



**Minutes of The Library, Arts, Business and Information Services Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 7.00 pm in the OP Rooms**

Present: Cllrs: Bailey (Mayor), Gilbert (Deputy Mayor), Gordon, Lankston, Nancarrow,
and Tremain

In attendance: Cllrs Green, Heaton and Soanes

Ewan Murray (VIC Manager – non-voting)

2501/01 Apologies for Absence

None received

2501/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

2501 /03 Public Representation Session

There were no members of the public present

2501/04 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 November 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record

Proposed: Cllr Lankston

Seconded: Cllr Bailey

Carried:

2501/05 Financial Report

It was **noted** that:

- i. The VIC is on budget for the current financial year
- ii. Councillors receive VIC financial reports via the F&GP Committee paperwork
- iii. The VIC manager reported that this subject will continue as an agenda item to ensure any divergence, should it occur, is reported to the LABI committee

2501/06 Report from VIC Manager

The content of the previously circulated report was **noted including:**

- i. The council will be consulted about the final plans for the Priory Park installations
- ii. The council correctly followed the safeguarding protocols in relation to the recent incident
- iii. When the VIC refurbishment work is underway, there will be occasions when the centre will need to close including asbestos and electrical

2501/07 Update of Broader LABI Activities

The committee **received an update** from the Library Manager including:

- i. All library newsletters are available on the Cornwall Council website

- ii. Bleed kits have been installed at the library by Cornwall Council
- iii. A range of Cornwall Council officers are to offer support in Launceston, dates to be confirmed
- iv. Truro Museum is offering outreach support to Launceston
- v. AI sessions for women and girls is to be offered locally

2501/08 Projects and Funding Update

It was **noted** that the project and funding updates were given within the VIC Manager's report

2501/09 Connect Launceston Update

1. The committee **noted**:
 - i the Connect Launceston update from Cllr Gordon
 - ii the Connect Launceston working group will submit a grant application to the 2025/26 GWR Customer and Community Improvement Fund, to support environmental impact assessments
2. The committee **recommends** that the council allocates the sum of £3,500 in budget 2025/26, to act as matched funding to the GWR grant application

Proposed: Cllr Lankston

Seconded: Cllr Gordon

Carried

2501/10 Items to Note and any Urgent Matters

It was **noted** that because of a change in service provision, the VIC needs to reassess its charging policy

2501/11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 7:00pm

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed :

Date: