



**LISKEARD TOWN FORUM
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 22 JULY 2009**

At a meeting of the Liskeard Town Forum held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House, Liskeard following the EGM on 22 July 2009 there were present:

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| Liskeard Town Council | Councillors: R Holmes (Vice Chairman), L Reid N Mallard, T Powell |
| Cannon Terrace Residents | Mrs S James-Smith |
| CN4C | Ms J Hargreaves |
| Trebecca Residents | Mr and Mrs A J Groves |
| Station Road Residents | J Markes, G Bowman |
| Plymouth Road Residents | S Quiller |
| Transition Liskeard | N Ammer |
| Liskeard Chamber of Commerce Residents | A and J Masters Mr W M Gregory (Chairman), I Rowe, A P Langdon, Mr R Waxman, Ms S Lewis, Mr J Goldsworthy, W Mutton |
| Cornish Guardian | Emma Haines |
| Devon and Cornwall Constabulary | Sergeant J Williams |

1094 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cornwall Councillors Jay Schofield and Janet Powell.

1095 MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Forum held on 17 June 2009 in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

1096 MATTERS ARISING

Grant Funding (Minute 1080 (1))

It was noted that grant funding for the Town Forum had been discussed at Cornwall Council but nothing further had been heard to date.

1097 POLICE MATTERS

Sergeant Williams reported that the traveller's site was now emptying steadily, although there remained a significant amount of rubbish and derelict caravans on the site. There were only approximately 7-8 caravans left on the site and there had been no further problems with counterfeit currency. A meeting was due to be held the following Friday at County Hall to discuss the matter. The rent period had now expired and it would hopefully be possible to undertake eviction proceedings shortly.

A couple of serious crimes had taken place over the past month connected with knives. Both crimes had involved young people; one had taken place in Castle Park and one in Lux Park. Both incidents had been serious, however, both had been solved with one person on bail and another removed from the area.

CCTV was being used on the laptop on a daily basis and had been used to resolve a recent assault within the town. The laptop had also been used to provide evidence in Court recently.

The crime figures for the area were now back on target, however, there remained a problem with alcohol consumption amongst youngsters with associated crimes and behavioural issues. Alcoholic drinks were being mixed in with fizzy drinks, etc and the Police were using special dip-sticks to identify the contents of bottles. Problems were being dealt with through the anti-social behaviour procedure.

PCSO Steed was now six months pregnant and PC Duggua would shortly be leaving for a twelve month career break. Her post was currently being advertised and hopefully would be filled shortly. Councillor Mallard requested that the Forum's thanks be passed to PC Duggua for her work within the Town. He was pleased to hear that the CCTV evidence and lap top were being found helpful. He had been disappointed to hear from a local trader that the crime where two airgun pellet holes appeared in his window had been noted on CCTV but that the trader had been told that CCTV evidence would be inadmissible in court.

Councillor Reid commented that she had also heard this and was concerned that this may be information being passed out by the Police enquiry line. Sergeant Williams commented that the staff manning this helpline did change very frequently and that there had been a number of strange crimes recorded recently. She agreed to feed back to the local trader and the enquiry line staff regarding this matter.

1098 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The new Chairman stated that he was looking forward to the coming year and hoped that it would be a fruitful year for the Forum.

1099 UPDATES AND REPORTS

1. Liskeard Pannier Market

Mr Waxman reported on the Liskeard Pannier Market working group. Two meetings had been held and the working group had been waiting for a partner's meeting of Kivells prior to taking the matter further. The first meeting had been very productive and the second meeting had been on site reviewing the facilities with Mr Hooper from Kivells.

The facilities viewed would need a significant amount of work and Mr Hooper had offered an alternative venue which appeared to be a better option. Dr Piper had received a telephone call a couple of days prior to the Forum meeting and it appeared that the Kivells partners were happy for the project to precede. A further meeting of the working group would now be called to decide whether it would be practical to go ahead with the project.

1100 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been sent to Cornwall Council regarding representation on the Forum but no decisions appeared to have been made to date. Ms Lewis commented that she was unsure when a decision would be made, however, a meeting was due to be held on 3 August 2009 and it was hoped that a response would be received after this date.

1101 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Railway Station Facilities

Mr Waxman asked the Forum to write requesting provision of a hot drinks machine at the railway station. He noted the excellent café on the site, but this was only available for limited hours each day and he considered it would be helpful to have a hot drink machine available twenty-four hours a day on the site. It was AGREED that a letter be sent requesting installation of this facility.

2. Town Signage

The Chairman commented that he considered the Plymouth entrance to the Town was uninviting and that signage was overgrown. The ownership of the land in this area was unknown. The Town Clerk reported that there had been problems in the past with maintenance of this area, however, she would write again to County Highways regarding the matter. Councillor Powell reported that the Liskeard Tavern had expressed an interest in maintaining the roundabout outside the tavern and that he would be providing them with information about this. Councillor Reid commented that the Liskeard and Looe Rotary Club had been investigating legislation regarding installation of a flower bed in the area also.

3. Liskeard Tavern

A further request was received for construction of footpath to Liskeard Tavern from the Morrison's roundabout. The Town Clerk had written to Cornwall Council about this at the time of the construction of the Liskeard Tavern, however, no response had been received to date. It had been noted, however, that any future planning applications for the area would require installation of a footpath as part of the planning conditions.

1102 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2 September 2009 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House
Wednesday 21 October 2009 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House
Wednesday 2 December 2009 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House
Wednesday 20 January 2010 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House