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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017 at 7pm in the Guildhall**

- PRESENT** Cllrs Bullen, Conway, Creagh-Osborne, Denton, Gordon, Harris, Hogan (Town Mayor), Nancarrow, O'Brien, Penhale, Phillips, Tremain Young (Deputy Mayor)  
In attendance: Christopher Drake (Town Clerk), Cornwall Cllrs Massey and Paynter, Amy Dennis (C&D Post), 4 x Public
- 1701/45      Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors Bugden-Cawsey, Keighley and Sandercock
- 1701/46      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 J Nancarrow** declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 – Causley Trust Funding Request
- 1701/47      Public Representation Session**  
**Mrs J Heaton** spoke about concerns for the future of Launceston Hospital and asked that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Council. Mrs Heaton also asked if this matter had been considered as part of Launceston Matters and what actions had been taken on regards to the Launceston Matters project  
  
**Cllr R Creagh-Osborne** advised that Launceston Matters website updates would be following shortly and that work was continuing on social media feeds.  
  
**The Mayor** advised that an agenda item regarding Launceston hospital would be on the February Council agenda
- 1701/48      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 Full Council held on 20 December 2016 at 7pm.
- 1701/49      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:  
Planning and Economic Development Committee held on Thursday 22 December 2016 at 7pm  
Estates and Properties Committee held on Monday 9 January 2017 at 10am

Tourism and Information Services Committee held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 10am  
Planning and Economic Development Committee held on Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7pm

**1701/50**

**Devolution of Library Services**

**The Mayor** gave a verbal update on the recent meeting with Cornwall Council and advised that a further meeting was scheduled for 23 February. **Councillor Conway** requested that the correct protocol in regards to meetings with outside agencies be observed and that agendas and minutes be made available to all councillors. **Councillor O'Brien** asked what incentive Cornwall Council will be able to offer the Town Council to take on the library service. **Councillor Harris** asked if Cornwall do want to transfer the service or will the library close and **Councillor Denton** stated that the current position seemed unviable. **Councillor Tremain** confirmed that the Town Council was interested in devolution and would continue working on projects even though little had been achieved to date

It was **resolved** to note the update

**1701/51**

**Charter for Cornwall**

It was **resolved unanimously** to note the details regarding the proposed Charter for Cornwall

**1701/52**

**Keep Britain Tidy – Great British Spring Clean**

It was **resolved** to support the Great British Spring Clean event running from 3-5 March and that Councillor D Gordon would lead on the event

**1701/53**

**Causley Trust Funding Request**

It was **resolved** that more details regarding the funding request be brought back to the next meeting of the Council

**1701/54**

**Tourist Information Centre Opening Hours**

It was **agreed** that the TIC Saturday opening hours reduce from 10-4 to 9-1 from the first week of January until the week before Good Friday ongoing

**1701/55**

**Correspondence and matters to note**

- The request for electric vehicle charging points within the town was noted
- Details of forthcoming councillor surgery date requirements be sent to all councillors

**1701/56**

**Reports from Cornwall Councillors**

**Cornwall Councillor Massey** that Cornwall Council would be debating the matter regarding the future of health provision but that there was no detail regarding Launceston hospital. Cllr Massey said that she was pleased to announce that there would be no increase in car parking charges and gave details of the Councillor Fair taking place at County Hall on 29 January and of the forthcoming Chamber of Commerce meeting on 31 January

**Cllr J Conway** said that a campaign was needed to protect the future of Launceston hospital and also asked about the new proposals regarding business rates on public toilets and asked if Cornwall Council was considering waiving the rates they currently charged

Cornwall Councillor Paynter said that a response was needed in regards to the hospital service consultation and that the social care precept rules, recently adapted and offered by Government, would not be adopted by Cornwall Council. Cllr Paynter advised that the County Council was considering a bid for the city of Truro to be European Capital of

Culture in 2023. Cllr Paynter also advised that it was unlikely that electric car charging points would be installed in the town as it was cost prohibitive. He concluded by saying that business rate relief would be considered by the County Council following Central Government giving the power for this to be undertaken from April 2018

**Cllr Creagh-Osborne** asked if the City of Culture bid was part of the European initiative and if this would be eligible if the county was not part of the EU. **Cllr Paynter** advised that the bid was for the European City of Culture

**Cllr Creagh-Osborne** requested that the Estates and Properties committee consider the installation of electric car charging points in the Council's car park

**Cllr Hogan** stated that the Town Council pays rates on the public toilets but still did not have the freehold for them

**1701/57**

**Reports and Questions from Town Councillors**

**Cllr O'Brien** gave an update on the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) Inquiry Day in January regarding the boundary and electoral review and said that the recommendations were that Cornwall Council be made up of between 85-95 Members. The role of Community Network Panels and County Councillor training was also discussed

**Cllr J Conway** asked if at the CAL AGM there have been any discussion regarding the potential of parish boundary changes. **Cllr O'Brien** advised that there was no update at present and that the review of the County needed to be completed first

**Cllr Hogan** thanked Cllr O'Brien for his work with CALC

**Cllr Creagh-Osborne** gave an update on the Pulse newsletter and the delivery schedule and advised that the March edition would contain information on becoming a councillor

**Cllr Hogan** thanked Cllr Creagh-Osborne for his work on the newsletter

**1702/58**

**Report from the Town Mayor**

The Mayor's report was noted

**1702/59**

**Urgent Items**

- The details of the proposed road closure on the A388 from Cormac was noted
- It was noted that Lawhitton Parish Council was seeking to extend the distance of the proposed 30mph speed limit along Tavistock Road

**1702/60**

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

It was **resolved** 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.

**1702/61**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee**

It was **resolved** to receive and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on Monday 17 November 2016 at 12pm.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 7pm in Launceston Guildhall.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

Signed ..... Date .....