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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on MONDAY 14 JUNE 2021 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT Cllrs, Penhale (Town Mayor), Bailey (Deputy Mayor), Conway, Gilbert, Gordon, Green, Harris, Hogan, Heaton, Nancarrow, Nolan, O'Brien, Soanes, and Young
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
Mayors Chaplain Reverend David Miller
1 x public
1 x police

Prayers were read by Reverend David Miller

2106/12 Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tremain

2106/13 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest

2106/14 Co-option to the Council (North Ward)
Mr Lancaster and Mrs Bullen gave presentations to the Council. Ballots were held;
Mrs Bullen was co-opted to North Ward

Councillor Bullen signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking her seat at the table.

2106/15 Public Representation Session
There were no public representations

2106/16 Police Representation Session
PC Steve Stoppard gave a presentation to the Council on his retirement from the service, thanking the Council for their support during his tenure as Neighbourhood Beat Manager

The Mayor thanked PC Stoppard for all of his work in supporting the Council and stated that he was a friend of the town

2106/17 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated
It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes, previously circulated:
(i) Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 17 May 2021 at 7.00pm

2106/18 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 20 May 2021 at 7.00pm
(ii) Estates and Properties held on Monday 7 June 2021 at 10.00am

2106/19

Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Cllr Conway advised that emergency works were taking place at Priors Bridge, prior to full heritage repairs being undertaken in the future. Cllr Conway also advised that the temporary traffic lights at Newport were in situ until the end of the week.

Cllr Conway stated that the issues with the maintenance at Coronation Park were still ongoing, noted that the Government's Covid 19 restrictions had been extended to 19 July, and that the G7 event in Cornwall had been successful and well policed.

Cllr Conway concluded his update by advising that he would be undertaking work on the shortage of affordable rental properties within the town

Cllr Harris stated that there would be a future supply of rental properties once building works had been completed at the Link Rd development

Cr Gordon stated that rental properties had to be built and maintained to an acceptable standard

Cllr Hogan asked if a traffic survey was being undertaken at Newport whilst the road works were underway and spoke about a one way system at St Stephens Hill being considered. Cllr Conway advised he would seek clarification

Cllr Bullen noted that the temporary traffic lights at Newport had been relocated

Cllr Young stated that air quality testing should be undertaken at the Newport site during the ongoing works

2106/20

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Heaton advised that Plastic Free Launceston was working with the West Country Rivers Trust and undertaking a public information day at the River Kensey on 21 June. Cllr Heaton also advised that Cornwall Council representatives were available to discuss eco diversity with the Town Council, that a meeting with the Charles Causley Trust had been booked and that the Speedwatch campaign had a new piece of equipment which was used by the Police when working with Speedwatch volunteers. **Cllr Harris** asked if the event at the River Kensey would involve an invertebrate study

Cllr Bailey gave an update regarding the Launceston PPG and advised that new art works and furniture were to be installed at the new medical centre as well as a Dementia Friendly clock purchased and funded by the Rotary Club of Launceston and that new staff were being trained for the centre. Cllr Bailey also advised that the Heritage Weekend had been a great success with excellent team work between a host of organisations

2106/21

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor stated that the Heritage Weekend had been very successful and thanked all those involved, especially Cllr Helen Bailey

2106/22

Lawrence House Museum

It was **resolved** to agree the minutes of the Lawrence House Museum (previously circulated) and to note that the Museum would not be re-opening this year, and for thanks be minuted to Mr Martin Cornish and Mrs Helen Gribble for their works in regards to the ongoing Arts Council grant submission

2106/23

Committee Membership

It was **resolved** that Cllr Bullen be elected to the vacant position on the Finance and General Purposes committee

2106/24

Standing Orders

It was **resolved** to agree the Council's Standing Orders (previously circulated)

2106/25

Terms of Reference

It was **resolved** to

- i) agree the Council's Terms of Reference (previously circulated), subject to the amendments to the Library, Arts, Business and Information Services Committee that
 - a) meetings be held on a monthly basis
 - b) Non-members to include a representative of the Lawrence House Museum

2106/26

General Power of Competence

It was **resolved** to confirm that the Town Council was eligible for the General Power of Competence as;

- i) at least two-thirds of the total seats on the council are held by members who stood at the last ordinary election
- ii) the Town Clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration

2106/27

Progress and Information

Members considered Report 11/21 concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that;

- i) the Council support the 20's Plenty scheme
- ii) it be noted that at the time of writing purchase orders were still awaited from GLL for works at Coronation Park
- iii) it be noted that quotes are being sought for the provision of new Christmas lights

2106/28

Correspondence and matters to note

It was **resolved** to

- i) note the letter of thanks for grant funding from the Launceston Male Voice Choir
- ii) note the venue usage

2106/29

Urgent Items

The Mayor updated members on the condition of Cllr and Mrs Tremain who had been involved in a car accident

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.11pm

Signed Date