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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 17 September 2024 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

- PRESENT** Cllrs Bailey (Mayor), Gilbert (Deputy Mayor), Bullen, Conway, Gordon, Green, Harris, Heaton, Hogan, Lankston, Nancarrow, O'Brien, Penhale, Tremain and Young
In attendance: 6 x public
Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
- 2409/30 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Soanes
- 2409/31 Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Conway declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 part 4 – Accountable Body for Connect Launceston and left the meeting and took no part in the debate or voting for this item
- 2409/32 Allotment Competition**
The Mayor presented awards to the winners of the Allotment Competition
KENSEY - Winner: Mr & Mrs Basford Highly Commended: Colin Williams
DUTSON - Winner: Mr Dennis Shaw Highly Commended: Ms Rose Maxwell
GRAMMERS PARK- Winner: Mr Alan Knight Highly Commended: Ms Lynn Winstone
OVERALL WINNER: Mr Alan Knight
- 2409/33 Public Representation Session**
Representatives from The Arthur W. Bryant Funeral Service Ltd spoke about their services arriving in the town and seeking to work with the Council in support of the town
- 2409/34 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 16 July 2024 at 7.00pm
- 2409/35 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 3 September 2024 at 7.00pm
(ii) Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 7.00pm
(iii) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 5 September 2024 at 7.00pm
- 2409/36 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**
Cllr Conway advised that the next meeting of Cornwall Council was being held on Tuesday 24 September and also stated that works to the road surface on Windmill Hill were due to take place.

Cllr Nancarrow stated that the Leader of Cornwall Council was due to make an appearance on national television but had not attended the event

Cllr Green asked for an update regarding repairs to the wall in Race Hill. **Cllr Conway** stated that works were still in the legal process of agreement

Cllr Tremain enquired on the details for the meeting regarding road safety concerns at the A30 Plusha junction. **Cllr Conway** confirmed that a meeting was being held in Lewannick on Thursday 26 September

Cllr O'Brien stated that correct white lining was required in regards to the new junction near Upper Chapel and that a proper give way junction was required

2409/37 Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Young gave an update on In Bloom and advised that the organisation had 19 volunteers and had been responsible for 54 hanging baskets within the town in the Summer. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to the In Bloom volunteers

Cllr O'Brien gave an update on his attendance at the Super Councils Network meeting and stated that there were 30 to 40 attendees and reports on various subjects were received

Cllr Heaton gave updates on;
CCTV, advising that the committee had raised concerns that there was no police presence at meetings, that there were some incidents of anti-social behavior in Coronation Park and that there are a total of nine cameras in the town but a new modem was required.

Cllr Advocate Seminar. where the issue of not having a police front desk at Launceston was raised and details of police response and contact times were provided.

NHS Summer Festival. where over 300 attended the events that were very well received

Cllr Green gave details of the North Petherwin Fun Day as well as the Olympic Torch Charity Run event, which the Mayor attended on its way through Launceston and advised that over £60k had been raised

2409/38 Report from the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor

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

2409/39 Report from the Town Clerk

The update on projects and the monthly RAG report were noted

2409/40 Councillor Surgery Rota

It was **resolved** that the surgery for October be on the skatepark project progress and that the November surgery be a library and Christmas events update

2409/41 Progress and Information

Members considered Report 18/24 concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that;

- i) it be noted a buildings evaluation was undertaken as part of the annual insurance review
- ii) the details of Small Business Saturday be noted and it be agreed that the Town Council supports the scheme by offering free parking every Saturday in December

- iii) the Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill be supported
- iv) it be agreed that the Town Council formally adopt the role of accountable body in regards to Connect Launceston

2409/42 Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

- i) note the venue usage
- ii) note the letter from Mr K Wadland regarding plans for Lawrence House and the provision of public toilet facilities in the town

2409/43 Urgent Items

Cllr Lankston spoke about Launceston resident Lowenna North, who had swum the English Channel and requested that this be recognised by the Council. Cllr Lankston also thanked all councillors for their support following her first year with the Council

2409/44 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

2409/45 Car Parks

Members considered Report 19/24 concerning the above (previously circulated)
It was **resolved** that the report be noted

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 October 2024

The meeting ended at 7.54pm

Signed Date