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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 2021 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall**

- PRESENT** Cllrs, Penhale (Town Mayor), Bullen, Conway, Gordon, Green, Harris, Hogan, Heaton, Nancarrow, Nolan, O'Brien, Soanes, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
22 x public
1 x press
- 2108/25 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bailey and Gilbert
- 2108/26 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- 2108/27 Public Representation Session**
Question 1 – The Launceston Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) Campaign Group submitted details of its petition and wants the Launceston site re-open, and wanted answers in regards to who made the decision to temporarily close the site, when was the decision made and what was the remit, was any risk assessment carried out, was any consultation undertaken and was there a guarantee that the site would re-open in October as stated.

Question 2 – A member of the public stated that all MIU's in the South West needed protecting

Question 3 – A member of the public stated that no other organisational bodies had been informed of the closure decision

Question 4 – A member of the public raised concerns over the general lack of NHS services in the immediate and surrounding areas.

Question 5 – A Bude Town Councillor advised of their involvement in the operation of the Bude MIU and offered assistance to the Town Council if required

The Mayor advised that he had the same concerns as all those present

Cllr Heaton stated that the Patient Participation Group were working on the issue and advised of the possibility of staff cover being staggered across sites to allow better coverage throughout the region

Cllr Green stated that he had contacted the relevant authority and received an email response.

Cllr O'Brien stated that a letter be sent to all parties concerned
- 2108/28 Temporary Closure of Launceston Minor Injuries Unit**
Members considered a Notice of Motion from Cllr Conway concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved unanimously** that this Council notes with great disappointment the temporary closure of Launceston Hospital Minor Injuries Unit and calls upon the relevant Health Trust to reconsider the matter each week to see if an earlier resumption is possible and that the result of such consideration is shared with elected representatives. This Council also asks that in future, decisions concerning our hospital must be shared with staff and elected representatives before the event.

2108/29

Exclusion of members of the press and public

It was resolved that under s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of confidential information.

2108/30

Launceston Library Hub

Members considered Report 15/21 concerning the above (previously circulated);

It was **resolved unanimously** that the Town Council agree to the ongoing operation of the town library service

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

Signed Date