

Lostwithiel Town Council

A Meeting of the Town Council was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 3 December 2013 at 7pm.

Councillors present

Mayor Mrs Parsons

Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett,

Councillor Abbiss, Councillor Gillett,

Councillor Hensman, Councillor Hughes,

Councillor Jewels, Councillor May,

Councillor Milne, Honoured Burgess Peareth,

Councillor Robson, Councillor Mrs Ross,

Councillor Watkins & Councillor Mrs Wilkinson

In attendance

Cornwall Councillor Bay

Town Clerk Mrs Harris

Eleven members of the public were in attendance

535/13 PRESENTATION FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL CABINET MEMBER BISCOE REGARDING THE TRANSPORT & WASTE PORTFOLIO

The Council was addressed regarding Cornwall Councillor Biscoe's portfolio which covers everything from airports to pavements. Cornwall Councillor Biscoe advises that there is currently a focus to digitalise the signalling system between Penzance and Plymouth and the long term intention is to introduce a half hour shuttle which will change the face of public transport in Cornwall. Cornwall Council intends to lobby Network Rail to bring forward the investment programme in order that the scheme can run in tandem with the new convergence programme. It is hoped that Bodmin Parkway will be connected to Bodmin with effect from the September 2014 timetable.

Cornwall Councillor Biscoe further advised that Flybe have extended their timeframe at Newquay Airport and that going forward Cornwall Council would like to run the Cornwall Council run car parks with conditions that are conducive to trade.

Cornwall Councillor Biscoe further advised that recycling levels in Cornwall are very low.

The incinerator will be built and St Dennis and as part of his role

Cornwall Cabinet Member Biscoe hopes to be able to heal and repair the relationship between Cornwall Council and the residents of St Dennis. In partnership with their contractors Cornwall Council hopes to engage more people in the recycling process.

Cornwall Councillor Biscoe suggested that Lostwithiel Town Council may wish to consider proposing by resolution the opening of the Fowey to Lostwithiel line to passenger traffic and that Lostwithiel Town Council may wish to contact local bus companies to try to obtain more timetabled bus services for Lostwithiel. The Town Council should consider the key criteria i.e. if a demonstrable social need can be established.

Cornwall Council Cabinet Member Councillor Biscoe was thanked by Mayor Mrs Parsons for his very informative presentation and for answering the questions raised.

536/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council was addressed regarding the Lostfest festival.

537/13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from the following Councillors:-
Honoured Burgess Jones & Councillor Brewer.

538/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor May declared a non registerable interest in agenda item 22 regarding Accounts & Finance.

Honoured Burgess Peareth declared a non registerable interest in agenda item 22 regarding Accounts & Finance and agenda item 30 DAS.

Councillor Mrs Ross declared a non registerable interest in agenda item 30 DAS.

Councillor Watkins declared a non registerable interest in agenda item 30 DAS.

539/13 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Phillip's written report advised that there were 8 reported crimes for the month of November. One assault (detected) two other vehicle crimes, two other thefts, two drink/drive/misc crime (one detected) and one criminal damage.

540/13 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cornwall Councillor Bay advised the Council that she has decided not to call the Tredethick Farm wind turbine application to Cornwall Council's Planning Committee. Cornwall Councillor Bay further advised that she still hopes to foster a 'common sense' approach to the removal of silt from the Medieval Bridge and that she looks forward to working with the Council's working party regarding the toilets.

541/13 MAYOR'S REPORT

None

542/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 26 November 2013 were accepted, approved and duly signed by Mayor Mrs Parsons. Proposed Councillor Robson seconded Councillor Mrs Wilkinson. This proposal received the support of the Council.

543/13 PLANNING DECISIONS

The Council discussed Cornwall Council's protocol for Local Council's as a result of the Planning officer's notification regarding PA13/08255 Mill Cottage, Millham Lane, Lostwithiel.

It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Councillor Gillett that Lostwithiel Town Council introduces a new procedure. On receipt of the notification from Cornwall Council that their decision conflicts with the opinion of the Town Council the clerk is given the delegated power to contact five members of Planning Committee and to take the majority instruction from these five members. This procedure is only to be used to facilitate Lostwithiel Town Council's response to applications which become subject to Cornwall Council's Protocol for Local Councils and is being introduced in order that Lostwithiel Town

Council can submit its responses within the designated timeframe. This proposal received the support of the Council.

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Jewels that the procedure on receipt of a planning application should be amended in that the clerk is instructed to request the opinion of the Cornwall Council Planning Officer prior to the Town Council considering the application. This proposal was defeated by Council.

544/13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) PA13/09888

5 Summers Street, Lostwithiel

Provision of a balcony to rear of property.

It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Councillor Robson that Lostwithiel Town Council supports this application as it considers the design and scale of the balcony is not intrusive on neighbouring properties. This proposal received the support of the Council.

b) None

545/13 CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS – PLANNING

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Hughes that Lostwithiel Town Council advises Cornwall Council that ‘without being experts it is very difficult to comment on the documents fairly’. This proposal received the support of the Council.

546/13 CORNWALL’S CELTIC CULTURE

It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor Jewels that the following letter is submitted from Lostwithiel Town Council in Cornish and English to Cornwall Council, all Cornish MP’s and the Rt Hon. Stephen Williams (Local Government Minister) the text to read as follows:-

‘We request Cornwall be recognised as a National Minority. This is to help preserve Cornwall’s unique culture and identity for future generations.

We request Cornwall Council urgently submits an application for this to central government so that it may be included in a bid to Europe prior to the May 2014 deadline. Maybe then we could comply with the Council of Europe framework for the protection of National Minorities.

Perhaps also we could then be correctly included in future national censuses.

This proposal received the support of the Council.

547/13 LOSTFEST

It was proposed by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor May that Lostwithiel Town Council grants permission for the Parade to be used by Lostfest in May 2014. The clerk was instructed to ask Lostfest for copies of the following documents for the Council’s records:-

The Events Notification Form submitted to Cornwall Council, the Temporary Events Notice & event risk assessments.

This proposal received the support of the Council.

548/13 LOSTWITHIEL PUBLIC TOILETS

The Mayor advised Council that the photocopies of the written report prepared by the Town Council's Public Toilets Working Party distributed by the clerk at the start of this agenda item are incorrect and should be disregarded. The Mayor then read to Council a revised report. The clerk highlighted anomalies within the report.

It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Councillor Robson that the meeting suspends standing orders to allow comments from Cornwall Councillor Bay. This proposal received the support of the Council.

Cornwall Councillor Bay suggested that the way forward would be for her to arrange a meeting with the Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder Edwina Hannaford, the relevant Cornwall Council officers and the Town Council's working party.

It was proposed by Councillor Jewels and seconded by Councillor May that the Council meeting is reconvened.

Councillor Watkins left the Council meeting during the discussion of this agenda item and did not vote on the proposal below.

It was then proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Councillor Hughes that the Council resolves to accept the suggestion put forward by Cornwall Councillor Bay. This proposal received the support of the Council.

549/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2013/14

It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Councillor Ross that the Finance, Staffing and General Purposes Committee budget figures are incorporated into the Town Council's provisional budget as prepared. This proposal received the support of the Council.

The clerk was instructed to include in the draft preparation of the Planning Committee budget to include a figure of £2,700 for the Neighbourhood Plan, £2,000 for the desilting of the Medieval Bridge and £2,500 for the Flood Plan.

550/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL – STANDING ORDERS

The Council agreed to defer this agenda item to the meeting scheduled for 17 December.

551/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL – FLOOD PLAN

The Council agreed to defer this agenda item to the meeting scheduled for 17 December.

552/13 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL – MEDIA POLICY

It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Councillor May that Lostwithiel Town Council does not amend its current procedures. This proposal received the support of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Robson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett that as the meeting has overrun and in accordance with the framework of Lostwithiel Town Council's Standing Orders agenda items 19-27 with the exception of item 22 are considered by Council at the meeting scheduled to be held on 17 December. This proposal received the support of the Council

553/13 ACCOUNTS & FINANCE

Councillor May and Honoured Burgess Peareth having previously declared non registerable interests left the meeting room.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Ross and seconded by Councillor Hensman that the cheques presented totalling £2071.51 are authorised for payment. This proposal received the support of the Council.

Councillor May and Honoured Burgess Peareth rejoined the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman

Date