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To: All Launceston Town Councillors

cc Cornwall Councillor (Adam Paynter), Chris Sims (Community Link Officer), Scott Mann MP, Honoured Burgess (Arthur Wills), Annette Baskerville-Smith (Chairman, Chamber of Commerce), members of the press

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Launceston Town Council to be held on Tuesday 21 December 2021 at 7.00pm in The Guildhall

This meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public. Please be aware that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public are not filmed, we cannot guarantee this, especially if speaking or taking an active role in the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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Christopher Drake
Town Clerk

Date of issue: 15 December 2021

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors are reminded that if a councillor has a registered disclosable pecuniary interest, or a non-registrable interest, in any agenda item s/he must leave the meeting while that item is discussed, unless a written request for a dispensation has been received. The Council will consider those requests at this point.

3. Public Representation Session

To receive any written representations or previously submitted questions from Members of the public in attendance. (A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed for this session and there is a time constraint of 5 minutes per speaker)

4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meetings previously circulated:

- (i) Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 7.00pm

5. To receive the minutes of committees and sub-committees previously circulated:

- (i) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.00pm
- (ii) Estates and Properties held on Monday 6 December 2021 at 10.00am

6. Reports from Cornwall Councillors

To receive reports from Cornwall Councillors on matters of policy or major decisions affecting Cornwall in general and Launceston in particular

7. Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

To receive reports from councillors representing the Town Council on outside bodies, or having attended meetings on behalf of the Council

8. Report from the Town Mayor

To receive the Mayor's Monthly Report (copy attached)

9. Budget and precept 2022-2023

To agree the budget for 2022-2023 and the precept of £856,041 (copy attached)

10. Letter of Support for Community Link Officer Role

The Council is recommended to consider writing a letter in support of the role of Community Link Officer. Further to proposed budget cuts at Cornwall Council, this role is under review.

The Community Link Officers (CLO's) are enablers and the conduit for the Town Council to access Cornwall Council. Reducing that service will see the town further cut off from engagement with the local authority. The CLO resource for Electoral Division Members, particularly since the reduction to 87 members, ensures that the Electoral Division members can be enabled to be accessible and participatory and stay democratically engaged.

The loss of knowledge, links and contacts cannot be readily replaced and has been years in the making. The CLO for Launceston has assisted the Town Council to build both internal capacity and confidence to enable the burden of devolved service delivery or asset management from Cornwall Council.

In recent times Cornwall Council and the Town Council have worked very hard to have working and operational partnership systems, and it would be a backward step to remove that and return to the pre-2013 relationship where the Town Council felt, and indeed largely was, disenfranchised by Cornwall Council.

11. Urgent Items

To receive any items which the Mayor considers to be urgent (information only)

Date of next Meeting

The date of the next Full Council meeting will be Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7.00pm