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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held on TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2017 at 7pm in the Guildhall**

- PRESENT** Cllrs Allen, Bugden-Cawsey, Bullen, Conway, Gordon (Deputy Mayor) Harris, Hogan, Keighley, Mitchell, Nancarrow, O'Brien, Tremain, Williams, Young (Town Mayor)
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk), Amy Dennis (C&D Post), 10 x Public
- 1706/25** **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sandercock
Apologies were received from County Councillor Massey
- 1706/26** **Declarations of Interest**
Councillors were reminded that if a councillor has a registered disclosable pecuniary interest, or a non-registerable interest, in any agenda item s/he must leave the room while that item is discussed, unless a written request for a dispensation has been received.

Councillor A Mitchell declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 – Correspondence - Request for advertising
- 1706/27** **Co-option to the Council (2 South Ward)**
Mrs Falkenstein and Mr Penhale spoke about their interest in joining the Town Council.
Ballots were held;
Mr Penhale was co-opted to South Ward

Councillor Penhale signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking his place at the table.
- 1706/28** **Representation on Committees and Outside Bodies**
It was **resolved** that Cllr Penhale fill the vacant positions on the Finance and General Purposes and Tourism and Information Services committees, that Cllr O'Brien fill the vacant position on the Lawrence House Management committee, that Cllr Harris fill the vacant position as the Outside Body representative for the Town CCTV committee and Cllr Allen fill the vacant position as the Outside Body representative for Police Liaison

***The meeting was adjourned at 7.17pm to allow Mr Phil Confue, Chief Executive Officer, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, to give a presentation regarding the future of health provision in Launceston.**

Mr Confue stated that there were no plans to close Launceston hospital but advised that there is work to do on the building as there are issues with the roof and at some point, parts of the hospital will be closed for repairs. Mr Confue suggested that the hospital could develop to offer more services, such as blood transfusions, to allow services to be delivered locally.

Mr Confue advised that the Sustainability and Transformation Plan was looking at establishing a number of urgent care centres, which would offer a mix of services, and take pressure away from A&E departments. There are probably only going to be three,

four or five in Cornwall and Mr Confue said that for East Cornwall, the town may want to lobby that Launceston is the best location for such a centre.

Mr Confue took questions from councillors and members of the public. The Town Council thanked Mr Confue for his presentation and expressed their pleasure about the positive news for Launceston hospital*

The meeting re-convened at 7.40pm

- 1706/29 Public Representation Session**
Mrs I Lindsay spoke about the Lanstephan play area and requested that the Town Council give consideration for additional play equipment to be installed at the site, to be funded by local residents.
- 1706/30 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated**
It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes, previously circulated:
Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 16 May 2017 at 7pm.
- 1706/31 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 Committee held on Thursday 18 May 2017 at 7pm
 - ii) Estates and Properties Committee held on Monday 5 June 2017 at 10am
 - iii) Lawrence House Management Committee held on Monday 5 June 2017 at 7pm
 - iv) Planning and Economic Development Committee held on Thursday 8 June 2017 at 7pm
- 1706/32 Resolution of Annual Return**
It was **resolved unanimously** to confirm the agreed resolutions
- (i) 1705/43 - Annual Return Annual Governance Statement 2016-2017
 - (ii) 1705/44 - Annual Return Annual Accounting Statements 2016-2017
- 1706/33 Liaison with and Support for Voluntary Sector**
It was **resolved** that the Council write to all local voluntary and charity organisations asking if they required support from the Town Council in addition to or instead of the annual grants awards scheme and that Cllr O'Brien would compose the draft letter
- 1706/34 Lanstephan Play Area**
It was **resolved** that the Town Council supports in principle that additional play equipment be installed at the site further to local residents seeking grant funding for the project and that the Town Council's thanks and congratulations to the Resident's Association be minuted
- 1706/35 Electoral Review of Cornwall**
It was **resolved** that the Council awaits further information in regards to the Boundary Commission for England's proposals and considers the matter at the July meeting of Council
- 1706/36 Councillor Surgeries**
The rota for July, August and September was agreed
- 1706/37 Launceston Show Thursday 27 July**
It was **resolved** that Cllrs Gordon, Nancarrow, Harris, Budgen-Cawsey, Hogan and Penhale would assist with the Town Council stand and that the Council offices be closed from 10am to 3pm on the day of the show

1706/38

Correspondence and matters to note

- (i) The letters of thanks from Launceston Carnival and CHICKS for grant awards were noted
- (ii) It was **resolved** that the Council could not support the request for an advertising board within the Town Square, but that other advertising options be explored
- (iii) The flying of the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day was agreed

Cllr A Mitchell left the Chamber for part (ii) of the above and took no part in the discussion or the voting on this item

1706/39

Reports from Cornwall Councillors

There were no Cornwall Councillors able to attend the meeting.

1706/40

Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

Cllr J Williams gave an update on the work of the In Bloom organisation, including their work planting at the War Memorial and it was **resolved** to minute thanks to the Council's Grounds Maintenance team for their work supporting the In Bloom planting

Cllr V Budgen-Cawsey gave an update on the work of the Chamber of Commerce and advised that they were looking for a new Vice Chair, were looking at a Saturday opening hours scheme and that a sub committee had been set up to look at events in the town. The Christmas Lights Switch On was being held on Thursday 23 November and Late Night Shopping on Friday 8 December. Cllr Cawsey also spoke in regards to speeding issues in the town and the conditions of safety needed to undertake a Speedwatch scheme. She also advised that 'black box' recorders were available from Cornwall Council for use in monitoring vehicle speeds.

Cllr J Nancarrow gave thanks to all those involved with the Causley Festival and stated that it was the best festival to date

Cllr P O'Brien gave an update on the Community Network Panel, advising that the officers involved remain the same. Details from the meeting included information that Launceston College had agreed the details of a new school proposal at the Hay Common site. Cllr O'Brien also spoke about the Speedwatch scheme and it was agreed in principle that the Town Council support the proposals at the next Network Panel meeting

Cllr J Harris gave an update on the CCTV AGM advising that a sixth camera had now been installed and that the cameras used were high definition night vision cameras. The organisation held healthy balances but would welcome more volunteers

1706/41

Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor's report was noted

1706/42

Urgent Items

Cllr O'Brien asked for consideration to be given to what actions are taking regarding councillor surgeries when the monthly market is postponed. Cllr O'Brien also gave an update regarding the 'Go Bags' to be used as part of the Council's Emergency Plan

Date of the next meeting of the Council

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at 7pm in the Guildhall.

The meeting ended at 8.41pm.

Signed Date