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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Penhale (Mayor), Bailey (Deputy Mayor), Bullen, Conway, Gilbert, Gordon, Green, Harris, Heaton, Hogan, Nancarrow, O'Brien, Sleep, Soanes, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Cornwall cllr Paynter
Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
9 x Public

Prayers were read by Reverend Miller

Members received a presentation from Mrs Nikky Nuttall – Director of the Causley Trust

2303/40 Apologies for absence
There were no apologies for absence

2303/41 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest

2303/42 Public Representation Session
Representation 1 – A local resident spoke about the failings of the Council in relation to car parking charges

Representation 2 – A resident spoke about parking issues on Race Hill and the costs of Cornwall Council parking permits and stated that the proposed increases in parking rates will generate more on street parking

Representation 3 – A resident raised concerns regarding parking charges and stated that the proposed increase will lead to on street parking spreading throughout the town.

2303/43 Change of Agenda Order
It was **resolved** to take Agenda Item 12 – Council Response to 2023 Off Street Parking Order as the next item of business

2303/44 Council Response to 2023 Off Street Parking
It was **resolved unanimously** that the Town Council strongly object to the proposals and in addition it be noted that;
i) the Town Council objects to the Fair Park Close increase proposals as this is an out of town car park
ii) the Town Council objects to the proposed increase for the Cattle Market car park as this site is never properly utilised and should be attributed to being one car park
iii) the proposed increase will lead to an increase in on street parking and this will create additional highways issues which will require proper enforcement

2303/45

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 February 2022 at

2303/46

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 Thursday 23 February 2023 at 7.00pm
- (ii) Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 1 March 2023 at 7.00pm
- (iii) Library, Arts, Business and Information held on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 7.00pm

2303/47

Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Paynter advised that Cornwall Network Panels will be changing and Launceston will be allocated alongside Callington. Cllr Paynter also advised that Ms Meredith Teasdale was leaving the organisation

Cornwall Councillor Conway stated that both Ms Meredith Teasdale and Mr Chris Sims were very good officers for Launceston

Cllr Tremain stated that the new Network area was very large and also asked if there was any update regarding the proposed Mayoral Devolution deal for Cornwall. **Cllr Conway** advised that the Mayor for Cornwall consultation was being considered by Cabinet in April and then being considered by Cornwall Council at its Full Council meeting in April

Cllr Heaton thanked Cllr Paynter for the undertaking of road re-surfacing in Roydon Road and asked if there was any update in regards to traffic signage for Castle Street. **Cllr Conway** advised works were ongoing to install signage regarding no HGV access

Cllr Bailey asked when works were being undertaken to resurface Westgate Street. **Cllr Conway** advised that works were scheduled for April

Cllr Soanes said that the recent budget stated that there would be money for leisure centres. **Cllr Conway** advised that works were ongoing to ensure that Launceston received its appropriate share of funding.

Cllr Gordon advised that Coronation Park Trust would be applying for funding. **Cllr Paynter** advised that it was a competitive tender process for funding

2303/48

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Bailey provided an update on the Patient Participation Group and advised of their meeting on Wednesday 22 March at 6pm in the Reception Area of the Medical Centre tomorrow evening. Cllr Bailey also gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce and advised that the AGM is taking place at the Orchard Centre at 6pm on Thursday 23 March and all are welcome to attend and if anyone who is a member wishes to take on a role they are very welcome to stand. A Chamber Networking Group took place at Firebrand and a presentation of what the Chamber is involved with and also an update about the town brand took place. In addition, there was an invitation to come along and get as involved as much as people would like, to ensure events and projects the Chamber are involved with are more successful.

Cllr Heaton spoke about dementia care and that the Integrated Care Board is working on this matter and looking to start a project whereby treatment will be available at a primary care level.

Cllr O'Brien advised that the Environment Agency had contacted him in regards to the issue of flooding and this forming part of the town Emergency Plan, whereby a network of flood wardens is required. Cllr O'Brien advised that this is not a concept for the town but to ensure that the Environment Agency logo can be displayed as part of the plan, details of flooding will be attached to the working document

Cllr Young stated that there was a new Chair of Launceston In Bloom and that the group was looking to tackle areas in Northgate Street before moving on to the coach park. Cllr Young also spoke about the new positive set up for the youth club at the Orchard Centre

Cllr Conway advised of a proposed event in September to mark the Mutiny in the Duchy

2303/49 Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor gave a verbal update on his engagements and gave thanks to the organisers for their work on the town's St Pirans events

2303/50 Presentation Regarding the Causley Trust

It was **resolved** to thank Mrs Nuttall for her presentation and to note the details therein

2303/51 Report from the Town Clerk

Members considered Report 07/23 concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that;

- i) the update regarding the skate park project be noted
- ii) the March RAG report be noted and that the new library be allocated as a priority project

2303/52 Council Policies

Members considered Report 08/23 concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that the Financial Regulations, Management and Safekeeping of Money, Statement of Internal Control and Investment Strategy policies be adopted

2303/53 Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

- i) note the venue usage
- ii) note the letter from the Royal British Legion

2303/54 Urgent Items

- i) Cllr Tremain reminded councillors of the upcoming Passmore Edwards event on Friday 24 March
- ii) the Clerk reminded Members of the change of the Planning meeting date to 5 April, the change of the Estates and Properties meeting date to 17 April, of the Extraordinary Council meeting to be held on 30 March and of the retirement cream tea event for Mrs Langdon on Friday 31 March

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 7pm

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

Signed Date