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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

- PRESENT** Cllrs Bailey (Mayor), Gilbert (Deputy Mayor), Conway, Gordon, Green, Harris, Heaton, Hogan, Lankston, Nancarrow, O'Brien, Soanes Tremain and Young
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
3 x public
- 2403/32 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bullen and Penhale
- 2403/33 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- 2403/34 Public Representation Session**
Question 1 – Safer Greener streets. A question was asked as to when the consultation reports will be published and will local residents have access to the results
- 2403/35 Change to Order of Business**
It was **resolved** to change the order of business and for Agenda Item 10 be the next item for consideration
- 2403/36 Safer Greener Streets Request for Match Funding**
Cllr Gordon provided background information on the proposals
It was **resolved** that the Town Council provide a sum of £3,605 as part of the match funding bid for the Safer Greener Streets proposals for works to the castle entrance to the town
- 2403/37 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 20 February 2024 at 7.00pm
- 2403/38 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 22 February 2024 at 7.00pm
(ii) Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 7.00pm
(iii) Extraordinary Finance and General Purposes held on Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 7.00pm
- 2403/39 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**
Cllr Bailey raised concerns over fly-tipping and that this was in part due to the restrictions at the Launceston recycling centre and wanted to know who will pay for any removal. **Cllr**

Conway advised that works at the centre were temporary whilst the plant at the site is updated. **Cllr Young** advised that volunteers were seeking to undertake the removal of fly-tipping at the Forest for Launceston site but were currently restricted by the wet conditions. **Cllr O'Brien** stated that Cornwall Council should be required to remove the fly-tipping and enquired if CCTV could be used at the forest site

Cllr Tremain raised the point that the Town Councils budget details for the precept were not included in the documentation sent to local residents by Cornwall Council

Cllr Young raised the issue of rubbish on verges and the A30 slip road and asked if works can be undertaken to clear it

Cllr Gordon asked for an update regarding the wall at Race Hill. **Cllr Conway** advised that he will follow up on the matter that is going through a legal process

2403/40

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Bailey advised that if any matters were raised regarding the precept, then these should be forwarded to the Town Clerk

Cllr Heaton provided an update regarding the Patient Participation Group (PPG) and advised that the minutes of the meeting were on the organisation's website. The social prescriber spoke about the Exeter Street Hub and the services being considered. There were also details on the new triage system at the GP surgery and that Martha's Rule will be coming into being from April 2024, allowing patients the right to a second medical opinion. Cllr Heaton also advised that opportunities for the re-use of unwanted medical equipment was being considered by the Integrated Care Board, and possible co-working with repair cafes. Cllr Heaton concluded by advising of the need for more care workers and the need for more key worker housing and of the Cornwall Council motion regarding the protection of those serving in public life and that this was also being considered by Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC)

Cllr Conway stated that the precept, when broken down over a two year period to include last year's zero percentage increase, forms a much lower total increase for residents

Cllr O'Brien gave an update on the recruitment of a CALC CEO

2403/41

Report from the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor

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

2403/42

Report from the Town Clerk

It was **resolved** that the monthly RAG report be noted

2403/43

Council Policies Update

It was **resolved** that the Health and Safety policy be agreed

2403/44

Local Council Award Scheme

It was **resolved** that all documentation and information was in place to meet the Local Council Award Scheme Quality Gold criteria and the Town Clerk be authorised to submit the necessary application

2403/45

Councillor Surgery Rota

The rota for the forthcoming surgeries was agreed

2403/46

Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect 2024/25

Members considered Notices of Motion received for the above

- i) It was **resolved unanimously** that Cllr Helen Bailey be elected Mayor of Launceston for 2024-25
- ii) It was **resolved unanimously** that Cllr Nicola Gilbert be elected Deputy Mayor of Launceston for 2024-25

2403/47

Easter Bank Holidays – Public Notice of Meetings

It was **resolved** to note that;

- i) the Council cannot use the following as clear days as required for giving notice of a meeting.
 - a) Maundy Thursday 28 March
 - b) Good Friday 29 March
 - c) Saturday 30 March
 - d) Easter Sunday 31 March
 - e) Easter Monday 1 April
 - f) Easter Tuesday 2 April
- ii) the meeting of the Estates and Properties Committee will need to be re-scheduled from Tuesday 2 April
- iii) the agenda for the meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee being held on Thursday 4 April will be posted on Monday 25 March

2403/48

Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to note the venue usage

2403/49

Urgent Items

There were no matters for consideration

2403/50

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 item as it involved the likely disclosure of confidential information

2403/51

Staffing Committee Minutes

It was **resolved** to:

- i) receive and adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on Monday 11 March 2024
- ii) note the update regarding Council colleagues absence
- iii) agree that the Visitor Information Centre be closed on Saturday 30 March for the Easter Holiday

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 April 2024

The meeting ended at 8.14pm

Signed Date