



## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

held on **TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2016 at 7pm in the Guildhall**

- PRESENT** Cllrs Bugden-Cawsey, Bullen, Conway, Creagh-Osborne, Gordon, Harris, Hogan (Town Mayor), Nancarrow, O'Brien, Penhale, Phillips, Sandercock, Tremain, Young.  
In attendance: Rita Skinner (Town Clerk), Amy Dennis (C&D Post), Dan Allen (Cornish Guardian), Revd Mary Williamson (Mayor's Chaplain), members of the public representing the Kensey Valley Meadow residents, Chris Rolley (Chris Rolley Associates), Chris Drake (Town Clerk, Seaton TC), Cornwall Cllrs Farrington and Massey.
- 1606/19 Apologies for absence**  
Cllrs Denton and Keighley sent apologies, also Cornwall Cllr Paynter.
- 1606/20 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.
- 1606/21 Public Representation Session**  
Ms Jessica Williams made representations about the Kensey Valley link road. Mr Nick Thompson enquired about an archaeological assessment of Newport undertaken in 2009. A member of the public enquired about the funicular railway.
- 1606/22 To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meetings, previously circulated**  
It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes, previously circulated:  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 12 May 2016 at 2pm, and adjourned to 13 May at 7pm.
- 1606/23 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:
- a Tourism and TIC Management Committee held on Tuesday 10 May 2016 at 10am
  - b Planning and Economic Development Committee held on Thursday 19 May 2016 at 7pm
  - c Properties Committee held on Friday 3 June 2016 at 10am
  - d Environment and Open Spaces Committee held on Monday 6 June at 10am
  - e Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 8 June 2016 at 7pm
  - f Planning and Economic Development Committee held on Thursday 9 June at 7pm
  - g Lawrence House Museum Management Committee held on Monday 6 June at 7pm (as Trustee)

- 1606/24      Launceston Library**  
A draft proposal to Cornwall Council had been circulated with the agenda. This was unanimously supported by the Council, with an amendment to term K to make it clear the income was retained by Launceston Town Council. It was **resolved** that the document should be sent to Cornwall Council.
- 1606/25      Newport**  
It was **agreed** that Cllr Creagh Osborne should write a short report, based on the Regeneration of Launceston’s Riverbank Areas document, which clarified and consolidated the Council’s position and provided identified aims, priorities and points for action. The document would be circulated to councillors for comment and would be needed for a meeting proposed for 7 or 8 July organised by Cllr Farrington with Stephen Howard of V Learning Net to discuss funding for an Innovation Centre. Another meeting was proposed with ward members, the LEP and Cornwall Council Economic Development to discuss the wider regeneration issues. This would probably be on 14 July.
- 1606/26      Mayors of Cornwall meetings**  
The Mayors of Cornish towns had met four times as an informal group. It was **agreed** that the Mayor of Launceston would not attend these meetings, but the Council would monitor its work through receipt of minutes. The Mayors collectively had no power and could not speak on behalf of their Council on undecided matters. Cllr O’Brien advised that the CALC Larger Councils meeting was properly constituted, open to Councillors and Clerks and offered opportunities for effective networking and lobbying. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to the Mayors Meeting and to CALC to reiterate the Town Council’s support for CALC.
- 1606/27      Rota for surgeries at the Market in the Square**  
The rota for July, August and September were agreed, and would be circulated to councillors.
- 1606/28      Launceston Show**  
The Show date was 28 July. A number of Councillors offered their assistance with set up, take down and manning the stand on the day. The TIC Manager would make the necessary arrangements.
- 1606/29      Cornwall Council public transport survey**  
Cornwall Council had asked for a response to a consultation on proposals to support integrated transport through better information systems, including online. Councillors agreed that a transport system was needed first as services in east Cornwall were poor. Cllr O’Brien said that Bus Passes were funded by the local authority and the income not passed to the transport provider. He felt national government should fund these. Cllr Young praised the town service, which she said was excellent. It was **agreed** that councillors should respond as individuals and that the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council.
- 1606/30      Strengthening Local Government Transparency**  
It was **agreed** that the Council’s response to this consultation would be guided by NALC and SLCC, and that the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council.
- 1606/31      Support for the Mayor of Dunkirk**  
A letter of support for his work in providing for refugees would be sent to the Mayor of Dunkirk. Cllr Conway wished his objection to be recorded.

1606/32

**Support for Camborne Town Council**

It was **agreed** to write in support of Camborne Town Council's efforts to acquire the freehold of their rugby pitch from Cornwall Council.

1606/33

**Correspondence and Matters to Note**

It was **agreed** to note the following:

Town Hall bookings for April and May 2016

Letter of thanks for grant from Launceston Carnival, Charles Causley Festival, Launceston churches

Letter of thanks for assistance in finding a grave

Cornwall Community Flood Forum – Cllr O'Brien would attend the conference on 6 October

Shaping the Future of Health and Social Care in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

1606/34

**Reports from Cornwall Councillors**

Cllr Farrington spoke about the recent meeting to discuss the new primary school at Hay Common, now reduced to 4 classes from 7 as Cornwall Council could no longer fund the 3 additional classes. Funding now went to new Academies and not to Local Authorities. Cllr O'Brien said there might be a possibility of joint working with the Educational Funding Agency. The Mayor suggested that the money spent transferring children to rural schools due to a shortage of space in Launceston could be better spent on building 7 classes, the cost across Cornwall was in the region of £13m. Town Councillors argued that Cornwall Council had committed to the 7 classes and was now renegeing on this promise. The full school had been promised and was already 12 months late. More housing developments were in the pipeline with another 100 at Withnoe. The s106 money relating to these projects should be used for Launceston. It was **agreed** that a formal complaint would be made to Cornwall Council about the school. Cllr Nancarrow said there were 3 primary schools when she was at school and although the town had grown there were still only 3. Cllr Tremain said the town council had accepted extra housing to help Cornwall Council meet its targets but infrastructure funding never appeared. He thanked Cllr Farrington for her work on Hay Common School.

Cllr Tremain asked if there were any changes to the Local Plan which affected Launceston; amendments were minor and technical.

Cllr O'Brien asked about the charge for tipping rubble at the recycling centre, he felt it encouraged fly tipping.

Cllr Farrington said 3 tenders had been received for the Cornwall leisure centres, all included the Phoenix.

1606/35

**Reports and Questions from Town Councillors**

Cllr Bugden Cawsey had attended her first meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, she said the Chamber valued its close working relationship with the Town Council.

Cllr O'Brien reported on the recent Community Network Panel meeting. Grants had been awarded from the Devolution Fund, the Town Council had been successful in its bids for the Library and Lanstephan Play Area. He objected to some non-compliance with the criteria from other parishes.

Cllr Harris said that Lanstephan Play Area committee was not able to fulfil its original plans for the mound. The committee has funds available but was unable to progress until the transfer to Launceston Town Council had been finalised.

1606/36

**Report from the Town Mayor**

The Mayor's engagements had been circulated with the agenda.

**1606/37**

**Report from the Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk's report on the SLCC EGM and conference had been circulated by email. The Town Clerk reported that Arts Council England had approved the payment of the final part of their grant to the Charles Causley Trust Spark to Flame project.

**1606/38**

**Urgent Items**

The Town Clerk said she would order prints of the Town Council photograph taken at Mayor Choosing for those who wanted one.

Cornwall Council was holding a governance review event at Launceston Town Hall on 20 July at 7pm.

Cllr Tremain said that National Armed Forces Day would be marked at 9.30am on 25 June. The commencement of the Battle of the Somme would be commemorated at 7.30am on 1 July.

**1606/39**

**Exclusion of members of the press and public**

To **resolve** that under s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information.

**1606/40**

**Staffing Committee meeting 6 June 2016**

It was **resolved** to receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 6 June 2016 at 9am.

**1606/41**

**Temporary Staff**

It was **agreed** that temporary staff could be employed to provide office cover as needed.

**1606/42**

**Launceston Ambulance Hall**

The Mayor spoke about a letter from the Trustees of the Ambulance Hall to St John's Ambulance HQ. It was **resolved** to support the Town Mayor in his discussions with St John Ambulance.

**Date of the next meeting of the Council**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 July 2016 at 7pm in Launceston Guildhall.

The meeting ended at 9pm.