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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019 at 7pm in the Guildhall

- PRESENT** Cllrs, Gordon (Town Mayor), Penhale (Deputy Mayor), Allen, Bailey, Bullen, Conway, Gilbert, Harris, Hogan, Nancarrow, Nolan, O'Brien, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk), 1 x press, 9 x Public
- 1906/15 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Keighley and Cornwall Councillors Farrington and Massey
- 1906/16 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- 1906/17 Plastic Free Launceston**
The Council received a presentation from Olivia Riby on the Plastic Free Launceston initiative who advised that the scheme was already well supported in the town and that several schools and business were signed on to the scheme. Ms Riby requested that the Council pass a resolution supporting the scheme and nominated a councillor as an Outside Body Representative to the scheme
- 1906/18 Change to Order of Business**
It was **resolved** that the order of business be changed and that agenda item 10 be taken as the next item for consideration
- 1906/19 Plastic Free Launceston**
It was **resolved** that the Town Council support the Plastic Free Launceston initiative and that Cllr Sam Allen be the Council's Outside Body representative
- 1906/20 Suspension of Standing Orders**
It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak on a matter not on the Council agenda*
- *Standing Orders were suspended at 7.15pm and resumed at 7.20pm***
- 1906/21 Public Representation Session**
Mrs D Rogers spoke in regards to the Community Governance Review. The Mayor advised that this was not an item on the agenda

Mr L Whaley spoke in regards to the sponsorship he had received for the supply of a dig waste bin to be installed at the Stourscombe Estate and stated that funding needed to be found towards the costs of the provision of a dog warden

Mrs Hollingsworth reiterated the issued regarding dog fouling at Stourscombe

Mrs J Heaton asked about public speaking at Council meetings and the Council's Standing Orders in this regard
- 1906/22 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 Annual Meeting of the Council held on 16 May 2019 at 2.00pm and 21 May at 7.00pm

1906/23

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 held on Thursday 23 May 2019 at 7.00pm
- ii) Estates and Properties Committee held on Monday 3 June 2019 at 10.00am
- iii) Lawrence House Management Committee held on Monday 3 June 2019 at 2.00pm

1906/24

Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Adam Paynter gave an update regarding climate change consultations and stated that Cornwall Council aimed to become carbon neutral and also advised that the forthcoming Community Network Panel meeting included an agenda item on climate change. Cllr Paynter also advised that the issue of bus services was being reviewed and that new digital information display boards were to be installed. Cllr Paynter also spoke about the costs of car parking within the town and how this is reviewed to ensure that effective pricing is undertaken, as well as giving an update regarding issues at Lanstephan play area and saying that works need to be undertaken at the site. Cllr Paynter spoke about the provision of dog bins and the need to consider their inclusion at new housing developments.

Cllr Conway said that it was good that a review of bus services was being undertaken and stated that a bus stop be installed near Holmleigh Garden Centre. He also said that it was good that basic provisions for new communities is proper and it is good that these will now be considered . **Cllr Paynter** said that bus stop provision was being investigated and travel efficiencies considered

Cllr Penhale raised concerns regarding the cost of bins and needed assurances that they would be emptied and also raised concerns regarding issues of customer services at the local recycling centre. **Cllr Paynter** said that there was a fining mechanism in place if bins were not emptied and also stated that he would look into the matter regarding the recycling centre

Cllr Tremain stated that there will be a financial cost to achieve the climate change targets and that building regulation changes would support required environmental changes to buildings

Cornwall Councillor Massey provided a written report to the Council and this is appended to these minutes

1906/25

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Allen gave an update in respect to her role as Outside Body Representative for the Town CCTV and thanked the police for their support and the Town Council for the grant award. A copy of her report is appended to these minutes

Cllr Penhale gave an update regarding In Bloom and advised that the organisation is continuing and that a new committee had been agreed and that planting was ongoing

Cllr O'Brien stated that there was a need for CCTV to be installed at Newport

Cllr Harris gave an update regarding Street Pastors and advised that more unknown people were visiting the town and that there had been signs of use of Class C drugs

Cllr Conway

stated that the CCTV organisations accounts were running at a loss and more income is required

1906/26

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor circulated a report to all councillors (copy appended to these minutes).

1906/27

Enforcement Issues

Members considered Report 14/19 (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** to note the details regarding the proposals allowing the Town Council involvement in enforcement matters

1906/28

Lawrence House Museum

Members considered Report 15/19 (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that;

- i) the details on the work of the Lawrence House Museum working party be noted
- ii) the operation of the Museum being undertaken as part of a paid post be considered by the Lawrence House Management committee
- iii) the responsibilities for the day to day operation of the Museum and the necessary line management of the site during the interim period, to include the reporting of actions required at the site and the necessary protocol to ensure that any decisions are legal and within the parameters of the Town Council's Financial Regulations require that the Museum Operations team report all matters to the Town Council offices
- iv) the number of spaces available to the Council for the forthcoming workshop regarding museum development be established

1906/29

Progress and Information

Members considered Report 16/19 (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that;

- i) further to the request from the charity Scope for potential sites for a textile recycling bank, sites at Pennygillam Industrial Estate, the Cattle Market car park and the foodbank at Newport be proposed
- 2) the request for the use of monies from the Local Devolution Fund towards the future costs of the devolution of the library service be agreed
- 3) polling cards not be used at the forthcoming by election
- 4) the Town Council will support the planned VE Day commemoration, to include an event within the Town Hall

1906/30

Correspondence and matters to note

- i) The Town Council's venues usage was noted
- ii) The letter of thanks from the Devonshire Association was noted

1906/31

Urgent Items

Cllr Harris advised that he was due to undergo surgery and gave apologies for the next meeting of Council and for those committees on which he was a member

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.21pm

Signed Date