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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 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, O'Brien, Soanes and Young
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
Reverend David Miller
1 x Public

Prayers were read by Reverend Miller

- 2210/15 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tremain
- 2210/16 Declarations of Interest**
Dispensations were agreed for Agenda Item 21 – Leisure Centre Update - for all Councillors acting as Trustees of Coronation Park, in line with Town Council Standing Order 14h (i)
- 2210/17 Public Representation Session**
There were no public questions
- 2210/18 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 12 2022 at 7.00pm subject to the amendment to resolved item 2207/19 that the Launceston Hospital League of Friends had provided funding for a shelter at the medical centre and the PPG had provided funding for additional bench seating
- 2210/19 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, subject to the agreed request by Cllr Conway that the confidential section of the Finance and General Purposes committee held on Wednesday 7 September 2022, be considered under Agenda Item 20, as it could potentially involve the disclosure of confidential information:
(i) (Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 21 July 2022 at 7.00pm
(ii) Estates and Properties held on Monday 8 August 2022 at 10.00am
(iii) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 11 August 2022 at 7.00pm
(iv) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 1 September 2022 at 7.00pm
(v) Library, Arts, Business and Information held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 5.15pm
(vi) Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 7.00pm
- 2210/20 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**

Cornwall Councillor Adam Paynter gave an update regarding the proposed devolution deal for Cornwall Council and advised that the Council was seeking Level 3 Powers, and if this was carried then it was likely that an election for a Mayor of Cornwall would take place next year. Cllr Paynter also advised that budgets were being reviewed and that there were potentially significant issues to consider in regards to future budgets.

Cllr Heaton asked for details in regards to the recent highways improvements at Duke St. **Cllr Paynter** advised that safety concerns for pedestrians and vehicle users alike meant that works were required and had been undertaken following requests from the local resident's association and the scheme was being monitored. **Cllr Nanacarrow** re-iterated the concerns that the new works had caused

Cllr Harris asked if any works were due in regards to increasing the height of the parapet for the pedestrian bridge crossing the A30. **Cllr Conway** advised he would contact the relevant authority for an update. Cllr Conway also stated that he agreed with Cllr Paynter in his concerns over the potential for changes to the governance of Cornwall Council.

Cllr Heaton asked if there was any updated regarding the upgrading of heat source pumps at Cornwall Council properties. **Cllr Harris** was able to advise that there were challenges in regards to current infrastructure that were causing difficulties un completing works

2210/21

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Bailey provided an update from the PPG and advised that the medical centre reported improvement in some areas. The e-consult system has been reinstated and the LIVI appointment system increased. The issue in regards to the dispensing of prescriptions is under review with plans for a new system. The AGM is taking place on 22 November and all are welcome to attend and the meeting is being advertised on social media, the website and at the centre

Cllr Young gave an update on In Bloom and advised that the organisation had strong membership and had been working in Tower Street, cleared hedging at St Thomas Road and planted bulbs at Windmill Woods.

Cllr Heaton spoke about the PPG and advised that a meeting had been arranged with Scott Mann MP, to discuss some of the issues affecting Launceston, and also advised that a meeting was scheduled with the Managing Director of the Integrated Care Board, week commencing 24 October

Cllr Gilbert advised that a guests from Launceston's twin town were visiting as part of the Twinning Association's events

Cllr Harris stated that the AGM of the Street Pastors had been held and that the organisation was seeking more male volunteers.

Cllr Conway thanked Cllr Dave Gordon and the Carnival team for the recent town carnival event

2210/22

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor's report was noted

2210/23

Report from the Town Clerk

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

2210/24

Civility and Respect Pledge

Members considered Report 05/22 concerning the above (previously circulated)
It was **resolved** to agree to sign the civility and respect pledge

2210/25 EV Charge Points

Members considered Report 06/22 concerning the above (previously circulated)
It was **resolved** that the Council agree to the installation of 4no. EV charging points in the multi storey car park, to be supplied, installed and maintained by Char.gy

2210/26 External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/22

It was **resolved** to note the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/22 and for the Council's finance officers to be thanked for their work.

2210/27 Causley Trust Update

It was **resolved** to note the update

2210/28 Library support for 'Warmth Banks'

Members considered Report 07/22 concerning the above (previously circulated)
It was **resolved** to note the update regarding the Council's Library support for the Warmth Bank scheme

2210/29 Mayor for Cornwall

It was **resolved** unanimously that:

- i) the Town Council does not support any proposal for a Mayor for Cornwall
- ii) if Cornwall Council considers a change in the current governance and the election of a Mayor for Cornwall as part of any devolution deal, a referendum must be provided to allow all residents of Cornwall to vote upon the matter

The meeting adjourned at 8.21pm to allow for a comfort break

The Meeting resumed at 8.29pm

2210/30 Councillor Resignation

It was **resolved** to note the resignation of Ian Nolan and that the Notice of Vacancy is to be advertised from Wednesday 12 October

2210/31 Statement of Principles under Gambling Act 2005

It was **resolved** to note the minor amendments to the document

2210/32 Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

- i) note the venue usage
- ii) note the correspondence regarding the Royal Visit

2210/33 Urgent Items

Cllr Young's request for a Christmas Community Lunch to be held on Tuesday 20 December was agreed in principle

2210/34 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 items 21, 22, 23 and 24 as they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information

2210/35 Leisure Centre Update

Cllr Dave Gordon gave an update in regards to the continued and future operation of the leisure centre and it was **resolved unanimously** that

- i) the Town Council would support the proposal to pay for the centre to be operated by the current leisure providers for a further 12 months and provide funding of £25,000
- ii) the Clerk would seek details of funding received by Wadebridge Leisure Centre, paid by Cornwall Council

2210/36

Lawrence House Museum

The update from Cllrs Bullen and Hogan regarding the tenancy of the flat at Lawrence House was noted and it was **resolved** that;

- i) a reference letter for the tenants be provided and signed by the Mayor
- ii) the confidential section of the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 7.00pm be noted

2210/37

Library Hub

The letter from Cornwall Council advising that the Exeter Street site proposal for the library is the only offer available to the Town Council and it would not be in a position to support the Town Council in any alternative venture, was noted

2210/38

Staffing Matters

The update from the Clerk was noted

Date of the next meeting of the Council

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

The meeting ended at 9.17pm

Signed Date