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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2020 at 7pm in the Guildhall

- PRESENT** Cllrs, Gordon (Town Mayor), Penhale (Deputy Mayor), Allen, Bailey, Conway, Gilbert, Harris, Heaton, Hogan, Keighley, Nancarrow, Nolan, O'Brien, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
1 x Press
7 x Public
- 2001/16 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bullen and Cornwall Councillor Farrington
- 2001/17 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- 2001/18 Public Representation Session**
Representation 1) An update was provided regarding the proposed new bus routes and advising that a service calling at Holmleigh Garden centre was being considered and the Town Council was requested to support transport issues within the town, including the proposals included within the Okerail project.

The issue of dog fouling at Stourscombe was raised and it was asked as to why the Council no longer minuted the names of members of the public that participated in the Public Representation Session

Representation 2) An update regarding the Speedwatch campaign was received giving details of new locations that have been identified. It was noted that the scheme continued to require more volunteers
- 2001/19 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 17 December 2019 at 7.00pm
- 2001/20 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 19 December 2019 at 7.00pm
ii) Lawrence House Management held on Tuesday 7 January 2020 at 4.00pm
iii) Planning and Economic Development held on Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 6.00pm
iv) Finance and General Purposes held on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 7.00pm

2001/21

Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Massey gave details of the forthcoming Ridgemoor Community Action Day on Friday 14 February and advised that the recent Climate Emergency Working Group meeting was beneficial and that an action plan for the area was being considered.

Cllr Massey also spoke about the Superfast Broadband developing project and explained the need for information in identifying rural businesses who could not receive workable broad band speeds

Cornwall Councillor Paynter gave an update regarding bus services and explained that details regarding both commercial and school bus routes were still being worked on and guarantees of what will be provided were awaited

Cllr Harris asked if the Ridgemoor Tenant Liaison Team had been advised of the Action Day. Cllr Massey advised that they had been and that details of the final work would be confirmed in the coming week

Cllr Tremain stated that he was pleased that the Dutson railings work had finally been completed and hoped that other schemes and works could be expedited

Cllr Conway said he was pleased to hear the update regarding the bus service and stressed the need for a service to operate to Homeleigh Garden Centre, Kensey Valley Meadows and Stourcombe. Cllr Conway also spoke about the need for a new library building and noted that the land for any such building had not been purchased to date

Cllr Heaton spoke about a meeting in 2017 regarding the Spry's garage site, asked if there was any information regarding why an area was being cleared to the rear of the Co-op building and also stated that the Zig Zag path required attention

Cllr Paynter advised that Cabinet decisions were being made in February with regards to the library, that works involving the town's bridges was ongoing and that the Zig-Zag issue would be investigated

2001/22

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Penhale gave an update regarding In Bloom and advised that a future works programme was being taken forward and the organisation would continue its work

Cllr Allen gave an update regarding CCTV and thanked the Police Cadets for their assistance at the recent Christmas event and that there were no reported issues regarding the event equipment left in situ overnight. Cllr Allen advised that a new CCTV maintenance contract was currently being agreed

Cllr Harris advised that a Neighbourhood Plan update meeting was planned for Tuesday 4 February and requested if the Council office could provide facilities for printing posters. Cllr Harris also advised that a meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Party had been held and it was agreed that the members merge with the larger group formed within the Community Network area.

Cllr Young advised that the Social Media Cohesive Group had held its first meeting and that recommendations would follow to the Finance and General Purposes committee

Cllr Allen gave details of a meeting with representatives of the Ridgemoor Area Residents Association, exploring spending available funding on a children's play area. Cllr Harris advised that grants were available for such schemes.

Cllr Bailey advised that Launceston Rotary Club is to provide funds to support the Victorian Market and Cllrs Bailey, Gilbert & Young will organise the event as last year

Cllr Heaton asked for confirmation as to who was responsible for the maintenance of the Parade Ground.

2001/23

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor advised that a copy of his report was available from the office (copy appended to these minutes).

2001/24

Budget and Precept 2020-2021

The budget and precept request had been resolved by the Finance and General Purposes committee and had been circulated with the agenda for the Full Council.

It was **resolved**;

- i) to adopt the budget for 2020-21
- ii) that the precept for 2020-21 be £765,203

Cllr Heaton requested a recorded vote

For

Cllr Tremain
Cllr Hogan
Cllr O'Brien
Cllr Allen
Cllr Nolan
Cllr Bailey
Cllr Gilbert
Cllr Young
Cllr Penhale
Cllr Gordon

Against

Cllr Keighley
Cllr Heaton
Cllr Harris
Cllr Conway

Abstain

Cllr Nancarrow

2001/25

Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments

Members considered Report 02/20 concerning the above (Previously circulated)
It was **resolved** that Members complete responses on an individual basis

2001/26

Community Governance Review – Cemetery Land at Upper Chapel

Members considered Report 03/20 concerning the above (Previously circulated)

It was **resolved unanimously** that

- i) the update regarding the proposed transfer of land at Upper Chapel be note
- ii) it be agreed that the area of new development and that area assigned for a new cemetery site, be included within the boundary of Launceston, subject to agreement from St Thomas Parish Council

2001/27

We're Watching you Dog Fouling Campaign

Members considered Report 04/20 concerning the above (Previously circulated)
It was **resolved** to note the update regarding the 'We're Watching You' campaign

2001/28

Progress and Information

Members considered Report 05/20 concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that;

- i) the membership of the Christmas Event working party remain as Cllrs Gordon, Young, Allen and Bailey

- ii) the update regarding proposed improvements to the bus stop to be sited within the Council's coach park be noted and that it be requested that directional signage indicators be placed at the bus shelters
- iii) the update regarding a proposed electric car charger point scheme be noted

2001/29

Correspondence and matters to note

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

2001/30

Urgent Items

The Mayor provided an update on the library project and advised that the Town Council would be advised of any updates following meetings of the Cornwall Council Cabinet and the Full Cornwall Council in February

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 18 February 2019 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.17pm

Signed Date