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Launceston Town Council
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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Gilbert (Mayor), Conway (Deputy Mayor), Anston-Race, Bullen, Gordon, Harris, Haynes, Heaton, Hogan, Lankston, O'Brien, Soanes, Tremain and Young
In attendance: Cornwall Cllr Paynter
Christopher Drake (Town Clerk)
6 x public

Prayers were read by the Mayor's Chaplain Jess Lancaster

A presentation was received from Steph Good - Community Project Manager, Devon & Cornwall Neighbourhood Watch Network

- 2604/17 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bailey and Green
- 2604/18 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- 2604/19 Change in Order of Business**
It was **resolved unanimously** to consider Agenda Item 10 – Re-introduction of Weed Treatment, as the next agenda item
- 2604/20 Re-introduction of Weed Treatment**
The Mayor advised of the update received from Cornwall Council in regards to their proposed consultation stating that the commencement of chemical weed treatment scheduled for May 2026 be paused until a meaningful public consultation process had been completed and it was **resolved** to note the update
- 2604/21 Public Representation Session**
Q1 – Would the town be burdened with the cost of future weed treatment?
Q2 – It is pleasing to hear the new decision taken by Cornwall Council
Q3 – Thanks were given regarding the Neighbourhood Watch Network presentation
- 2604/22 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 Council held on Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 7.00pm
- 2604/23 Reports from Cornwall Councillors**
Cornwall Cllr Paynter spoke regarding the issue of speeding on Western Road and advised he had raised the matter with Cornwall Highways. He also stated that the speed limit along the Link Road was to be reviewed

Cllr Bullen advised of the issue of speeding vehicles on Dutson Road and the Newport area

Cllr Young stated that a flashing speed indicator had been promised in the past

Cllr Haynes agreed with the above comments

Cllr Gordon stated that speeding was an issue throughout the town

Cllr Harris agreed with the above statement

Cllr Paynter advised that he would raise the issues with the police.

Cllr Soanes asked for an update regarding the removal of weed and moss on pavements.

Cllr Paynter stated that he would follow up the matter with the appropriate contractor

Cllr Conway stated that a survey of drainage systems was required to ensure they were operational prior to the inclement winter weather

Cllr Anston-Race raised the matter of the timings of the street lighting operations and that these may need checking. **Cllr Paynter** advised he would check the coverage areas and their appropriate timings

Cllr Lankston stated that repairs to the hand rail at Windmill Lane needed to be redone

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Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr Heaton provided an update of the Causley Trust and the events taking place as part of the Launceston Poetry Festival

Cllr Gordon advised that he would provide an update on Connect Launceston at the next meeting of Council

Cllr O'Brien gave an update on the work of Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) in regards to the Cornwall Council weed treatment consultation

Cllr Gilbert provided an update on the recent Twining Association event that included day trips and a celebratory evening meal at the Town Hall

Cllr Tremain advised that the Summer of 2027 would mark the anniversary for Cuthbert Mayne and that events were being organised

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Report from the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor provided a verbal update on the Mayoral Engagements and thanks were minuted to staff for their work on the Priory Park project

2604/26

Report from the Town Clerk

Members considered Report 09/26 concerning the above (previously circulated)

It was **resolved** that;

- i) the update of the library hub building tender be noted and copies of the tender documents be sent to all councillors
- ii) the details regarding repair works to Southgate Arch be noted
- iii) the update regarding repair works at the multi storey car park be noted
- iv) the staffing update be noted
- v) public consultation events be held for the implementation of the Council's Strategic Plan

2604/27

Open Letter to MPs: Building Personal Climate Resilience

It was **resolved unanimously** that the Council supports the open letter to MPs regarding Climate Resilience

2604/28

Correspondence and Matters to Note

It was **resolved** to;

- i) note the venue usage

2604/29

Urgent Items

There were no matters for consideration

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting of Council to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday 21 May at 2pm and then adjourned to Tuesday 26 May 2026

The meeting ended at 8.27pm

Signed Date