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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 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, Penhale, Soanes and Young
In attendance: Cornwall Cllr Paynter
Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
- 2411/33 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bullen and Tremain
- 2411/34 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- 2411/35 Public Representation Session**
There were no representations made
- 2411/36 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 15 October 2024 at 7.00pm
Cllr Green entered the Guildhall at 7.03pm following the resolution of the above
- 2411/37 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 17 October 2024 at 7.00pm
(ii) Library, Arts, Business and Information held on Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 7.00pm
(iii) Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 7.00pm
(iv) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 7 November 2024 at 7.00pm
- 2411/38 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**
Cllr Paynter spoke of the recent meeting regarding a no confidence vote in the Chair at Cornwall Council and also updated regarding a walk around the Ridgemoor area and works that have been undertaken. Traffic improvements works to St Stephen's Hill were due to commence shortly. Cllr Paynter also commented on the consultation regarding Adult Education provision

Cllr Conway spoke regarding the Adult Education consultation as well as the need for further improvements to the A30 Plusha junction and advised that the road closure at Race Hill had now been rescheduled until after Christmas

Cllr O'Brien mentioned correspondence that may have been received in regards to charges for rubbish clearance. **Cllr Conway** asked for a copy of the letter.

Cllr Harris spoke about the good work that had been done on the Ridgewood area pathways

Cllr Soanes enquired about the future of the bus service calling at Tesco supermarket. **Cllr Conway** stated that he was not aware of any outcomes to date but would take the matter up with the Store Manager

Cllr Green spoke about the highways concerns on the A30 at Plusha, Two Bridges and Polyphant. **Cllr Conway** advised that this road was the responsibility of National Highways who were working on solutions to the issues at these junctions

Cllr Heaton stated that she was not aware of the correspondence regarding rubbish clearance charges and also said that pressure must be kept on National Highways in regards to the ongoing concerns and issues with the A30 local junctions.

Cllr Gilbert re-iterated the concerns regarding highways

Cllr Bailey spoke of a property in Tavistock Road that was in a poor state of repair. **Cllr Harris** advised that Housing Officers were working at the site and with the tenants

2411/39

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Young gave an update regarding Lawrence House Museum and advised that details would be sent to all councillors. Cllr Young also updated in regards to the Youth Council who had met earlier in the day. A total of 16 pupils attended the meeting and undertook a survey on the museum as well as submitting comments regarding the proposed library hub. She also advised that the new skate park had been well received.

Cllr Harris provided an update on the recent meeting of CALC and the CALC AGM as well as updating Members on the Street Pastors, highlighting that funds for the project were low

Cllr Heaton updated Members in regards to the Launceston PPG, including details that the issue regarding the Tesco pharmacy had now been overcome as well as providing an update on the Exeter Street Health Hub. Cllr Heaton concluded by advising that the Causley shop would be open for the late-night shopping event

2411/40

Report from the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor provided an update on the Mayoral activities

2411/41

Report from the Town Clerk

The update on projects and the monthly RAG report were noted

2411/42

Strategic Review Membership

It was **resolved** that as the existing membership proposal had been agreed in July 2024, the current proposal fell within the ruling of Standing Order 7a and therefore could not be considered under the six month rule unless written notice was provided by at least 10 councillors

2411/43

Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

- i) note the venue usage

- ii) note that the Mayor of Penzance would be writing to all Councils in regards to regional devolution proposals

2411/44

Urgent Items

There were no items for consideration

2411/45

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

2411/46

Cornwall Adult Education Service

It was **resolved unanimously** to respond to Cornwall Council advising of the Town Council's strong support of the Adult Education Service and the importance of the service within the town

2411/47

Staffing Committee Minutes and Update

It was **resolved** to agree the minutes of the Staffing Committee and Members offered support to Council officers in regards to the proposed Heritage Lottery grant application

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 December 2024

The meeting ended at 8.08pm

Signed Date