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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 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, Soanes, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Cornwall Cllr Paynter
Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)

A silence was held in memory of former Town Council colleague Steve Best

2412/07 Apologies for absence
There were no apologies for absence

2412/08 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest

2412/09 Public Representation Session
There were no representations made

2412/10 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 November 2024 at 7.00pm

2412/11 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 28 November 2024 at 7.00pm
(ii) Estates and Properties held on Monday 2 December 2024 at 10.00am subject to the amendment that Cllrs Bullen and Soanes were in attendance at the meeting

2412/12 Reports from Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Conway began by speaking in memory of Mr Steve Best. Cllr Conway then provided an update on the current car park consultation that includes three Launceston car parks and raised concerns regarding traffic management if the proposals are agreed and that the Town Council should be involved in any devolution process. Cllr Conway also advised that a number of E-Buses had been purchased but that none were proposed to be used in Launceston or the surrounding areas

Cllr Paynter advised that he was working to see if the booking scheme for the local recycling centre could be scrapped in Launceston. There was a slight delay on Cormac works due to the recent storm as crews had been diverted to deal with emergency matters. The changes to the National Planning Policy Framework will mean an increase in

house building numbers. Cllr Paynter also spoke about the English Devolution White Paper and what this would mean to local government and the possibility of Mayoral authorities.

Cllr Tremain enquired if the Town Council should object to the recycling centre booking scheme proposals

Cllr Young spoke about an issue raised at the recent meeting of the Municipal Charities, who were advised in regards to a family re-housed in Launceston who were told that the white goods distribution service would not deliver to the area as it was too far for delivery and asked the Cornwall Councillors if they could look into the matter.

Cllr Green asked if a permanent memorial was being considered in memory of Mr Steve Best

Cllr Bailey stated that the timing for the car park consultation seemed poor and that the consultation was difficult to complete online and that the whole process appears unprofessional

Cllr Soanes stated that the car park consultation process did not allow for anonymous submissions

2412/13

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Heaton provided an update from the Launceston PPG and spoke of the retirement of the senior partner and new appointments, a list of chargeable fees that could be circulated to all Members and that the AGM is scheduled to be held in January 2025. Cllr Heaton also spoke about the difficulties faced by many vulnerable residents in isolated areas following the recent storm

Cllr Soanes thanked everyone who had supported the Royal British Legion events and advised that the Branch had collected £30,000 for the year

Cllr Tremain spoke about the recent meeting of the Municipal Charities and thanked the Town Council for the organisation's grant. Cllr Tremain also spoke about the English Devolution White Paper and the effect this could have on the services and heritage of Cornwall

Cllr Bailey advised that the Town Mayors of Cornwall group were in discussion regarding the recent devolution white paper and would be lobbying parliament

Cllr Gordon provided a written update regarding Connect Launceston that was distributed to all Members

Cllr O'Brien proposed that a meeting be held with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and past Mayors to review the Emergency Plan

2412/14

Report from the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor provided an update on the Mayoral activities

2412/15

Report from the Town Clerk

Members considered Report 21/24 regarding the above (previously circulated).

It was **resolved** to:

- i) note the RAG report

- ii) Agree that the planning application for the new library building be submitted to Cornwall Council
- iii) note the update regarding storm damage to Council properties
- iv) note the Council operations over the Christmas and New Year period
- v) agree match funding towards a grant for works to Southgate Arch
- vi) note the details regarding the A388 Road Safety Campaign
- vii) note the details regarding the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law and the impact on the Town Council
- viii) note the letter from NED Board of Newquay Airport Ltd regarding the bid to acquire 25 Cornwall Council car parks
- ix) agree moving the date for the January Finance and General Purposes Committee and agree an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on Thursday 30 January to allow for budget setting

2412/16

Internal Audit Report

It was **resolved** that the internal audit report be noted and thanks be minuted to all Council colleagues involved in the work in the process.

2412/17

Notification Relating to a Property Asset in the Town - Land at Link Road, Launceston

Members considered Report 21/24 concerning the above (previously circulated).
It was **resolved** to note the report

2412/18

Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

- i) note the venue usage
- ii) note the Christmas Card received from Launceston Tasmania
- iii) note the Mayors thanks to all involved in the Christmas Light Switch On event

2412/19

Urgent Items

There were no items for consideration

The Mayor concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 January 2025

The meeting ended at 7.55pm

Signed Date