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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held on TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.04pm via the Zoom Platform

- PRESENT** Cllrs, Gordon (Town Mayor), Penhale (Deputy Mayor), Bailey, Bullen, Conway, Gilbert, Harris, Hogan, Heaton, Keighley, Nancarrow, Nolan, O'Brien, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
- 2009/01 Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies for absence
- 2009/02 Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Nolan declared an interest in Agenda Item 11 as a local resident of the area
- 2009/03 Public Representation Session**
There were no public representations
- 2009/04 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 25 August 2020 at 7.00pm
- 2009/05 Rescinding of Previously Resolved Item 2008/17 (j)**
Members considered a Notice of Motion concerning the above (previously circulated)
It was **resolved** that;
The Council
- i) Rescinds resolved item 2008/17 (j) that 'Cllr O'Brien be the Town Council Outside Body Representative for the Launceston Community Network Panel, subject to the Council being permitted to have a second member on the panel at which Cllr Young sits as Chairman'
 - ii) Agrees that the Town Council elect two representatives to the Community Network Panel, subject to the proviso that as per the Terms of Reference for the Panel, the Town Council will be limited to one vote
- 2009/06 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**
Cllr Paynter had forwarded a written report that gave an update on the following:
- Covid Testing**
A lot of people in Cornwall who have coronavirus symptoms are having problems booking a test via the government website.
The government is restricting the number of slots available in the national labs for processing samples from what they consider to be "low priority" areas like Cornwall. This means that fewer than 100 appointments per site are being made available each day. One of these sites is still at Launceston Rugby Club, but does move around.
If you are having difficulties booking then please report this by direct message on our Facebook page at facebook.com/forCornwall or via email at phdesk@cornwall.gov.uk so

that the council can get an idea of the scale of the problem and report this to the government.

Newport Bridges and Ridgegrove Path and Parkland

Households in the wider Newport area will soon be getting a flier through the door explaining the changes proposed and notifying them of the planning applications.

Launceston Leisure Centre

We continue to work with GLL to reopen the centre as soon as possible. Unfortunately the government have not given any support to the leisure industry which has been very badly affected by the virus. We are working with councils across the SW to push for financial support and lobbying local MPs.

Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

The consultation on the proposed TROs in and around Launceston will close very soon so we would urge everyone to comment if they wish?

Community Governance Review (commentary from the Chairman, Cllr Malcolm Brown)

As you know, the council embarked on a community governance review for the whole of Cornwall once the new electoral divisions which the council will have from next May were known. This decision was made in conjunction with the Cornwall Association Of Local Councils who have been kept closely in touch throughout.

We were more or less keeping up with the clock until the pandemic struck. Obviously the review had to be paused then because it was no longer a top priority and staff were reassigned to other duties. Fortunately, though, a major consultation on the changes to parish arrangements which Council had agreed last December had basically just concluded then.

The Electoral Review Panel met in mid July and agreed to continue the review but to be realistic about what could be completed in time to implement next May. The officer team was then strengthened and a considerable amount of work has been done to write up the results of the consultation, to assess them and to seek further information so as to clarify what the position of some local councils and others was and to reassess the evidence. Checks have also been made as to the latest dates possible for decisions to be made so as to fit in with adjustments of the council tax register, the preparation of a new electoral register and the requirements of the Boundary Commission.

As a result of that dates have been set for the Electoral Review Panel to meet
23rd September 1400
1st October 1400

6th October 1000, a reserve meeting in case business is not completed in the first two.
Leading up to a special Council meeting on 3rd November.

Officers will be making recommendations on individual parishes and the Vice Chair and I are not seeking to influence those. However, we have taken part in talks about the process that should be followed.

Broadly we are now trying between us to classify the parishes and the parish boundaries into 3 categories in the way that the Panel wanted :

Those where there will be no change or there is a local consensus as to what change there should be. Those will be dealt with first at the first Panel meeting.

Those where there are still relatively deep disagreements and the issues are more complicated. We will be recommending the Panel to ask Council to refer them to the next Council to pick them up in further work on a review if they so choose.

Those where there are still disagreements but where the issues are understood and the Panel may have enough information to come to recommendations to put to Council.

We don't know yet which issues will be in each category or how many of those in the third category there will be time for the Panel to consider. You will receive further information on this as soon as possible and are of course very welcome to attend and speak at the Panel meetings. I am, however, thinking of working to a timetable and to limit the amount of time on each item so as to ensure that the business the Panel wants to conduct can be completed.

It was **agreed** that an update regarding the town Leisure Centre be contained as an agenda item for future meetings

2009/07

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Bailey gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce and advised that work was ongoing in regards to the Launceston Loyalty card offers

Cllr Heaton spoke about the issue of overgrown vegetation throughout the town

Cllr Gordon expressed his thanks for the works undertaken by the grounds maintenance team at Coronation Park

Cllr Young asked about the responsibility for the maintenance at the Parade Ground

Cllr Conway stated that the works to the wall at the Pannier Market site needed completion

2009/08

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor advised that a copy of his report was available from the office (copy attached)

2009/09

Bridges Across A30

It was **resolved** that the Council requests that bridges in the town that cross the A30 be made less accessible to climb and consideration be given to increasing the parapet height.

2009/10

Planning for the Future White Paper

It was **resolved unanimously** that;

- i) the Town Council informs Cornwall Council and CALC of its opposition to the Government's proposals as set out in the 'Planning for the Future' White Paper.
- ii) urges our Member of Parliament to oppose these proposals, and to inform the Council of his views

2009/11

Priory Park Play Area

Members considered Report 18/20 concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved unanimously** that;

- i) the background information regarding issues at Priory Park be noted
- ii) the actions for the improvement of the site of new football goal posts, netball/basketball hoop area, seating and a themed piece of play equipment for younger children be agreed
- iii) Cllr Harris to explore the possibility of the installation of CCTV at the site

2009/12

Council Projects and Prioritisation

Members considered Report 19/20 concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that;

- i) projects were prioritised in the following order;
 - a) New cemetery
 - b) Library hub building

- c) Refurbishment of Ambulance Hall
- ii) The future use of the current Visitor Information Centre site be considered

Cllr O'Brien left the meeting at 8.30pm during the discussion of the above

2009/13

Progress and Information

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

It was **resolved** that;

- i) the update regarding town Christmas Events be noted
- ii) the details regarding the current councillor vacancy be noted
- iii) the details regarding the position of Honorary Secretary of the Lawrence House Museum be noted
- iv) the retirement of the Estates and Properties Manager be noted and the post be advertised internally and that the Staffing Committee agree the Job Description for the role
- v) the request for Trustees from Community Money Advice Launceston be noted and Cllrs Gordon, Nolan and Penhale registered their interest
- vi) the recent salary scales agreement from the National Joint Council be noted

2009/14

Correspondence and matters to note

There was no correspondence to note

2009/15

Urgent Items

There were no items for discussion

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

Signed Date