



Lostwithiel Town Council Meeting Tuesday 07 February 2023

Cornwall Councillor Report

Cornwall Councillor Martin advised the meeting that he is in agreement with the Town Council's view on the planning application for Newham Farm and he will ask that it goes to Cornwall Council's Planning Committee.

CC Martin further advised that on Friday 10 February at 7pm he will be holding a Zoom meeting to answer questions on Cornwall Council's Consultation on the Devolution Deal and Mayor for Cornwall.

CC Martin also advised that the Cornwall Council budget will increase this year in part due to the rising cost of Adult Social care.

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of Lostwithiel Town Council was held in Lostwithiel Library on Tuesday 07 February 2023 at 7pm.

Councillors Present

Mayor Ross, Deputy Mayor Henderson,
Councillor Anders, Councillor Berryman,
Councillor Guiterman, Councillor Guy,
Councillor Henderson, Councillor Jarrett,
Councillor Kent, Councillor Pearce,
Councillor Rawlings, Councillor Saundry

Councillor Townsend & Councillor Wisdom

In attendance

Fifteen members of the public were in attendance

Town Clerk Mrs Harris was in attendance.

261/22 Apologies of Absence

Apologies of Absence were sent and accepted from Councillor Tipton.

Councillor Jarrett had advised that she would be late.

262/22 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Townsend declared a non-registerable interest in agenda item 16 Lostwithiel Rotary.

Deputy Mayor Henderson declared a non-registerable interest in agenda item 18 Lostfest.

Councillor Guiterman declared a registerable interest in agenda item 18 Lostfest.

263/22 Public Participation

The Council was addressed regarding an accident on the level crossing.

Councillor Jarrett joined the meeting.

The Council was also addressed regarding plans for a new Lostwithiel Youth Football Club and regarding planning application **PA23/00241** Temporary use of vehicular access and parking and stationing of a refreshment cart in connection with the existing Gillyflower golf course.

264/22 Meeting Minutes 10 January 2023

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 January 2023 are accepted, approved and duly signed by Mayor Ross.

Votes – 10 votes in favour, 4 abstentions.

265/22 Staffing Committee Minutes 19 October 2022, 16 November 2022 & 19 January 2023

It was **resolved** to note the Staffing Committee minutes dated 19 October 2022, 16 November 2022 & 19 January 2023.

Votes – 13 votes in favour, 1 abstention.

266/22 Planning applications

a)

PA22/10795

South West Water PLC, Restormel Water Treatment Works Lostwithiel
A new water treatment process plant building and associated works.

It was **resolved** to support this application. However, the Town Council has noted that Historic Environmental Planning has requested further information and the Town Council respectfully requests a copy of this outstanding information when received from the applicant. Votes – 14 in favour.

PA23/00164

11 Polscoe, Lostwithiel
Proposed extensions and alterations to 11 Polscoe

It was **resolved** to support this application. Votes – 14 in favour

PA23/00241

Gillyflower Golf course Lostwithiel
Temporary use of vehicular access and parking and stationing of refreshment cart in connection with existing Gillyflower golf course.

It was **resolved** that the Council has no objection to this application. Votes – 8 in favour, 6 against

It was further **resolved** to instruct the clerk to write to the site owners to ask if the railway carriage could be a suitable colour and the ticket van repainted to blend in with the natural surroundings and if they could please ensure that there is good signage for all road users. Votes – 14 in favour.

- b) None.
- c) The Town Council was consulted under the Cornwall Council Planning Protocol for Local Councils regarding the following application: -
PA22/07134 Newham Park, Newham Lane, Lostwithiel
The Town Council maintained its objection to the planning application as it did not consider the proposal comparable in scale, massing, height and floor area with the existing Class Q planning permission.

267/22 Cornwall Council – Cornwall Devolution Deal

It was **resolved** to submit a response to this consultation by submitting a completed Consultation Questionnaire. Votes – 14 in favour.

Q2 To what extent do you agree or disagree that devolving powers and funding from Government to Cornwall Council is a good idea.

Response - Agree strongly. Lostwithiel Town Council strongly agrees with this statement but does not agree that the appointment of a Mayor for Cornwall should be an integral condition of the devolution of powers and funding.

Q3 The Town Council considered that the following key powers and funding in the deal would be very important: -

- a) Control of a £360 million investment fund over 30 years to drive growth and take forward priorities over the longer term.
- b) Up to £10 million for a 3-year innovation programme to invest in innovative businesses that will help rebalance the Cornish economy.
- c) A boost for green energy, including support for Floating Offshore Wind, geothermal heat and more influence over our future energy infrastructure

- d) More control to ensure training & skills provision meets the needs of the local economy and helps local people to get good jobs
- e) A Cornwall Land Commission to increase the delivery of new affordable homes on public sector owned land
- f) Additional funding to bring forward schemes and deliver new homes for local people
- g) Closer joint working to manage the impact of tourism on the housing market and to encourage landlords to stay in the private rented sector
- h) Funding and support to develop a pipeline of transport schemes and create an integrated and reliable transport system
- i) Support to improve and grow nature and to maintain and protect important features of our landscape, such as Cornish hedges
- j) Funding and support for heritage schemes and the protection and promotion of the Cornish language in private and public life
- k) More collaboration between Cornwall Council, the NHS and Government to improve local health services

The Town Council considered that the following key powers and funding in the deal would be not at all important: -

- l) The ability to designate mayoral development areas and set up Mayoral Development Corporations to help deliver regeneration.

Q4 To what extent do you agree or disagree the powers and funding set out in the proposed Deal would help Cornwall Council to deliver the priorities for Cornwall. Response – Neither agree or disagree. Lostwithiel Town Council does not have confidence in Cornwall Council with or without a Mayor to spend the money wisely. If money is devolved then it should be ring fenced for intended purpose.

Q5 To what extent do you agree or disagree that Cornwall Council should accept the proposed Deal including the change to an elected Mayor which is a requirement of the Deal. Response – Disagree strongly. Lostwithiel Town Council considers that there should be a public referendum. Votes – 14 in favour.

268/22 Cornwall Association of Local Councils AGM

It was **resolved** to appoint Deputy Mayor Henderson as Lostwithiel Town Council's voting representative at the CALC AGM on Tuesday 21 February 2023.

Votes – 14 in favour.

269/22 Lostwithiel Neighbourhood Plan

a) It was **resolved** to appoint Franco Szczepaniak as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group.

Votes 14 in favour

b) It was noted that Joannie Muskett has resigned as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group.

c) The minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Review Steering Group dated 03 November 2022 were noted by Council.

270/22 Cormac – Section 154 & Section 294 Notices under the Highways Act 1980

It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of £3840 plus VAT to remove the elm trees and arisings and £420 plus VAT to remove the epicormic growth and arisings from the limes near the school.

Votes – 14 in favour.

271/22 Second Island trees

It was **resolved** to authorise all actions identified by the Duchy of Cornwall's tree surveyor. Votes – 13 in favour, 1 against

272/22 Cornwall Council Local Maintenance Partnership

It was **resolved** not to participate in this year's scheme.

Votes – 12 in favour, 1 against (Cllr Guiterman was not present to vote)

273/22 Parking and road use during school drop offs and pickups

In accordance with Standing Order 3f) Mayor Ross invited CC Martin to address the meeting. CC Martin confirmed that he had meet with Sustrans at St Winnow School and has yet to arrange a date for Lostwithiel School. It was **resolved** to accept Cllr Jarrett's offer to visit both schools to have a face-to-face meeting with their respective Head Teachers to express the Council's concern with the traffic problems experienced at the beginning and end of the school day and to offer to facilitate a joined-up approach to working towards mitigation measures.

274/22 Level crossing accident

It was **resolved** to instruct the clerk to contact Network Rail to request further information regarding what the time lapse should actually be between the lights and the barriers and to advise that a number of residents are perceiving a lack of consistency with recent timings.

The clerk was further instructed to write to the lady hit by the barrier to thank her for bringing the irregular timings to the attention of the Council. Votes – 12 in favour

275/22 Dance Centred CIC

It was **resolved** to appoint Councillors Pearce and Tipton to liaise between Dance Centred and the Town Council. Votes – 14 in favour

276/22 Lostwithiel Rotary

Councillor Townsend having previously declared a non-registerable interest left the meeting room.

It was **resolved** to approve, in principle, the draft timetable for this year's Lostwithiel Carnival week and to request completion of the Council's Hire of Council land application form for all Carnival venues and dates. Votes – 12 in favour, 1 abstention.

Councillor Townsend re-joined the meeting.

277/22 Lostwithiel Youth Football Club

In accordance with Standing Order 3f) Mayor Ross invited Mr Ashwin to address the meeting regarding funding that could be available to improve the pitch. It was **resolved** to agree to the new Youth Football Club's use of the King George V playing field. The Council further advised that it will be delighted to work alongside and support the starting of this youth football team. Votes 14 in favour.

278/22 Lostfest

Deputy Mayor Henderson having previously declared a non-registerable interest left the meeting room.

Councillor Guiterman having previously declared a registerable interest also left the meeting room.

It was **resolved** to approve the application to use the Parade and part of King George V playing field on 21 May 2023 without charge subject to the following: -

- a) No catering outlets being sited on King George V playing field
- b) Lostfest providing security/stewards until midnight and contacting St Austell Police Station to request a Police presence for the whole day up to midnight.
- c) Lostfest encouraging use of the litter bins during the event and organising a further litter pick of King George V playing field 24 hours after the event.
- d) No parking on King George V playing field

Votes 12 in favour

Deputy Mayor Henderson & Councillor Guiterman re-joined the meeting.

279/22 Grit bins

It was **resolved** to defer consideration of this agenda item because the Council had yet to receive the requested information from

Cornwall Council regarding the first fill of Lostwithiel Town Council purchased bins. Votes 12 in favour, 2 against.

280/22 Recruitment, Selection & Retention Policy

It was **resolved** to approve the recommendation from the Staffing Committee that this new policy is approved as drafted.

Votes – 14 in favour

281/22 Hire of Town Council Land policy

It was **resolved** to appoint a working party to review the hire of Council Land policy and bring their recommendations back to Council. Votes 14 in favour

It was further **resolved** to appoint Deputy Mayor Henderson, Councillor Berryman, Councillor Henderson & Councillor Rawlings to this working party. Votes 14 in favour.

282/22 Office costings

It was **resolved** to approve (although highlighted by the Proper Officer as being contrary to Financial Regulation 11h)) the costs of circa £6,500 plus VAT to upgrade the electrics, provide new office furniture, upgrade the Council IT, purchase a fridge & microwave and revamp the quiet room & small kitchen fit for purpose. Votes 14 in favour. (Three Councillors met on site with the electrician following the trip out of supply, they were advised by the electrician that there is a risk of electrocution.)

283/22 Accounts & Finance

Date	Cheque Ref	Payee Name	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
07/02/23	Direct Debit	Biffa	£68.88	Cemetery bin
07/02/23	101947	Cormac Solutions Ltd	£585.61	Sexton services
07/02/23	101948	Corserv Facilities Ltd	£1,225.68	Cleaning
07/02/23	101949	EDF Energy	£71.41	Electric

07/02/23	Direct Debit	Information Commissioner	£35.00	Annual renewal
07/02/23	101950	Dave MacLennan	£229.46	Electric works in library & Edgcumbe House
07/02/23	101951	Southwest Playground Safety Inspections	£216.00	Dec & Jan
07/02/23	101952	Source for business	£83.72	Water Edgcumbe House & Public toilet
07/02/23	101953-54, 56 & 1 x Standing Order	Salary related expenses	£2675.80	Salary related expenses
07/02/23	101955	Cheque destroyed	£0.00	Cheque destroyed
07/02/23	101957	K Hill & Son Ltd	£5,197.20	Grass cutting Aug-Oct £4063.20 New cemetery noticeboard £90 Clear moss from tarmac £36 Second Island vegetation encroaching on neighbour £480 Allotment work paths and plots ready for tenants £432
07/02/23	101958	EDF Energy	£233.04	Car Park electric
07/02/23	101959	CALC	£72.00	Cllr training

07/02/23	101960	Clarity Copiers Ltd	£16.42	Copy charges
		Total	£10,710.22	

Copies of the revised payment list were circulated to all Council Members.

It was **resolved** to authorise the payment of 1 direct debit, 1 standing order and cheque numbers 101947 – 101960. It was further **resolved**, given that the bank had refused to process the two letters signed at last month's meeting, to sign cheque 101961 to transfer funds from the Council's current to savings account.

Votes – 14 in favour

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Chairman

Date