



**Minutes of The Library, Arts, Business and Information Services Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 7 July 2026 at 7.00pm in Launceston Town Hall**

Present: Cllrs: Gilbert (Mayor), Conway (Deputy Mayor), Gordon, Haynes, Harris, Lankston, Soanes, Tremain, Young.

In attendance: Cllrs Heaton, Hogan, O'Brien
Andi Snook (Library Manager)
Claire Greenaway (LTC Administrative Assistant)
Ewan Murray – Visitor Information Manager (Clerk to the Committee – non-voting)
Ms Tash Baskerville – (Representing Make Stuff Happen CIC)

2607/01 Election of Chairman

Cllr Gordon proposed and Cllr Lankston seconded that Cllr Margaret Young be elected Chairman. This was **agreed**.

2607/02 Election of Vice Chairman

- Cllr Tremain proposed and Cllr Gordon seconded that Cllr Sally Lankston be elected Vice Chairman.
- Cllr Haynes proposed and Cllr Harris seconded that Cllr Bonnie Soanes be elected Vice Chairman.
- In the following vote, Cllr Lankston received 5 votes and Cllr Soanes received 4 votes. Cllr Lankston was duly elected as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

2607/03 Apologies for Absence

None were received.

2607/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

2607/05 Suspension of Standing Orders

In line with "1 ix Rules of Debate at Meetings, standing orders were suspended

Proposed: Cllr Young

Seconded: Cllr Gordon

Carried

2607/06 Proposed Launceston art Centre Presentation by Make Stuff Happen CIC

The presentation was **noted** by the committee including:

- The project is intended to compliment and not compete against existing provision within the town.
- It would be seen as a stepping stone to larger venues such as the town hall.
- The project is currently not seeking funding from the town council.

The committee **resolved** to offer in-principle support for the project.

Proposed: Cllr Young

Seconded: Cllr Gordon

Carried

Standing orders were resumed

2607/07 Public Representation Session

No representations were made.

2607/08 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2607/09 Financial Report

It was **noted** that:

- i) Councillors receive finance statements via the F&GP paperwork.
- ii) The RFO confirmed to the VIC Manager that the budget is running as forecast.
- iii) At the next meeting, September 2026, the committee should consider the financial commitments for F/Y 2027/28 and these be promulgated to the Finance and General-Purpose Committee for consideration.

2607/10 Wider LABI Activities

The following was **noted**:

- i) The report given by Claire Greenaway on the LTC premises' usage has been shared with councillors.
- ii) The latest update of library events was been shared with councillors.
- iii) The Library Manager shared the wide and extensive programme of summer events.
- iv) The Library Manager updated the committee on the condition of the current library.

It was **resolved** that officers should investigate the cost of air-conditioning in the current library and forward the results to the Estates and Properties' Committee for consideration.

Proposed: Cllr Conway

Seconded: Cllr Lankston

Carried:

2607/11 Report from VIC Manager

The following was **noted**:

- i) Clarification of the recent safeguarding incident.
- ii) Cllr Hogan is the new chairman of the Lawrence House Museum Management Committee.
- iii) The LHM working party is about to forward the grant submission to National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- iv) The committee wished to extend thanks to all museum volunteers and members of the working party for their hard work and commitment to the project.

2607/12 Launceston Show

The following was **noted** in respect of what would be promoted at the show including:

- Skate Park, Priory Park, LHM, Remembrance Sunday
- The Arch, St Piran's Children's Parade, Town Hall Events,
- Christmas Light Switch on, Library services, Councillor Surgeries.

2607/13

Connect North Cornwall Update

It was **resolved** that the name of the project should be 'Connect North Cornwall in Support of Kernow Connect':

Proposed: Cllr Gordon

Seconded: Cllr Conway

Carried:

2607/14 VIC Promotion of Charities and Businesses

The committee **resolved** that staff of the VIC would investigate how to improve the promotion of charities and businesses in the town, and report back to the committee in September.

Proposed: Cllr Conway

Seconded: Cllr Young

Carried:

2607/15 Items to Note and any Urgent Matters

- The Cornwall Wildlife Trust is planning a 'sculpture safari' in summer 2027 and hope council will support the event. More information to follow.
- Cllr Tremain intimated that a new book about borders, makes reference to Launceston.

2607/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 September at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8:05pm

Signed :

Date: