



LISKEARD TOWN FORUM
MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 MAY 2010

At a Meeting of the Liskeard Town Forum held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House, Liskeard at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12 May 2010 there were present:

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| Liskeard Town Council | Councillors: R Holmes (Vice Chairman), B Hawken, N Mallard, *L Reid, T Powell, Mrs B Furse (Town Clerk), Miss H Wasilewski (Minute Clerk). |
| Cornwall Council | Mr M Hinks |
| Liskerrett Centre | Mr J Lennon, Mrs J Foster |
| Liskeard and District Museum | Mrs H Medlen |
| Residents | Mr W M Gregory (Chairman), Ms R Bowen, Mrs A Bedford, Mr R Waxman, Mr M Hasshill |
| Devon and Cornwall Constabulary | *Sergeant J Williams |
| Cornish Times | Ms R Morton |
| Melbourne Road Resident | Mr W Hillson |
| Liskeard Traders Association | Mr R Davis, Ms M Smith |

1168 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors A Purdon and C Ferguson, Cornwall Councillors M George, J Powell and J Schofield, Mr & Mrs Groves and Dr T Piper.

1169 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were none.

1170 MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Forum held on 31 March 2010 in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House, having been circulated, be accepted.

1171 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Liskeard Courts (Minute 1153 (2))

The Town Clerk stated she had written to the Courts regarding the future of Liskeard but had received no reply to date.

2. Police Matters (Minute 1154)

The Town Clerk reported she had spoken to Sergeant Williams regarding Police representation at Forum meetings and Sergeant Williams was due to attend this meeting.

3. Planning Application for Addington (Minute 1159 (3))

Members noted that no planning application had been submitted to Cornwall Council. Councillor Powell reported that discussions were still ongoing regarding a part of the site being used for other purposes rather than housing.

*At 7.35pm Councillor Reid arrived and apologised for her late arrival.

Councillor Powell stated that the Town Council and Town Forum would hopefully be given full details of the proposal in the near future and that Persimmon Homes would be upfront about the site.

*At 7.40pm Sergeant Williams arrived and apologised for her late arrival.

1172 POLICE MATTERS

Sergeant Williams apologised for the lack of Police presence at recent Forum meetings, this had been due to sickness and training courses, provision would be made for the future that should the Police be unable to attend, then a report would be sent.

Sergeant Williams provided Members with some crime statistics stating that overall in Liskeard the crime rate had decreased.

In reply to Councillor Powell, Sergeant Williams stated that they had protested locally with regard to the 'Satisfaction Surveys' however nothing ever became on it.

At present there are some staff shortages, Inspector John Turner had worked his last official day and Acting Inspector Mick Howe had replaced him for three months. At present the Police are going through a 'Blue Print' process looking at all the departments and how best to save money, they are looking at a £14 million pound reduction over the next year. No recruitment is taking place unless it is a frontline position.

In reply to Sergeant Williams comment that the Home Office is withdrawing funding this year for PCSO's, Councillor Powell stated that the Forum should write to the local MP and lobby them to reverse the withdrawal of funding as this was a mistake.

In reply to Mr Rowe, Sergeant Williams stated that she had not heard of the missing mile stone that had been taken from Duchy land, however it was up to the Duchy to contact the Police and register the theft.

In reply to Mr Hillson, Sergeant Williams stated that for the Police to be able to take any action on a vehicle causing an obstruction, it had to be an 'Active' obstruction and actually in place when the Police attend the scene. She stated that the Police are lobbying to try to get their powers back.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Williams for attending the meeting and providing the report.

1173 PRESENTATION - LISKERRETT COMMUNITY CENTRE - COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

Mrs Foster stated that the plans were in the foyer if Members wished to view them. She stated that the garden would be an area for everyone, with disabled friendly access paths with access to the games area, a productive growing area, an outdoor amphitheatre, community cafe, wild flower meadow amongst many other things.

Applications had been sent to Viridor and the Big Lottery for funding.

Mr Gregory reported that he had visited the Centre recently and was speechless to see how hard everyone there works.

1174 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Gregory introduced Mr Hinks, the Economic Development Officer (East), Cornwall Council.

Mr Hinks spoke about the proposed Cattle Market development and stated that Cornwall Council would look at it from the point of what was most beneficial for the site in conjunction with representatives from the Forum, Liskeard Town Council and other interested parties.

He stated that the process for the compulsory purchase order for a Charter Way employment site had started approximately three weeks ago. The delay had been due to the change over from a District Council to the Unitary Authority.

Councillor Powell stated that the Town Council need to sit round the table with the Economic Development team and tackle problems such as the full flow junction and work out how to get over them otherwise the Town would be dead in 12 months.

1175 UPDATES AND REPORTS

1. Community Fund

Mr Lennon proposed, Councillor Holmes seconded and Members AGREED that £1,000 should be transferred from the Reserves Fund to the Current Account.

2. Caradon Heritage Project

Mr Rowe reported that he had been appointed as the Heritage and Education Officer and his contract would start in a couple of weeks, he would have more information at the next meeting.

3. Town Plan

Mr Gregory reported that the Town Plan was proceeding well.

4. Events Trailer

Councillor Powell reported that he had been in contact with Cornwall Council regarding the possibility of either purchasing their trailer or having it gifted to the Town Council. A letter would be sent to Cornwall Council.

1176 COMMUNITY FUND

The Ramp Youth Club - A request for £300 to repair two pool tables.

Councillor Mallard stated that he believed the Town Forum had supplied the original tables not very long ago. Members AGREED to defer the matter until the next meeting so that details of when the tables had been purchased could be investigated.

1177 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Liskeard Town Council

The annual grant of £2,500 had been granted from the Town Council to the Town Forum.

2. Cornwall Councillor Jay Schofield

A grant of £500 from the Community Fund of Cornwall Councillor Jay Schofield was being processed.

3. Insight – April 2010

The Insight magazine was available from the Office or by e-mail.

4. Inter-Link Cornwall - Spring 2010

The Inter-Link magazine was available from the Office.

1178 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Liskeard Traders Association

Councillor Reid stated that she had attended a recent meeting held by the Liskeard Traders Association and had been most impressed with this dynamic group.

Mr Davis stated that the group now consisted of Traders from all the shops in Town rather than just Fore Street. They had drawn up a Constitution which was being adopted and would then like to become a Member of the Town Forum.

In reply to Mr Davis, Councillor Powell requested that he write to the Town Council with regard to his proposals for the short term use of the Cattle Market for covered market stalls.

It was noted that the Chamber of Horrors was due to open on the 29 May 2010 along with other events being held for the day, there would also be entertainment on Carnival Day.

2. Moorswater Development

Councillor Mallard stated that there had been two planning applications received for proposed development at Moorswater, if permitted these would have a large impact on the proposed full flow junction as described in the Community Strategic Plan.

Following discussion, Members AGREED that a letter be sent stating the Town Forums objection to the applications and should the matter go to Committee for a decision then both the Town Council and Town Forum should make representations at the meeting.

1179 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 16 June 2010 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard

Wednesday 28 July 2010 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard

Wednesday 15 September 2010 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard

Wednesday 3 November 2010 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard

Wednesday 15 December 2010 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard

Wednesday 2 February 2011 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard

Wednesday 23 March 2011 – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard

Wednesday 4 May 2011 AGM – Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard