

# Lostwithiel Town Council

# Tuesday 21 February 2017

# Lost in Song Presentation

The Council was addressed by representatives of Lost in Song regarding this year's events and asked to reconsider the decision taken at the meeting held on Tuesday 7 February to levy hire fees in accordance with the Town Council's Use of Council owned land policy.

# **Public Participation**

The Council was addressed by a number of members of the public regarding agenda item 9 Lostwithiel Post Office.

Mayor Gillet conducted straw polls 206 people indicated that they wished to keep a Post Office 3 people indicated that they did not wish to keep a Post Office. 193 people indicated that they would prepared for their precept to increase in order that the Town Council could run a Post Office, 2 people indicated that they would not be prepared to have an increase in the precept.

207 people indicated that they wished to keep a library in the town, 3 people indicated that they did not wish to keep a library.

## Cornwall Councillor Report

Cornwall Councillor Jenkinson addressed the meeting and confirmed her support for the Post Office and read to the meeting a letter from Sherryl Murray MP regarding the Post Office.

Cornwall Councillor Jenkinson was asked to reconsider her position on the modifications to the Section 106 regarding planning application PA15/05375. Cornwall Councillor Jenkinson agreed to the Town Council's request to call the application to Cornwall Council's Planning Committee.

# Community Police Report

None

# **Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Church Rooms Lostwithiel on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 7pm.

# Councillors present

Mayor Gillett, Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett, Councillor Mrs Henderson, Councillor Hensman, Councillor Hughes, Honoured Burgess Jones, Councillor May, Councillor Mrs Parsons, Honoured Burgess Peareth, Councillor Robson, Councillor Mrs Ross & Councillor Watkins.

#### In attendance

Approximately 210 members of the public were in attendance.

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Town clerk Mrs Harris was in attendance

Mayor Gillett declined to follow the recommendation of the Town Clerk and give members of the public present the opportunity to address the Council in two groups in order to comply with the fire regulations of the building.

## 433/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from the following Councillors: - Councillor Abbiss, Councillor Guiterman, Councillor Jewels & Councillor Mrs Wilkinson.

## 434/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor May declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 15 Accounts & Finance.

## 435/16 MINUTES 7 FEBRUARY 2017

It was **resolved** that the minutes dated 7 February 2017 are accepted, approved and duly signed by Mayor Gillett.

## 437/16 PLANNING DECISIONS

None

## 438/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

# 439/16 ROSPA PLAY INSPECTIONS

It was **resolved** to approve the annual ROSPA inspections of the play areas at a cost of £332.50 plus VAT.

# 440/16 LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It was noted by Council that the Publication of the Notice of Election will be 20 March 2017. An initial supply of 20 candidate packs will be available from the Council office with effect from 21 March 2017 and will be issued on a first come first served basis. The deadline for submission of nomination papers to Cornwall Council is 4pm Tuesday 4 April 2017. All candidates are advised to check the information in Cornwall Council's candidate pack in order to make the appropriate arrangements to return their papers direct to Cornwall Council. By the morning of 6 April Cornwall Council will have published on their website the names of all persons standing for election.

The current Council retires on Monday 8 May and the new Council starts on Tuesday 9 May.

# 441/16 LOSTWITHIEL LIBRARY

It was **resolved** to enter into more formalised devolution discussions with Cornwall Council regarding devolution of Lostwithiel Library.

# 442/16 LOSTWITHIEL POST OFFICE

The clerk read all correspondence received by the Council to the meeting prior to the discussion of this agenda item.

It was **resolved not** to progress Lostwithiel Town Council's application to run a Post Office in Lostwithiel. Councillor Hughes requested a recorded vote.

Councillors voting to progress the Town Council's application to run the Post Office

Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett, Councillor Hensman, Councillor Hughes and Councillor Robson

Councillors voting not to progress the Town Council's application to run the Post Office

Councillor Mrs Henderson, Honoured Burgess Jones, Councillor May, Councillor Mrs Parsons,

Honoured Burgess Peareth, Councillor Mrs Ross & Councillor Watkins

Councillors who abstained from voting

Mayor Gillett

Councillor Hughes left the meeting room.

# 443/16 ABANDONED VEHICLES

It was **resolved** to authorise the clerk to report 2 abandoned vans in Quay Street car park and an abandoned inflatable on a trailer on the Highway. The clerk was instructed to advise Cornwall Council that the two vans have been in situe for at least six and three months and the inflatable for three years.

Councillor Mrs Ross asked the clerk to emphasis to Cornwall Council that the inflatable would be a hazard during a flooding incident and that the braking system is corroded.

#### 444/16 WEED SPRAYING

It was **resolved not** to instruct any weed spraying.

#### 445/16 CEMETERY FEES

It was **resolved not** to increase the Cemetery fees and to accept the clerk's request to revise the fee schedule to specify on separate lines the sexton fee costs for both burials and ashes interments.

# 446/16 ALLOTMENTS

Council considered the table prepared by the clerk. It was **resolved** to chase all outstanding rents illustrated on the table and to invoice all current allotment holders at their current allotment rents for the year 2017/18. It was noted by Council that it is not possible to increase allotment rents until there has been some investment in the allotment facilities.

## 447/16 NEW SAFE

It was **resolved** to progress forward with a purchase of safe which has the internal capacity to lay flat both the mace and the oar.

# 448/16 ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

It was **resolved** that cheques 100639-100642 totalling £495.23 are authorised for payment.

It was also **resolved** that the clerk is authorised to book the Church Rooms for a further six months from May – October 2017 at a cost of £144.00.

It was noted that cheque 100641 is for £20 and not £10 as agreed under minute reference 282/16 as the rooms were hired for two part days and not one as originally planned.

# 449/16 CORRESPONDENCE

It was **resolved not** to agree to the request from Lostwithiel Museum to display their Museum Guided walks leaflet in the Public Toilet.

#### 450/16 NOTICES

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting Tuesday 28 February 2017 - This meeting will be addressed regarding proposed development on the site of the former Lostwithiel Golf Club.

#### 451/16 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Formally invite the Business Group to investigate a community solution for the Post Office.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman

Date