



## **Lostwithiel Town Council Meeting Tuesday 11 January 2022**

Mayor Ross opened the meeting by advising the Council of the passing of former Mayor & Honoured Burgess George Stuchbery. Mayor Ross advised that the late Mr Stuchbery had been an Honoured Burgess since 2001 and that our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

### **Cornwall Councillor Report**

Cornwall Councillor Colin Martin was not in attendance.

### **Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Community Centre on Tuesday 11 January 2022.

### **Councillors Present**

Mayor Ross, Deputy Mayor Henderson  
Councillor Anders, Councillor Barrass  
Councillor Guiterman, Councillor Guy  
Councillor Henderson, Councillor Kent  
Councillor Rawlings & Councillor Townsend

### **In attendance**

3 members of the public were in attendance

Town Clerk Mrs Harris was in attendance.

**229/21 Apologies of Absence**

Apologies of Absence were received and accepted from the following Councillors -

Councillor Jarrett, Councillor Lindley, Councillor Micklethwaite, Councillor Marshall Stevens, Councillor Saundry and Councillor Wisdom.

**230/21 Declarations of Interest**

Deputy Mayor Henderson and Councillor Henderson both declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 - Planning Application PA21/11846.

Deputy Mayor Henderson also declared an interest in Agenda Item 19 – Accounts and Finance.

Councillor Guy declared in interest in Agenda Item 7 – Planning Application PA21/11609.

**231/21 Public Participation**

Three members of the public addressed the Council regarding the following: -

Planning Application PA21/11609, '20's Plenty' and the 'Quiet Lanes' schemes & agenda item 20 Housing in Cornwall.

**232/21 Meeting Minutes 07 December 2021**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 December 2021 are accepted, approved and duly signed by Mayor Ross. Votes – 10 in favour.

**233/21 Staffing Committee Minutes 10 November 2021**

It was **resolved** to adopt the Staffing Committee minutes dated 10 November 2021. Votes – 10 in favour.

**234/21 Heritage Buildings Committee Minutes 16 November 2021**

It was **resolved** to adopt the Heritage Building Committee minutes dated 16 November 2021. Votes – 10 in favour.

**235/21 Planning applications**

a)

**PA21/10850**

31 Grenville Road Lostwithiel  
Application for works to a tree within a TPO area – removal of poplar tree

It was **resolved** to support this application providing Cornwall Council's Tree Officer is in agreement and to recommend that consideration is given to a replacement tree being planted.

Votes – 10 in favour.

Councillor Guy left the meeting room.

**PA21/11609**

15 Grenville Road Lostwithiel  
Replacement of garden shed with greenhouse/home office

It was **resolved** to support this application. Votes – 9 in favour.

Councillor Guy re-joined the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Henderson and Councillor Henderson left the meeting room.

**PA21/11846**

4 Castle View Lostwithiel  
Single storey flat roof wrap around extension to side and rear with terrace and associated landscaping to front driveway

It was **resolved** to support this small-scale extension.

Votes – 8 in favour.

Deputy Mayor Henderson and Councillor Henderson re-joined the meeting.

**PA21/12644**

Land to the NW of Edgcumbe Road  
and SW of Scratons Lane  
Lostwithiel

To cut to ground level two clusters  
of trees located within a  
conservation area in order to  
reduce the loading on the highway  
embankment and reduce the risk of  
further land slips.

It was **resolved** to support this application providing Cornwall Council's Tree Officer is in agreement. Votes – 10 in favour

b) None.

c) The Town Council noted decisions made by Lostwithiel Town Council in accordance with the Council's Local Council Planning Protocol Policy namely: -

**PA21/10561**

10 Fore Street Lostwithiel  
Listed Building Consent for  
retrospective application for  
installation of new kitchen cowl and  
ventilation/odour system to replace  
the vent subject of the original  
enforcement notice EN20/01261

This application was referred back to Lostwithiel Town Council under the Local Council 5-day protocol, after consultation with Town Councillors, Cornwall Council was advised that the Town Council's original decision stands. Lostwithiel Town Council does not support the application.

PA21/05899

29 Summers Street Lostwithiel  
Variations to current dwelling

This application was referred back to Lostwithiel Town Council under the Local Council 5-day protocol, after consultation with Town Councillors, Cornwall Council was advised that the Town Council's original decision stands. Lostwithiel Town Council does not support the application.

### **236/21 Allotments**

a) It was **resolved** to appoint a contractor to level a site for delivery of a container and to instruct the contractor to arrange the purchase of the larger container 10ft x 8ft x 8ft at a cost of £3595 plus VAT.

Votes – 10 votes in favour.

b) It was **resolved** to appoint a contractor to supply and fill with water 6 x IBC containers along the cemetery hedge boundary at New Field allotments and to instruct the clerk to bring this agenda item back to Council for further discussion later in the year once a price from SW Water has been obtained. Votes – 10 votes in favour

c) It was **resolved** to sanction the clerk to proceed in accordance with National Allotment Society guidelines for non-payment of rent by new allotment tenants on New Field. Votes – 10 votes in favour

### **237/21 Lostwithiel Town Council Grounds Maintenance Working Party**

It was resolved to note the report provided. Votes – 10 votes in favour.

### **238/21 Lostwithiel Town Council 2022-2023 Budget**

It was **resolved** to defer consideration of the budget to an extraordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 25 January in Lostwithiel Community Centre at 7pm.

As part of the discussion of this agenda item Council considered the 'ballpark' figures provided to re-open the Guildhall & make Edgcumbe House watertight. Mayor Ross asked Councillors to indicate if they were in favour of incurring this expenditure and asked for the results to be recorded.

In favour of the expenditure were: -

Deputy Mayor Henderson, Councillor Anders, Councillor Barrass, Councillor Guiterman, Councillor Guy, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Rawlings, Councillor Townsend.

Against the expenditure were

Mayor Ross and Councillor Kent.

### **239/21 Lostwithiel Town Council 2022-2023 Precept**

This item was deferred to the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 25 January 2022.

### **240/21 Housing in Cornwall**

It was **resolved** to agree that Lostwithiel Town Council recognises that a housing crisis exists in Cornwall and calls upon the government to:

- a) Finally end the loophole that permits owners of second homes and holiday lets to avoid paying both Council tax and Business rates;
- b) Allow Cornwall Council to charge a levy for second homes and holiday lets in Cornwall and ringfence the money for the provision of social/council housing in Cornwall
- c) End the right to buy scheme
- d) Change the planning regulations to require a change of use application for properties to be used as second homes and holiday lets rather than residential use;

e) Introduce regulation of properties used for holiday lets which permits local authorities to set limits on percentage of properties available for let;

f) Introduce safeguards for renters so they cannot be evicted at only 2 months' notice for no good reason and ensure they are offered secure and humane tenancy agreements.

And calls upon Cornwall Council to:

- i) Enforce covenants on ex council houses that prohibit the use of the property for anything other than the residential use of local people that they were designed and built for with public money.
- ii) Change the definition of affordable, so that local people on their local wages can live in security in Cornwall.
- iii) Prioritise the urgent provision of council housing in Cornwall.

Votes – 10 votes in favour.

#### **241/21 Cornwall Council Consultation**

This item was deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 February.

#### **242/21 Union Jack flag**

This item was deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 February.

#### **243/21 Staffing Committee**

This item was deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 February.

#### **244/21 Lostwithiel Town Council Policy on Memorials & Dedications on Council owned land and assets**

This item was deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 February.

#### **245/21 Memorial Service for the late Dave Robson on Saturday 22 January 11am**

It was **resolved** that Mayor Ross and Deputy Mayor Henderson would attend the Memorial service in their regalia and would be accompanied by two Mace Bearers. Votes – 10 votes in favour.

**246/21 Cattle Market car park**

It was **resolved** to pay rent invoices dated 25 December 2020 & 25 December 2021 totalling £2,418.52 plus VAT. Votes – 10 votes in favour.

**247/21 Accounts & Finance**

<b>Cheque Ref</b>	<b>Payee Name</b>		<b>Amount Paid</b>
101728	Bonhams	Valuation	£180.00
101729	T Clarke South West	Intruder alarm monitor & maintenance	£220.32
101730	Cormac	Sexton services, play inspections, cleaning library & toilets.	£2,940.47
101731	Cornwall ALC Ltd	Admin Minutes & agendas training & 2 Cllrs planning training	£150.00
101732	Cornwall Council	Cattle Market car park rent (2 years)	£2,418.52
101733	DCS Pest Control (Cornwall) Ltd	Pest control King George V	£60.00
101734	EDF	Electric	£125.53
101735	Cheque destroyed	Cheque destroyed	£0.00
101736	Palace Printers	Mayors Christmas cards	£35.00
101737	Phoneta	Lone worker service	£12.00
101738	Lostwithiel Rotary	Defibrillator batteries	£140.00
101739	SW Water	Public toilet water	£320.39

		& sewage charges	
101740	BTE Services Ltd	Sanitary disposal unit	£129.17
101741-743 & 2 Standing Orders	Salary related expenses-	Salary related expenses-	£3,435.72
101744	Cornwall Council	Mid Cornwall People's Climate Festival	£100.00
101745	NSALG	Annual membership	£66.00
101746	Cheque destroyed	Cheque destroyed	£0.00
101747	Clarity Copiers	Copy charges	£12.00
101748	Cheque destroyed	Cheque destroyed	£0.00
101749	Lostwithiel Community Centre	Boiler grant & December room hire	£5091.00
101750	Cheque destroyed	Cheque destroyed	£0.00
101751	K Hill & Partners Ltd	Grass cutting & tree surgery	£1206.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,642.12</b>

It was **resolved** to pay cheques numbered 101728 – 101751 and 2 BACS payments noting that cheques 735, 746, 748 & 750 had been destroyed. Votes – 10 votes in favour.

The meeting closed at 10.45pm.