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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 21 JUNE 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)
- 2206/18 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cornwall Cllr Adam Paynter
- 2206/19 Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Gilbert declared an interest in Agenda Items 14 and 15 Staffing Committee Minutes and Role Evaluation and left the meeting and took no part in the debate or voting on these items

Cllr Bullen declared an interest in Agenda Items 14 and 15 Staffing Committee Minutes and Role Evaluation and left the meeting and took no part in the debate or voting on these items

Cllrs Penhale, Gordon, Gilbert, Nolan, Conway, Soanes and Bullen declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 - Launceston Leisure Centre. A dispensation was agreed to allow these cllrs to remain in the meeting for this item so as to allow the meeting to remain quorate
- 2206/20 Public Representation Session**
There were no public questions
- 2206/21 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 Thursday 19 May at 2.00pm and Tuesday 24 May 2022 at 7.00pm
- 2206/22 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 17 May 2022 at 7.00pm
(ii) Estates and Properties held on Monday 6 June 2022 at 10.00am subject to the amendments that Cllr Hogan had given his apologies for absence and that Cllr Harris was elected as the Vice Chairman
(iii) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 9 June 2022 at 7.00pm
- 2206/23 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**
Cornwall Cllr Conway advised that there were no updates that had a direct impact on Launceston and that he was awaiting a written response in regards to an update on works along the Link Road

Cllr Penhale wished to record thanks to Cormac for the wall repairs undertaken in the town

Cllr Nancarrow asked if further bridge works were required at Newport. Cllr Conway advised he was not aware of any further required works.

Cllr Tremain raised concerns about waste transportation to the proposed site in Holsworthy and the negative impact that this may have on the town in regards to traffic generation and air quality

Cllr Young expressed concern at the closure of the Orchard Centre and further to Cllr Hogan's question confirmed that a Trust was in place.

Cllr Heaton asked if there were any update on the group aligned to look at issues affecting the East of Cornwall. Cllr Conway advised that the group was in the process of being established and would look to provide future information

2206/24

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Bailey gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce, including the successful Heritage Weekend event and requested that thanks be passed to Kate Stark for her liaison work with English Heritage in regards to the set up and operation of the event. Cllr Bailey also advised that the Chamber had set up a stand to promote the details of the Safer Green Streets and work of the Town Plan Group.

Cllr Bailey also provided an update on the Launceston Jubilee Celebrations in June and congratulated the Trustees of Coronation Park for the event they put held on 2 June. The children's play party was attended by over 50 children, and Cllr Baily thanked Launceston Lions for providing refreshments for the event. The Jubilee Ball was attended by over 70 guests, and the bar and all extras were supplied from local businesses. Cllr Bailey concluded by thanking Cllr Tremain for his organization of the Service of Thanksgiving and for finding the service used for the Silver Jubilee.

Cllr Heaton advised of the litter pick held at Kensey in conjunction with Plastic Free Launceston. Cllr Heaton advised that any person having issues contacting the Medical Centre should provide feedback to the Public Participation Group. She also advised that the counselling service was a much needed provision and was being well used, and that the role of the NHS Kernow Commissioning Group was to be taken on by the Integrated Health Care Board. Cllr Heaton concluded by stating that there were still ongoing highways issues affecting Castle Street.

Cllr O'Brien gave an update regrading the Community Network Panel and welcomed the proposal that the panel meetings be held throughout the various parish areas, and advised that Cllr Conway was the new Chairman of the Panel.

Cllr Conway advised that a meeting was held with the Cornwall ward members regarding the medical centre and an update will be brought back to Council and advised Members to raise any issues concerning the medical centre with himself or Cllr Paynter

2206/25

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor's report was noted

2206/26

Report from the Town Clerk

It was **resolved** that the RAG update be noted

2206/27

Launceston Leisure Centre

it **resolved** unanimously that;

- i) the Council's support for the centre to remain open be noted
- ii) the operating costs of the centre be copied to all cllrs
- iii) that Amanada Penington be invited to meet with cllrs to discuss the works undertaken regarding Wadebridge Leisure Centre

2206/28 Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

- i) note the venue usage
- ii) note the letter regarding the request for works at Broad Park

2206/29 Urgent Items

The Mayor expressed his thanks to the Jubilee Working Party for their work in making the Platinum Jubilee celebrations such a success

2206/30 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

2206/31 It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders so as to allow Ms Louise Harrison of LGRC to present the details of her report regarding the recent Role Evaluation

Standing Orders were suspended at 8.10pm

The Council received a report from Ms Louise Harrison of LGRC regarding the recent Role Evaluation of the Council

Standing Orders resumed at 8.18pm

2206/32 Staffing Committee Minutes

It was **resolved** to note the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on Monday 30 May 2022

2206/33 Role Evaluation

Members considered the report of the Local Government Resource Centre regarding the job evaluation report commissioned by the Town Council and it was **resolved**;

- i) that all recommendations within the report be agreed
- ii) that any increases in salaries identified in the report be backdated to 1 April 2022

Cllrs Gilbert and Bullen declared an interest in resolved items 2206/31, 2206/32 and 2206/33 and left the meeting and took no part on the debate or voting of these items

2206/34 Council Events

The Clerk provided an update on forthcoming Council events and it was **resolved** to move the July meeting of council to Tuesday 12 July

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

Signed Date