



LISKEARD TOWN FORUM

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6 MAY 2009

At the Annual General Meeting of the Liskeard Town Forum held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House, Liskeard at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 6 May 2009 there were present:

Liskeard Town Council

Cllrs R Holmes (Chairman), B Hawken, T Powell

Mrs B Furse (Town Clerk), Mrs K Olver (Minute Clerk).

Pengover Park Residents Assoc

Mr C Knill, Mr D Howard

Barras Cross Residents

Mr and Mrs Willing

Liskerrett Centre

Mr J Lennon

Age Concern

Mrs A Rochester

Liskeard and District Museum

Mrs H Medlen

Transition Liskeard

Ms Klaudia van Gool

Residents

Mr W M Gregory (Deputy Chairman), Ms S Lewis, Mrs J Powell, Mrs S James-Smith, Ms J Hargreaves, A Langdon, Ms A Bedford, Mr J Goldsworthy

Devon and Cornwall Constabulary

Sergeant J Williams, PCSO Mark Horton

Cornish Guardian

Ms E Haines

1063 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A Purdon, N Mallard and G Hocking, Mr and Mrs Groves, Mr Mort and Mr M Garrington.

In the Chairman's absence the Deputy Chairman, Mr Mike Gregory took the Chair.

1064 MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Town Forum held on the 7 May 2008 having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

1065 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Members received the true draft statement of the Income and Expenditure Report for 2008/09 and the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2009. The Town Clerk commented that the sum of £580.42 would need to be moved into the general fund. It was not anticipated that this amount would not be reclaimed by the MCTA which had now dissolved. The Town Council had yet to pay the balance of their annual grant for the year from which the sum of £228.79 had been spent on advertising. The sum of £228 was also outstanding from the Town Council for the Town Forum's projector hire throughout the year. It was AGREED to accept and adopt the draft statement of the Accounts.

The Chairman arrived at this point in the meeting and took over the chair, having thanked the Deputy Chairman for standing in for him.

1066 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME ADDRESS

The Chairman commented on the financial situation affecting towns and cities across the nation. He considered that Liskeard was weathering the situation well although trading in the Town had declined compared to previous years. The Forum had been able to support a number of small projects within the Town over the previous year and it was good to see the Pigmeadow Lane Mural in the Town being re-done. Such works brought about pride in the Town and represented good examples of respect for the Town. The improvements to the Boots building had been noted and thanks were expressed for the works carried out in cleaning and improving the appearance of the building.

The Town Plan was now in place and would need to take into account the changing needs and circumstances within the Town. Changes in the Town would be subject to the RDA but he considered that there was a need to "think globally and act locally". There was a need also to consider the conflicting needs within the Town in respect to land, balancing the need for land for accommodation with the needs for food for the future.

Thanks were expressed to all those who had supported and assisted the Forum over the previous year, in particular Councillor Mallard. Thanks were also expressed to local community representatives and the Police for their insight and useful reports. Thanks were also expressed to those who attend the meetings.

1067 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Powell suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair be asked to continue in their present role for the time being to allow the situation regarding the Constitution of the Forum to be resolved. The Constitution required revision following the demise of Caradon District Council on the 31 March 2009 and the creation of the new Cornwall Council. The new Constitution would need to take into account the increased role of the Town Council and the newly created Community Network Area.

The Chairman commented on the difficulty which arose in discussing any matter with the new Cornwall Council as local links had not yet been established. Revision of the Constitution would need to take place at an extra-ordinary meeting of the Forum.

Councillor Powell commented that he had been in discussion with Mr Besford-Foster at Cornwall Council regarding this matter, who felt it would be helpful to look at this issue following appointment of the Community Network Area Manager.

It was noted that the next meeting would be held after the Cornwall Council elections on the 4 June 2009.

It was AGREED that a draft revised Constitution be drafted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman and be brought to the next meeting due to be held on 17 June 2009 and that an extra-ordinary meeting be held at some point following that meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Annual General Meeting closed.