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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 18 JANUARY 2022 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

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

Prayers were read by Reverend David Miller

2201/01 Apologies for absence
There were no apologies for absence.

2201/02 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Bullen declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 – Planning application PA21/12598 – Launceston College, Hurdon Road and left the meeting and took no part in the debate or voting on this item

2201/03 Public Representation Session
There were no public present at the meeting

2201/04 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 Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 21 December 2021 at 7.00pm

2201/05 Reports from Cornwall Councillors
Cornwall Cllr Conway gave an update regarding the works at Race Hill, as well as advising that he had a meeting on 1 February in regards to the ongoing bridge works at Newport. He also advised that he would look into the matter regarding news reports of buildings in the town being put up for sale by Cornwall Council

Cllr Heaton asked whether there were any updates regarding climate change issues. Cllr Conway advised that no matters pertinent to climate change had been discussed at Council but advised that the issue forms part of all matters considered by the Council.

Cllr Green asked about news reports of buildings in the town being put up for sale by Cornwall Council. Cllr Conway confirmed that he would seek confirmation on the matter

2201/06 Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Bailey gave an update from the Launceston Medical Centre Patient Participation Group and advised that all funds from the PPG bank account have now been passed to the Medical Centre and ringfenced in their accounts to purchase items for the use of patients and the PPG bank account has now been closed.
There have been some staffing issues in the Pharmacy leading to longer than normal queues outside, they are trying to address this as best as possible, but due to staff

isolating due to them or members of their household needing to isolate due to Covid and not being able to come into the building for obvious reasons it is leading to delays and it is not possible to just put anyone in this position. They are sending out staff to take names and details and trying to speed up the process, but apologise for any delays. They are looking into putting a shelter outside which would be covered and this is in the process of investigation with the builder.

There is a new Chairperson of the PPG, Helen Price and the Vice Chair is Paul Ford and Janet Ford has remained as Secretary. Mr Whaley has resigned from the PPG to focus on his works with Hospital Transport.

There are still some recruitment issues at the Medical Centre but they are looking to also employ further Mental Health Staff as there appears to be a huge need in our area. It was said that a high percentage of problems arising from Covid are in this area and there has been great strides since employing in this role and this is something they wish to strengthen.

Cllr Heaton advised that the proposed integrated care system had been delayed until July, that Cornwall Council co-opted a member to Health Watch Cornwall, that work on the future provision of renal dialysis was being undertaken at the medical centre and that the Town Plan Group had assisted in the Homestart Kernow project. Cllr Heaton also enquired if there was an update in regards to the provision of defibrillators in the town and raised the issue of an accident on the A30 near Altarnun and advised that this was a known accident blackspot and confirmed that the matter will be considered at the March Community Network Panel meeting and asked if the Town Council could provide written support to Altarnun in their on this matter. It was **resolved** to agree the proposal to support Altarnun

Cllr O'Brien requested confirmation of the Town Hall opening times

2201/07

Report from the Town Mayor

A copy of the Mayor's report had been made available to all Members

2201/08

Lawrence House Museum

It was **resolved** to agree the minutes of the Lawrence House Museum

2201/09

Railway Proposal

It was **resolved** to set up a working party to explore the potential of re-opening a Launceston to Okehampton railway line, as well as supporting a proposal for a north south town bypass. The working party to be; Cllrs Green, Conway, Nancarrow and Gordon

2201/10

Future of Town Market and Councillor Surgeries

It was **resolved** that;

- i) the market continue in its current format and a new set up team be employed, with details to be agreed at an Extraordinary meeting of Library, Arts, Business and Information committee
- ii) a working party be set up to consider the future commercial options of operating a town market, and the working party consist of; Cllrs Bailey, Young, and Nolan with input from Mrs Lauren Greene in her role within the Visitor Information Centre
- iii) councillor surgeries only be held when the market is in operation

2201/11

Local Council Survey on Nature

It was **resolved** that Cllrs Bailey, Bullen and Heaton consider a Council response and provide the details to the Town Clerk

2201/12

Planning Applications for Consideration

Application	PA21/11832
Proposal	Proposed double garage with ensuite shower to master bedroom
Location	38 Dunheved Road Launceston PL15 9JQ
Decision	Support
Application	PA21/12171
Proposal	Change of use of former hotel rooms and stores (C1) to 2no one bedroom self-contained flats (C3)
Location	Property Adjacent Banburys Beauty Spa Madford Lane Launceston Cornwall
Decision	Support
Application	PA21/12315
Proposal	Works to three trees; T1 Hornbeam, crown lift by 2-3m due to overhang, T2 Hornbeam, crown lift by 2-3m due to overhang, T3 Hornbeam, crown lift by 2-3m due to overhang.
Location	136 Kensey Valley Meadow Launceston Cornwall PL15 9TS
Decision	Support as per the Tree Officer's report
Application	PA21/12342
Proposal	Two storey extension
Location	15B Trecarn Close Launceston Cornwall PL15 7LN
Decision	Support
Application	PA21/12403
Proposal	Create an annex for family and friends and for occasional holiday use
Location	Fielden Underhayes Lane St Stephens Launceston
Decision	The Town Council objects to this application as more details in regards to the future usage are required. The Council requires confirmation as to whether this site will be used for a holiday let
Application	PA21/12598
Proposal	Proposed two mobile classrooms
Location	Launceston College Hurdon Road Launceston PL15 9JR
Decision	The Town Council does not support this application, as proposed building 2 will cause overlooking to neighbouring properties, the buildings will lead to a loss of valuable play area and on site parking and pedestrian access to the site will be compromised.

The Council would also request confirmation as to whether these proposals are for the permanent siting of the buildings

Cllr Bullen left the meeting during before the discussion of the above application

Cllr Bailey raised the issue of parking and highways congestion on Dutson Road and it was **agreed** that this matter be considered at the next meeting of the Planning committee

2201/13

Scheme of Delegation

It was **resolved** to agree the Scheme Delegation, subject to the amendments that;

- a) the Clerk advise Council when a Freedom of Information request is received
- b) the appointment of senior officers interviews be undertaken by the Town Clerk and two members of the staffing committee, or a relevant committee member
- c) cllrs be in attendance at other interviews in the absence of the Town Clerk

2201/14

Progress and Information

It was **resolved** to:

- i) note the update regarding the Sakura Cherry Tree project
- ii) note the details of the Cornwall Council Hackney Carriage (Taxi) / Private Hire Vehicle, Operator and Driver Licensing consultation
- iii) note the update regarding the Cornwall 20's Plenty Scheme
- iv) note the update regarding the Council's job evaluation
- v) note the update regarding the Council's visioning statement
- vi) note the proposal regarding the implementation of RAG reports for Council projects and their inclusion as part of future Council and committee meetings
- vii) agree the request from Launceston Community Speed Watch to attend a future meeting

2201/15

Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

- i) note the venue usage
- ii) note the New Year Card received

2201/16

Urgent Items

Cllr Bailey spoke about setting up a working party with other community groups to discuss Platinum Jubilee proposals. The working party was agreed as Cllrs Bailey, Young, Gilbert and Tremain. **Cllr Conway** advised that he had funds towards events as part of his Community Chest fund

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

Signed Date