



LISKEARD TOWN FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2011

At a meeting of the Liskeard Town Forum held in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House, Liskeard at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 December 2011 there were present:-

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| Liskeard Town Council | Councillor Roger Holmes (Vice Chairman), Mr A J Deacon (Town Clerk) Councillors N Mallard, Ian Goldsworthy, Rosa Mashiter and Susan Pike |
| Residents | Mr M Gregory (Chairman) |
| Cornwall Councillor | Jan Powell |
| Residents | C Barrett, Mr & Mrs A Groves, Mr J Goldsworthy, Mr M Hasshill, Dr B G M Helme, M N Hinchliff, D Huxford, N Rackhurst, Mr I Rowe, Mr R Jones |
| Liskeard Chamber of Commerce | |
| Liskeard Traders Association | Mr I Stevenson Mrs M. Smith |
| Community Network Manager | Mr S Foster |
| St Cleer Parish Council | Mr M Chorlton |
| Cornish Guardian | Jade Farrington, Paul Farrington |
| Minute Clerk | Mrs J Deacon |

The Chairman advised those present of Housekeeping matters.

1314 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Judith Marks, Bernie Worcester, T C Hoskin, Liskeard Town Councillors Lori Reid, Tony Powell, Bruce Hawken, Cornwall Councillors, J. Schofield and Mike George.

1315 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS

No Members declared an interest either Personal or Prejudicial.

1316 MINUTES

After one amendment was made to page one it was AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Forum held on 2 November 2011 in the Council Chamber at Luxstowe House, having been circulated, were approved.

1317 MATTERS ARISING

1. Employment Land

Councillor Holmes stated that he and other Members of the Town Council had met with Members of Cornwall Council with regard to the employment land on the edge of Liskeard and the possible future development of the same for local employment.

2. Public Toilets

The Town Clerk reported that he was still in correspondence relating to the toilets and their refurbishment. It would seem that due to a public outcry, Cornwall Council's policy on the closure or otherwise of the toilets had now been postponed for 12 months for reconsideration.

1318 POLICE MATTERS

An apology was received from the Police who were attending their Christmas Party. A Report had been received (attached) and was read to the meeting by the Town Clerk. There were no responses.

1319 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman commented on how successful the Lights Up celebrations had been in spite of inclement weather and that the Christmas tree was looking particularly good with the lights arranged lower down the tree this year. It was hoped that these would not be vandalised.

1308 UPDATES AND REPORTS

There were no updates or reports.

1320 COMMUNITY FUND

There was nothing to report.

1321 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk invited members of the Town Forum to attend the next Olympic Relay Meeting which was to be held on Friday, 9 December 2011 at 4.00 pm in the Quimperle Room at the Public Hall. He stated that a lot of help was needed for this important event and all were welcome to attend.

1322 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Lennon mentioned that some time ago, money in the sum of £50 was granted to George Hyslop for his Cricket Tour with the Cornwall Team to the West Indies and wondered whether this had been paid yet. The Town Clerk replied that this has not yet been paid but will be as soon as the necessary receipt was received.

John Goldsworthy had not been able to air his views at the Public Meeting regarding the car parking prices held earlier in the evening and raised the point that Liskeard was an important agricultural shopping centre in East Cornwall. Mr Goldsworthy stated that the old Borough Council had provided three car parks to prevent cars parking on the streets. The general feeling was that Liskeard as a Town was running down and it was the responsibility of Cornwall Council, the people in charge, to make sure that Liskeard was not taken off the map. Another point raised was that the senior executives have been removed from Luxstowe House to County Hall which meant that the top salaries had been taken away. Unless the cost of parking was reconsidered the Town could die.

Lights Up

John Lennon informed the meeting that he has not written individual letters of thanks to save time and a cost of approximately £300. A letter would go in to the Cornish Times to thank all those who contributed to the Event. John thanked all those people who worked so hard to make the Event so successful. He went on to say that the Lights Up celebrations are the best community Event with about 500 people attending. John stated that it was important for the public to put their hands in their pockets if they want to keep the Lights Up celebrations going.

Nick Mallard (Mayor) informed the meeting that the Town Council were in the process of carrying out the Town Council audit. The Council have had a meeting with contractors which was very positive. A draft report would be produced in February 2012. The Mayor said that they had a good team working towards changing the Parking Policy in the Town and, hopefully, something will come out of this. The Mayor then thanked John Lennon for his unstinting efforts for the Lights Up celebrations.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.55 pm.

1323 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

25 January 2012

7 March 2012

18 April 2012

30 May 2012 AGM Starting at 7 pm

11 July 2012

All meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Luxstowe House, Liskeard starting at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.