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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Bailey (Mayor), Gilbert (Deputy Mayor), Bullen, Conway, Gordon, Green, Harris, Heaton, Hogan, Nancarrow, O'Brien, Penhale, Soanes and Young
In attendance:

Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
11 x public

Prayers were read by Reverend Clancy

2310/15 Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tremain and Cornwall Cllr Paynter

2310/16 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest

2310/17 Co-option to Council
Mr Ranson, Mr Beagley, Mrs Lankston, Ms Baskerville and Mrs Harvey gave presentations to the Council. Ballots were held;
Mrs Lankston was co-opted to North Ward

Councillor Lankston signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking her seat at the table.

2310/18 Public Representation Session
Question 1 – Details were given of a forthcoming pre planning application and that the applicants will be attending the next meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee on Thursday 2 November

2310/19 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 Full Council held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 7.00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7.50pm to allow for a comfort break

The meeting re-adjourned at 7.54pm

2310/20 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) Library, Arts, Business and Information held on Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 7.00pm
(ii) Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 7.00pm

- (iii) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 21 September 2023 at 7.00pm

2310/21

Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cornwall Councillor Conway advised that there was an issue in regards to Newquay Airport that will be raised at the forthcoming audit and also stated that Cornwall Council had agreed the dilapidation payment for Launceston leisure centre.

Cllr Green enquired to the sum of the dilapidation monies. Cllr Conway stated that the sum was approximately £800,000

Cllr Gordon asked when repairs would be undertaken to the wall adjacent to Race Hill car park. Cllr Conway advised he would contact Cornwall Highways for an update and forward any response to the Town Clerk for circulation

Cllr Harris enquired as to what was happening regarding the proposed primary school at Hay Common. Cllr Conway stated that this work was being undertaken by the Athena Trust and not by Cornwall Council

2310/22

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr O'Brien provided an update on the recent meeting with neighbouring towns and parishes regarding working together on Emergency Plans. Cllr Conway requested that this matter be included as a future agenda item

Cllr Heaton stated that the noticeboard adjacent to the job centre required updating. Cllr Heaton also advised that the Causley Trust was seeking volunteers. Cllr Heaton provided details of the new health and equality hub, advising that the site in Exeter Street was to be re-fitted and would offer drop in sessions as well as health and wellbeing clinics and was due to open in the New Year

Cllr Harris gave an update on the recent Cornwall Council Local Energy Plan event in Bodmin and advised that he was expecting some kind of seminar or a talk from a person or a team of specialists brought in by the Council who would inform and take questions from those attending, of which there were approximately a dozen from all over eastern Cornwall. On arrival Cllr Harris was not greeted by anyone; a Cornwall Council officer pointed at a table full of Post-it notes and a caption on a card with an instruction to write down any thoughts he had on energy, its generation and conservation and what he thought Cornwall could/should do about it. There was also scattered around the room some large banners with information which he had seen a number of times before at other events across the years. Cllr Harris was of the opinion that the event was an utter waste of councillor and officer time, resources and money and attendees could have spent a few minutes at home reading Cornwall Councils energy plan or lack of it and commented online. Cllr Harris did submit thoughts and ideas which were the same as those which he stood up and said to delegates at a Cornwall Council event at the show ground in Wadebridge approximately 8 years ago. Cllr Harris stated that since then it is apparent that Cornwall Council has gone absolutely nowhere.

2310/23

Report from the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor provided an update on the Mayoral and Deputy Mayor's activities

2310/24

Report from the Town Clerk

Members considered the RAG Report for September (previously circulated)
It was **resolved** to note the report

- 2310/25 Licensing Act Policy Review**
It was **resolved** to note the detail of the review
- 2310/26 Polling districts and Polling Places Review**
It was **resolved** to note the detail of the review
- 2310/27 Correspondence and Matters to Note**
It was **resolved** to note the venue usage
- 2310/28 Urgent Items**
There were no matters for consideration
- 2310/29 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 the following items as they involved the likely disclosure of confidential information
- 2310/30 Library Hub Project**
The update regarding the proposed library hub was noted and it was requested that the Council minutes its thanks to Council staff for their work on the project to date

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 November 2023

The meeting ended at 8.38pm

Signed Date