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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7pm in the Guildhall

- PRESENT** Cllrs, Gordon (Town Mayor), Penhale (Deputy Mayor), Allen, Bullen, Conway, Gilbert, Heaton, Hogan, Keighley, Nancarrow, Nolan, O'Brien, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Cornwall Cllr Paynter
Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
1 x press, 15 x Public
- 1909/40 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bailey and Harris and Cornwall Councillors Farrington and Massey
- 1909/41 Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Heaton declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 – Community Governance Review
Cllr Conway declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 – Community Governance Review and stated he would leave the meeting if the agenda discussion became more detailed than as described on the order paper
- 1909/42 Allotment Competition winners**
The Mayor presented awards to the winners of the Allotment Competition
KENSEY - Winner: Ms Jackie Smith Highly Commended: Ms Marilyn Basford
DUTSON - Winner: Mr Jim Pritchard Highly Commended: Mrs Caroline Sochanik
GRAMMERS PARK - Winner: Mr Bob Elford Highly Commended: Mr Malcolm Jones
OVERALL WINNER : Mr Bob Elford
- 1909/43 Launceston Community Interest Company (CIC)**
The Council received a presentation from Ms Ellie Mason regarding the Launceston Community Interest Company (CIC)
It was **resolved** to support the scheme
- 1909/44 Public Representation Session**
Ms J Coppen spoke in regards to the cancellation of the October market in The Square. The Mayor **Cllr Gordon** advised that the Tourism and Information Services committee would discuss the matter at its next meeting

Mr L Whaley spoke in regards to the Launceston Southern Growth Area Masterplan and requested that a working party be established and for the working party to include local residents
- 1909/45 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 Meeting of the Council held on 16 July 2019 at 7.00pm
- 1909/46 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) Lawrence House Management held on Friday 26 July 2019 at 4.00pm
- ii) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 15 August 2019 at 7.00pm
- iii) Estates and Properties held on Monday 19 August 2019 at 5.30pm
- iv) Tourism and Information Services held on Monday 3 September 2019 at 5.15pm
- v) Lawrence House Management held on Monday 3 September 2019 at 4.00pm
- vi) Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 7.00pm
- vii) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 5 September 2019 at 7.00pm

1909/47

Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Adam Paynter gave an update regarding the opening of the Sowenna building in Bodmin, the resolved planning matter at Pennygillam, and advised that Cornwall Cabinet were meeting the following day and items on the agenda included the new Household Waste & Recycling Collection Contract, the Spaceport proposals and the Development Plan Document (DPD). Cllr Paynter also spoke about the work undertaken as part of the Launceston Masterplan and the aim of ensuring future community benefit.

Cllr Gordon asked if a new school would be built and if there was a timeline for any building. **Cllr Paynter** advised that Cornwall Councillor Farrington had been leading on this project but that funding for a new school had been agreed and a two year build time was being sought and the proposed school would be a two form entry

Cllr Tremain stated that he was pleased that the Local Plan DPD was due to be signed off

Cllr Conway spoke in regards to a planning matter and thanked Cllr Paynter for his assistance

Cllr Heaton endorsed the comments of Cllr Conway and stated that on a visit to Launceston College she had asked about the proposed school

1909/48

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Allen gave an update on the town CCTV and advised that work was ongoing regarding the camera at Pennygillam, that grant funding had been received by the organisation including a Community Chest award and that the organisation was working on having a camera installed in the Newport area.

Cllr Allen also provided an update on environmental issues and stated that the Plastic Free Picnic had been a great success and that work was ongoing to install a refill water system in the town square and that grant funding was being sought towards the project

Cllr Heaton asked if there was any update in regards to the new library and also spoke about the cancellation of the October town market.

Cllr Conway spoke about the cancellation of the October town market

Cllr O'Brien advised that he had stepped down from his role of Chair of the CALC Executive Committee. **Cllr Gordon** thanked Cllr O'Brien for all of his work as part of the Executive

1909/49

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor circulated a report to all councillors (copy appended to these minutes). The Mayor also provided an update in regards to matters of communication and ensuring that

the Council offered additional opportunities for local residents to raise matters and advised that he will be running a monthly Mayoral surgery in addition to the councillor surgeries, for a trial period of three months. If the new surgery was successful then he would continue it throughout the remainder of his Mayoral year

1909/50

Community Governance Review

Members considered Report 17/19 (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** to note the update and that Cllr Tremain would attend the Launceston area meeting on Friday 27 September

Cllr Heaton declared an interest in the above item and left the meeting and took no part in the debate or voting

1909/51

Section 106 Nominations

It was **resolved** that the Chairman or the Council and the Chairman of the Planning Committee would be the Council representatives on the Launceston Town Enhancement Section 106 Fund Group. In the absence of the Chairmen, the respective Vice Chairs would represent the Council

1909/52

Launceston Southern Growth Area Masterplan

Members considered Report 18/19 (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** to note the update regarding the Plan

1909/53

Request to Change Committee Terms of Reference

Members considered Report 19/19 (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that the meeting times for the Estates and Properties committee be changed to 11.30am, following site visits at 10.00am

1909/54

Progress and Information

Members considered Report 20/19 (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** to

- i) note the details of the BT payphone review
- ii) note the details regarding the Cornwall Council Street Trading Review
- iii) note the verbal update from the Mayor giving background details to the library project, and explaining the broad outline received from nominated architects and that when further details were available, the Council would be seeking local residents views on proposals

1909/55

Correspondence and matters to note

- i) The Town Council's venues usage was noted

1909/56

Urgent Items

Cllr Gordon advised Council that the Civic Service would be held on Sunday 3 November at 10.30am at St Thomas Church

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.13pm

Signed Date