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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 7pm in the Guildhall**

**PRESENT** Cllrs, Young (Town Mayor), Gordon (Deputy Mayor), Allen, Bullen, Conway, Harris, Hogan, Keighley, Nancarrow, O'Brien, Tremain, Williams  
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk), Press (C&D Post), 17 x Public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor presented awards to the winners of the Allotment Competition

Winners:

Dutson: Mr Jim Pritchard

Kensey: Mrs Gloria Whaley

Grammers Park: Mr Ken Parnell

Highly Commended:

Dutson: Mrs Caroline Sochanik

Kensey: Mr F Clifton

Grammers Park: Mr Jim Watling

Overall Winner: Mr Jim Pritchard

**1809/28 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Budgen-Cawsey, Bailey and Penhale and Cornwall Councillors Paynter and Farrington and the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Teresa Folland

**1809/29 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Conway declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 – Little Red Bus update

**1809/30 Public Representation Session**

**Mrs J Heaton** spoke about the issue with cobbles in the town and the issues that these created for dementia sufferers

**Mrs J Falkenstein** spoke about concerns in the town square and those experienced by other publicans in the town since the re-opening of the White Hart Hotel and stated that there were concerns that the White Hart was not currently a member of the recognised Pubwatch scheme

**Mr L Whaley** spoke about agenda item 14 – The Little Red Bus and stated that he was interested to hear the update

**Mrs R Slater** spoke about the actions being taken by the White Hart Hotel in regards to matters previously raised and advised that the premises undertook its own security and was working with the Police and local taxi firms to ensure that matters were dealt with and that there is work ongoing to ensure controls are in place

**1809/31 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated**

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes, previously circulated:  
Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council held on 17 July at 7.00pm

**1809/32 To receive and adopt the minutes of committees and sub-committees, previously circulated**

It was **resolved** to receive and adopt the minutes of the following committees and sub committees:

- i) Planning and Economic Development Committee held on Thursday 12 July 2018 at 7pm
- ii) Planning and Economic Development Committee held on Thursday 2 August 2018 at 7pm
- iii) Estates and Properties Committee held on Monday 6 August at 10am
- iv) Planning and Economic Development Committee held on Thursday 23 August 2018 at 7pm
- v) Lawrence House Management Committee held on Monday 3 September 2018 at 2.30pm
- vi) Tourism and Information Services Committee held on Tuesday 4 September at 5.15pm
- vii) Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 7pm

**1809/33 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**

**Cllr Massey** spoke about Cornwall Councils objection to the proposed merger of local police forces and also advised that the Council was not in support of the proposed Devonwall scheme and had requested updates from local MP's on the matter.

Cllr Massey also spoke about the recently launched litterless Cornwall campaign and asked those present to sign the online pledge, the recent litter pick at Hurdon Way, details of Cornwall Council seeking to achieve recognition of the Living Wage and a reminder that the next Community Network Panel meeting was being held on 20 September

**Cllr Tremain** raised concerns about the perceived view of local residents regarding the work being undertaken at Five Lanes

**Cllr Conway** advised that Scott Mann MP was opposed to the Devonwall scheme and also asked for support from Cornwall Council in regards to the matters raised in relation to the White Hart Hotel

**Cllr O'Brien** advised that work to hedging had been undertaken previously at Upper Chapel and asked if this work could be done again.

**Cllr Harris** advised that equipment was available for loan to assist with litter picks and also raised the issue overgrown vegetation around Hurdon. **Cllr Massey** stated that she was aware of the issue and had requested that work be undertaken

**1809/34 Reports and Questions from Town Councillors**

**Cllr Williams** provided an update on the work of the In Bloom volunteers and expressed thanks to Grounds Maintenance operative Mr Mark Phelan for all of the support he had provided

- 1809/35 Report from the Town Mayor**  
The Mayor circulated a report to all councillors giving an update on recent events and activities she had attended and been involved in (copy appended to these minutes)
- 1809/36 Battle's Over and Silent Soldier Campaign**  
Members considered Report 12/18 concerning the above.  
It was **resolved unanimously** that one of each of the 7 Royal British Legion figures be purchased at a total cost of £1050.00 and that 4 figures be placed at the War Memorial and that the Royal British Legion and local Resident Associations be consulted on where to place the remaining 3 figures
- 1809/37 External Auditor Report**  
It was **resolved** to note the External Auditor's report and for thanks to the Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs Helen Gribble, to be minuted
- 1809/38 Community Network Highways Scheme**  
Members considered Report 13/18 concerning the above  
  
It was **resolved** that the following schemes be proposed for consideration by the Community Network Panel in regards to the needs of Launceston;
- 1) Installation of controlled bollards at Westgate Street and Broad Street
  - 2) Highways initiatives that encourage better traffic flow within the town, such as better designed on road parking provision
  - 3) Traffic lights adjacent to Newport Industrial Estate entrance to have 'green man' pedestrian crossing
  - 4) St Stephens Hill be made one way upwards (leaving town)
  - 5) Issues of speeding on Dutson Road following re-surfacing works be investigated
  - 6) All enhancements requested by the Town Council as part of the submission of the DPD be considered
  - 7) Hatching be put in place on Dutson Road to highlight a 'pavement/footpath' for pedestrians and ensuring that parking enforcement is undertaken
  - 8) The completion of the Newport footbridge scheme
  - 9) The purchase of a mobile speed detection device
- 1809/39 Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on draft revised Statement of Principles**  
Members considered Report 14/18 concerning the above  
  
It was **resolved** to note the report
- 1809/40 Support for CCTV Operation**  
Members received a verbal update from Cllr Allen in regards to the work of the Town CCTV operation and it was **resolved** that a letter be sent to Cornwall Council Licensing to raise the concerns surrounding the White Hart Hotel following its re-opening and that the Licensing department consider that the White Hart be restricted to opening until midnight and also be asked to join the local Pubwatch scheme
- 1809/41 Little Red Bus update**  
The update from Cllr Gordon regarding the Little Red Bus operation was noted  
  
**\*Cllr Conway declared an interest in this item and left the Chamber and took no part in the discussion or voting on this item\***
- 1809/42 FLIC Screen**  
Members considered Report 15/18 concerning the above

It was **resolved unanimously** to purchase a new projection screen for the Town Hall at a cost of £4244.84, with a 50% contribution from FLIC, meaning a total cost to the Council of £2122.42

**1809/43**

**Staff and Councillors Team Building**

The Mayor advised of an invitation form Eagle House Hotel for staff and councillors, with a date for the event to be agreed. It was **resolved** that an informal staff and councillor event be arranged in the New Year with suggestions for the type of event forwarded to the Town Clerk

**1809/44**

**Correspondence and matters to note**

1. It was noted that the Town Council has a councillor vacancy following the resignation of Mrs Anna Mitchell
2. The letter of thanks from Alison Jeffery was noted
3. Details of the forthcoming Wine and Wisdom event on 26 October as part of Cllr Budgen-Cawsey's Charity Fundraising was noted
4. The letter of thanks from NCS for the support provided by the Town Council was noted

**1809/45**

**Urgent Items**

Cllr O'Brien advised of a forthcoming CALC event where the proposed Police merger would be discussed

**Date of the next meeting of the Council**

The next Full Council meeting will on Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 7.00pm in the Guildhall.

The meeting ended at 8.32pm

Signed ..... Date .....