



**Minutes of The Library, Arts, Business and Information Services Committee meeting held
on
Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 7.00 pm in the OP Rooms**

Present: Cllrs: Gilbert (Mayor), Conway (Deputy Mayor), Lankston (Chairman),
Anston-Race, Gordon, Young

In attendance: Cllrs Heaton, Soanes, Tremain
Andi Snook (Library Manager)
Ewan Murray (VIC Manager – minutes)

2603/01 Apologies for Absence

No declarations were made

2603/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2603/03 Public Representation Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

2603/04 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 January 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2603/05 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.

2603/06 Report from VIC Manager

The committee **noted** content the report, which had been previously circulated including:

- i. Feedback by Cllr Young on the Lawrence House Museum project
- ii. Councillors raised general concerns regarding the current level of anti-social behaviour in the town
- iii. Cllrs Conway and Gordon proposed the council seek recompense following the bollard incident by the church but the VIC manager explained that following a quick repair by the grounds' manager, the bollard is fully operational and not damaged.

2603/07 Update of Broader LABI Activities

The committee **received updates** from the Library Manager including:

- i. Following accidental damage by a third party, the library was without computers for some time. Cornwall council provided a backup system
- ii. The library is liaising with the Causley Trust to host 9 poets

- iii. The library is hosting 4 D of E participants

2603/08 Current library condition

The committee received an update from the Library Manager and **noted** the following:

- i. There continues to be problems but various support organisations are trying to rectify the issues
- ii. There is a wide cost-range to replace damaged carpets
- iii. There is an indication that drains blocked with gravel, may be the cause of the leaks
- iv. Library staff are receiving complaints from residents about the building's condition

2603/09 Connect Launceston

The committee **noted** a project-progress update by Cllr Gordon including:

- i. A new 'passenger demand forecast' indicates a likely 11% increase in rail usage
- ii. The group is in the process of contacting all Cornwall MPs and the government's rail minister
- iii. Anticipated changes, related to the Benefit-cost Ratio (BCR) in the treasury's "Green Book", could be beneficial to the project

It was **resolved** that, if allowed within LTC Finance Regulations, the council should fund one of the group's advisors, to attend government training on passenger demand forecasting

Proposed: Cllr Gordon

Seconded: Cllr Gilbert

Carried

2603/10 Launceston Show 2026

It was **resolved** that LTC will be represented at this year's Launceston Show but that an amended programme of participation is established

Proposed: Cllr Lankston

Seconded: Cllr Conway

Carried

2603/11 Items to note and any urgent matters (information only)

The Priory Park official opening date is 14 April 2026

Cllr Anston-Race raised a number of concerns regarding play equipment at the park. VIC Manager explained this is in hand but the councillor said he would contact the Estates and Properties Manager.

2603/12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5 May 2026 at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed :

Date:

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