

Lostwithiel Town Council – Meeting

Tuesday 10 January 2012

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 10 January 2012.

Councillors present

The Worshipful the Mayor Councillor C D Robson,
 The Deputy Mayor Councillor Mrs G M Parsons,
 Councillor D A Abbiss, Councillor Mrs R Bettin,
 Councillor Mrs P Jarrett, Councillor C L Jewels,
 Councillor M Jones, Councillor V A May,
 Hon. Burgess A W Nicholls, Councillor D L Parsons,
 Hon. Burgess R H T Peareth, Councillor J H Pegg,
 Councillor M Stead, Councillor R Warwick,
 Councillor Mrs S M Wilkinson

In attendance

Mayor's Chaplain Rev M Turner
 Cornwall Councillor G Shakerley
 Town Clerk Sandra Harris

Five members of the public were in attendance

394/11 FOWEY HARBOUR MASTER

Not present, no presentation received.

395/11 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN FORUM – LOSTWITHIEL SPRING CLEAN WEEK 2012

The presentation from the Lostwithiel Forum explained their proposal to organise a Lostwithiel Spring Clean week to coincide with Cornwall Council's Clean Cornwall week. Residents, organisations, neighbourhoods and businesses will be encouraged to 'pull together to help spruce up our environment'. The project by design should be inclusive ranging from small no-cost ideas to more ambitious painting/refurbishment. The representatives presented to the Council a written project summary and a selection of photographs highlighting various Town issues. They further advised that they will contact the town clerk again as soon as they have the 'Clean Cornwall' date confirmed by Cornwall Council. The initiative was welcomed by the Town Mayor.

396/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

397/11 PRAYERS

The Council was led in prayer by Mayor's Chaplain Rev. M Turner

398/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors C L Jewels and P Sweet.

399/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Pegg declared a personal interest in agenda item 21 Finance.

400/11 COMMUNITY POLICE - Report

A written report was received from PCSO Natalie Phillips which advised that there has been a decrease in crimes reported this month. The number of crime logs for December being recorded as 33.

401/11 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR Report

Cornwall Councillor Shakerley began by responding to a query from a Councillor following his presentation regarding the Cornwall Bursary Scheme at last month's Town Council meeting. Cornwall Councillor Shakerley advised that it is not possible to extend the new Cornwall Bursary scheme beyond current funding for young people studying in Cornwall to a scheme with no age restrictions. The restrictions on the scheme are as a result of using Further Education Colleges and school sixth forms in Cornwall to administer the scheme rather than Cornwall Council. This will save £70,000 which can be used, instead, to directly support more students. Councillor Shakerley further advised that Cornwall Council is the only education authority to set up a complimentary scheme to the National programme. Cornwall Councillor Shakerley also advised that Cornwall Council has no money to support uneconomic commercial bus routes. He suggested that Lostwithiel residents should make more use of local community based transport schemes and that the Town Council should publicise contact details for the community buses more widely.

402/11 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 6 December 2011

The minutes of the Council Meeting of the 6 December had to be amended under minute reference 344/11 as the clerk had incorrectly spelt Treweather. The Mayor amended the minutes in ink and they were then accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Robson. Proposed Councillor Pegg seconded Councillor Abbiss. All in favour.

403/11 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING 13 December 2011

The minutes of the Corporate Properties Committee meeting of 13 December were accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Robson. Proposed Councillor May seconded Councillor Mrs Parsons. All in favour

404/11 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE MEETING 20 December 2011

The minutes of the Footpaths Committee meeting of 20 December 2011 were accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Robson. Proposed Councillor Pegg seconded Councillor Mrs Parsons. This proposal received the support of the Council.

405/11 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FLOOD COMMITTEE MEETING 20 December 2011

The minutes of the Flood Committee meeting of 20 December 2011 were accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Robson. Proposed Councillor Pegg seconded Councillor May. This proposal received the support of the Council.

406/11 LOSTWITHIEL FLOOD PLAN – PRINTING QUOTATION

Not received. The clerk was instructed to defer this item to next month's agenda.

407/11 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLAY AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING 20 December 2011

The minutes of the Play Areas Committee meeting of 20 December were accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Robson. Proposed Councillor Pegg seconded Councillor Stead. This proposal received the support of the Council.

408/11 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 20 December 2011

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 20 December were accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Robson. Proposed Councillor Abbiss seconded Councillor May. This proposal received the support of the Council.

409/11 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING 20 December 2011

The minutes of the Land & Parks Committee meeting of 20 December were accepted, approved and duly signed by the Worshipful the Mayor Robson. Proposed Councillor Pegg seconded Councillor Mrs Jarrett. This proposal received the support of the Council.

410/11 CORNWALL COUNCIL LOCALISM SERVICE MEETING

The Council was advised that seven Councillors attended the meeting organised by Cornwall Council. Sheryl Murray MP was in attendance and was very supportive. The Youth Leader gave a full account of how he intends to approach the youth in the town and although the meeting was poorly attended it was considered very positive.

411/11 EDGCUMBE HOUSE – RENT REVIEW

It was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Councillor Mrs Jarrett that the quotation received to conduct a rent review of Edgcumbe House is accepted. This proposal received the support of the Council.

412/11 EDGCUMBE HOUSE – RENTAL REQUEST

It was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Councillor Mrs Parsons that the office is offered for rent at the previous tenant's rental figure. This proposal received the support of the Council.

413/11 TOWN COUNCILLORS MEETING ROOM

It was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Councillor Abbiss that the centre office on the first floor is used as a space for Councillors to work and store their committee papers. It was further proposed that the Council purchases shelving for this room to cost a maximum of £50. This proposal received the support of the Council. The clerk was instructed to check the rates for this room.

414/11 ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

The bank account balances were reported to Council. It was proposed by Councillor Peareth and seconded by Councillor Jones that cheques presented totalling £4912.69 are authorised for payment. This proposal received the support of the Council.

415/11 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

It was proposed by Councillor May and seconded by Councillor Abbiss that the letter drafted to change the date of the bank statement and to authorise a petty cash cashing facility is signed and submitted to the Council's bankers. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

416/11 CORNWALL COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Parsons and seconded by Councillor May that the Council submits a grant application to Cornwall Councillor Shakerley for £600 for the Leaf Litter Project. This proposal received the support of the Council.

It was decided that any Highways grant application would be considered by Corporate Properties at their next Committee Meeting.

417/11 CORNWALL COUNCIL - VAT

It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs Parsons that the clerk is instructed to check how to reclaim the VAT through HM Revenue & Customs. This proposal received the support of the Council.

418/11 NETWORK RAIL – MAST

It was decided that the Council did not wish to make a comment on the proposed siting of the mast.

419/11 TOWN PLAN/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was proposed by Councillor May and seconded by Councillor Pegg that Lostwithiel Town Council works towards developing a Neighbourhood Development Plan possibly in consultation with other local Parish & Town Councils. This proposal received the support of the Council.

420/11 MEMORIAL GARDEN

Councillor Nicholls updated the Council regarding the Memorial Garden. It was proposed by Councillor May and seconded by Councillor Peareth that the area should be referred to the Land & Parks Committee. This proposal received the support of the Council.

421/11 SNOW & ICE PLAN

The clerk advised the Council that no further update had been received. The clerk was instructed to defer the item to next month's agenda.

422/11 CRCC AFFORDABLE HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

Council decided that it could not submit a response as there had not been a housing development completed within the specified timescale.

423/11 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Deputy Mayor Mrs Parsons explained the current proposals to Council. It was suggested that the Town Council should explore any funding options that may be available.

424/11 SLCC SOUTH WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

It was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Councillor Jones that the clerk attends the conference. This proposal received the support of the Council.

425/11 OFFICE LAPTOP & SHREDDER

The clerk explained to Council the performance issues with the current office computer. It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Pegg that the Council approves the purchase of new computer equipment (hardware and software) and an office shredder to a maximum value of £1250. Councillor Jones to liaise with the town clerk.

426/11 HIGHWAYS

The clerk was instructed to notify Highways and Cornwall Councillor Shakerley that the footpath on the lower side of Lostwithiel Community Centre is dangerous.

427/11 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

None

428/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Sir Graham Watson MEP	Contact details poster
CPRE	Planning explained booklet
CRCC	Mid Cornwall Bulletin
Cornwall Council	Core Strategy Newsletter
Duchy Palace	Update
Wales & West Utilities	Gas maintenance works

Evolve Tree and Landscape Consultancy

Cornwall Air Ambulance Request for funding

It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs Parsons that the request received to remove one of the granite posts and rails from the Parade area is declined. This proposal received the support of the Council.

429/11 NOTICES

Thursday 12 January Public meeting regarding Gas repairs and maintenance at Restormel Lodge

Monday 23 January Community Network Meeting at St Blazey

430/11 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

APA Date

431/11 COUNCILLOR COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Councillor Warwick advised that meetings need to be reviewed. They are too long and as a result decisions are sometimes rushed.

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman

Date