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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

- PRESENT** Cllrs Penhale (Town Mayor), Bailey (Deputy Mayor), Bullen, Conway, Gilbert, Gordon, Harris, Heaton, Hogan, Nancarrow, Nolan, O'Brien, Soanes, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
1 x Public
- 2204/21 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Green
- 2204/22 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- 2204/23 Public Representation Session**
Q1) A member of the public raised the issue of pigeons nesting in the town and potential health concerns this raises. They also spoke about the need for more town information signage to be displayed, especially for visitors
- 2204/24 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 15 March 2022 at 7.30pm
- 2204/25 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 Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 7.00pm
(ii) Estates and Properties held on Monday 4 April 2022 at 10.00am
(iii) Library, Arts, Business and Information held on Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 5.15pm
(iv) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 7 April 2022 at 7.00pm
- 2204/26 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**
Cornwall Cllr Conway gave thanks to St Austell Brewery and the contractors involved in ensuring the works to the White Horse public house were completed as quickly as they were. He also advised that the bridges project at Newport was close to completion. Cllr Conway concluded by advising of the forthcoming Traffic Orders to support the town centre pedestrianisation as well as reminding councillors of the forthcoming meeting with the Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Economy

Cllr Bailey said that the meeting with the portfolio holder was being held at short notice which made it difficult to collate ideas for discussion prior to the meeting

Cllr Heaton thanked Cornwall Cllrs for their work in resolving issues regarding the works at the White Horse, but advised that on occasion responses to concerns were not responded to by Cornwall Council

2204/27

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Heaton gave an update on the recent C.A.P meeting and also spoke about meeting with the surgery Practice Manager and advised a working party had been set up to review website services and updating the directory. Work was ongoing to explore the possibility of hybrid meetings as well as looking at improvements to services and a presentation to the Community Network Panel had been agreed. Cllr Heaton also advised that the surgery had more staff manning phones in the morning and that the NICE board meeting was exploring integrated care systems, but was challenged by a lack of staffing resources mainly due to a lack of local housing availability. It was established that Cornwall Council and the NHS are looking at solutions to the housing issue. Cllr Heaton spoke about the issues of public transport links that affected the town and concluded by thanking the Council for supporting local groups at the recent grant fund awards evening

Cllr Bailey advised that following the recent Chamber of Commerce AGM, a new committee had been elected, and spoke about the forthcoming Artisan Market in the town centre and updated the Council of the ongoing grounds works at Stourscombe

Cllr Gordon stated that tenders for the future operation of the Leisure Centre had been issued and that these were due for submission in June

Cllr Conway said that approximately 10-15 houses were proposed to be built for key workers at part of Race Hill car park and also raised concerns regarding public transport links and fares and asked for this to be an agenda item at Council

Cllr Soanes asked for an update in regards to works required at the entrance to Launceston Castle. The Clerk advised that chippings had been laid at the site and that discussions were ongoing with Cornwall Highways

2204/28

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor's report was noted

2204/29

Report from the Town Clerk

It was **resolved** that;

- i) the report be noted
- ii) the Visitor Information Centre and the Library open as per usual working hours on Saturday 4 June
- iii) the Clerk explore the possibility of working with local business in regards to a windows scheme at vacant shop premises in the town centre
- iv) a Freedom of the Town scheme not be considered but that the Town Council continues to support the Armed Forces Day event

2204/30

Mayor and Deputy Mayor elect 2022-23

Members considered Notices of Motion received for the above

- i) It was **resolved** that Cllr Leighton Penhale be elected Mayor of Launceston for 2022-23
- ii) It was **resolved** that Cllr Helen Bailey be elected Deputy Mayor of Launceston for 2022-23

2204/31

Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

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

- iii) note and agree the request to install a plaque at both the Town Hall and Lawrence House in commemoration of the Turner Prize award winning artist Grenville Davey
- iv) note the letter of thanks from Werrington Cricket Club for grant funding
- v) note the details of the launch event of Homes for Cornwall on Monday 16 May

2204/32

Urgent Items

There were no items for consideration

2204/33

Exclusion of members of the press and public

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

2204/34

Lawrence House Lease

The actions regarding the ongoing lease at Lawrence House were **agreed unanimously**

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting of Council on Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Signed Date