detachment standard. Among the questions, from Councillors, it was confirmed that a contribution of £50 would be sought from with Army Cadet funds. The Councillors felt the higher quality item should be sought to show the Town Council's appreciation of the valuable work of the Army Cadets do in supporting Remembrance and Civic parades and events, consequently, Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £725 towards the cost of the new £775 detachment standard.

**Zoe A 'Lee – Liskeard / Looe Girls Rugby Coach** – spoke to the grant application from the Liskeard / Looe RFC to support a proportion of some of the costs a team of 15 girls and 6 adults to visit our twin town of Quimperle, in France to play touch rugby from 31<sup>st</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. It was hoped that the experience would prove very beneficial to the girls not just in the present, but also going forward. Zoe had visited Quimperle as a girl to take part in sport. Zoe was now the Coach for the Girls Rugby team and organising this trip. During the Councillors discussions, the possible cost of living implications of affording passports and coach hire needed to be considered and it was hoped the girls would provide feedback on their visit.

Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Adams seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £1,101 towards the cost of the Girls Rugby team visit to our twin town of Quimperle in France.

535 / 23      **MAYOR'S REMARKS** – The Deputy Mayor read out the following from the Mayor who had given his apologies:

“As everyone should now be aware our dear friend and fellow councillor Julian is very unwell and currently in Derriford

I have been speaking to him everyday and I have also spoken regularly to his family. He is in my thoughts daily and I will keep you all informed

- 6 April Great to welcome a new shop to Liskeard Opened Bargain Box.
- 10-14 April as Mayor, attended the international mayors summit in Moldova as only Mayor from the United Kingdom. It was honour to receive an award for the work we have done in building a relationship between our twin Town in Ukraine.

I also had the opportunity to attend the National Congress of Ukraine I got to hear the president the Prime Minister and their entire cabinets speak about the current state of affairs in Ukraine followed by a meeting between the Ron and government and the European Union where I was given the opportunity to speak about the importance of working together in partnerships such as that we have with Kopychyntsi

I also had the opportunity to visit our twin town and meet with their frontline workers and lay a wreath on their war memorial on behalf of our Town

They presented us with a Ukrainian flag which is currently at the framers once its been framed it will be displayed at the Public Hall going forward

We continue to build our relationship and have many plans in place going forward to improve upon this including much of the work that's being done by Rachel with regards Liskeard Unlocked in conjunction with the council in Kopychyntsi. I would like to pay a tribute to both Rachel and Alina for all the hard work they are doing to build upon that relationship

It is my intention to return to Ukraine in the next few months for a longer visit, but obviously on this occasion as a councillor

- 20 April Community Fayre- really great to see a large number of organisations supporting this event

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- 21 April Attended Civic Service in Saltash with Christina
- 27 to tomorrow - Driving fourth "Liskeard" van of aid to Ukraine

As this would've been my last full council meeting as Mayor I would like to say thank you to each and everyone of you for the support you've given me over the last three years and more importantly all the work you've put in to make our town a better place for all

I must pay special thanks to my deputy Christina and her consort Terry they've been a rock to me through some really tough times and i will always be grateful.

I wish Christina and Julian all the very best of luck for 2024/25

I Would also like to place on Record my sincere thanks to Steve and his amazing team who work so very hard for Liskeard"

536 / 23      **TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 COUNCIL MEETING** – The Deputy Mayor proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

537 / 23      **TOWN CLERKS UPDATE** – All items were on the agenda.

538 / 23      **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

- a. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Adams seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- b. Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Braithwaite seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes and ratify the decisions of the Planning Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- c. Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillors Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the Special Facilities Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

539 / 23      **RFO REPORTS – (FOR INFORMATION – BANK BALANCES, FINANCIAL YEAR END AND AUDIT, VAT, PRECEPT & CIL)** – Noted.

540 / 23      **BUDGET MONITORING 2023/2024** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Pascoe seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the draft budget report to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

541 / 23      **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS** – An update on the flagpoles had gone to the last Facilities Committee. The "web hosting & support" item £202 was felt to be high compared with some Parish Councils whose websites appeared less clunky. It was suggested that the Communications & Engagement Committee might look at this. Councillor Lee-Julian proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Schedule of Payments.

542 / 23      **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2023/2024** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Goldsworthy seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to review and adopt the "Statement of Internal Control 2024" and the "Financial Risk Assessment 2024".

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543 / 23 **INTERNAL AUDITOR** – Councillor Dorling proposed, Councillor Adams seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to reappoint the Internal Auditor Hudson Accounting for a further year.

544 / 23 **EXTERNAL AUDITOR BDO LLP** – Councillor Taylor proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** that the Town Council make the annual declaration that there are no conflicts of interest.

545 / 23 **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL – REPRESENTATION UPON PROPOSED LISKEARD & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION** – Following discussion, on the need to consider the inviting of other Councillors and the normal inclusion of “Representation on Outside Bodies” as a standing item on the Mayor Choosing agenda, Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to defer this item.

546 / 23 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATES** –

**Cornwall Councillor Nick Craker**: had given his apologies and provided a summary below. “ for my Cornwall Councillor update. As always, please encourage Councillors to contact me if I can help or explain anything.

- **Luxstowe & Laity House**

- The property will become redundant when the new Cornwall Council Hub is completed on the Cattle Market. Luxstowe House is currently being marketed to see what interest there is in the building. To date, there have been no expressions of interest. Marketing will continue until the new Hub is completed at which point alternative disposal options will be considered, subject to the requirements of Cornwall Council at the time, but may include sale by auction.
- Plans are continuing for the Laity House demolition and construction of a new purpose built 70 bed extra care residential complex on the Laity site and car parking area at Luxstowe. A planning application is expected to be submitted later this year by Cornwall Council.

- **Campaign to recruit new childminders**

- A new campaign called ‘Give all children the best start in life’ has been launched by Cornwall Council to encourage more people to think about becoming a childminder. There are currently 180 registered childminders in Cornwall but more are needed to give parents a broader range of options when considering childcare for their little ones.
- Grants of £600 or £1,200 to help set up, depending on whether they register with Ofsted or a childminder agency.
- For more information, text ‘childminding’ to 82228 or visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/childminding](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/childminding)

**New Food Waste and Rubbish collection**

- As everyone will know, the new food waste and rubbish collection has been rolled out in Liskeard.
- On the whole it has so far been a success although there are still a number of teething problems that are being worked through.
- The majority of residents received their new bins but there are still some addresses without. Please encourage residents to report this or contact myself or Cllr Pascoe directly if there are problems. Each address must submit a report if they have not received a new food waste bin and/or wheely bin.

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- Residents can request additional black bin if they require it, as well as additional recycling bags too should they need to. Please encourage residents to submit a request for an additional bin, we do not want to see anybody suffering with inadequate waste collections.”

**Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe** – confirmed and supported the above comments and additionally said.

- **New Food and Waste Rubbish Collection** – the Roadshows had been well received and supported by the public who appreciated speaking to individuals who were able to access the Cornwall Council website and enter the necessary household and person specific information.
- **Community Chest** – Jane outlined that both Cornwall Councillors had £3,000 available. She had recently been able to help the Liskeard Youth Group based at the Liskerrett Centre with a grant for £300 and another Liskeard Community group with a £150.

547 / 23      **CORNWALL COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS** – Noted

548 / 23      **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

549 / 23      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Mayor Choosing – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00 pm. Town Council meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Councillor Pascoe proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to go into **PARTII**

550 / 23      **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 minutes of the a). 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 meeting and b). the minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 meeting.

551 / 23      **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.

552 / 23      Councillor K Cassidy proposed, Councillor Dorling seconded and the Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the resolution made in **PARTII** namely,

20 .      **Liskeard Redevelopment Working Group** – Minutes of both meetings were noted.

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