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MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

held in the Otho Peter Room, Launceston Town Hall, on Wednesday 2 November 2016 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Bullen, Conway, Denton (from Minute 1611/16), Hogan, Keighley, O'Brien (Chairman), Sandercock, Young
In attendance: Helen Gribble (RFO/Support Services Manager)

1611/14 Apologies for absence
No apologies for absence.

1611/15 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.

Cllr Young declared an interest in agenda item 5 (minute 1611/17). She left the room while these agenda items were considered.

The following interests were declared for agenda item 10 (minute 1611/22): Cllr Conway (Kensley Valley Residents Association, Launceston Foodbank), Cllr Denton (Launceston Pre-School), Cllr Hogan (Launceston Eventide Trust, Launceston Town Band, Town Square Events Team), Cllr Keighley (Dunheved Bowling Club, Memory Café), Cllr O'Brien (Launceston Community Transport Partnership, Memory Cafe), Cllr Sandercock (Launceston All Blacks Mini Juniors), Cllr Young (Kensley Vale Bowling Club, Launceston Eventide Trust, Launceston Pre-School), All Councillors left the room while those applications were considered

1611/16 Public Representation Session
No issues were raised.

1611/17 Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting of 5 October 2016 were signed as a correct record.

1611/18 Community Christmas Lunch
It was **agreed** an advance of £500 to Cllr Young towards expenses for the Community Christmas Lunch. A donation of £500 towards the costs of the Christmas Lunch has been received from Rotary Club of Launceston.

1611/19

Finance

It was **resolved** to approve the cheques for payment (vouchers 451 - 499) as per the list appended to these minutes. Cllr O'Brien carried out a random check of payments for audit purposes (voucher no's 470, 481 and 496).

It was **resolved** to approve the balance sheet for September 2016.

It was **resolved** to approve the income and expenditure account for September 2016.

The bank statements up to 31 October were available at the meeting.

Cllr Keighley would conduct the payments check for December.

1611/20

Petty Cash Expenditure

It was **resolved** to approve the petty cash expenditure for the period April – September 2016.

1611/21

Closure of Public Toilets at Christmas

It was **agreed** to confirm the closure of the public toilets on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

1611/22

Awards of Appreciation

Two nominations for an Award of Appreciation had been received, and it was **resolved** to make the following awards: Mrs Jean Matheson and Mrs Barbara Rowe.

Cllr Conway made a verbal nomination a decision on this nomination will be deferred until the December meeting.

1611/23

Grants

The committee considered the applications for grants for 2017/2018 and it was **resolved** to make the following grants in accordance with the Council's powers under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972, being in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and of benefit to them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

Grant of £300 to the following:

Breathe Easy Launceston and Area
CHICKS
Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust
The Elfords
Hawks Tor Netball Club
Kensley Valley Residents Association
Lanstephan Area Play Park
Launceston All Blacks Mini Juniors
Launceston Choral Society
Launceston Community Transport Partnership
Launceston Day Care Centre
Launceston Electronic Organ Club
Launceston Eventide Trust
Launceston Foodbank
Launceston Football Club
Launceston Ladies Hockey Club

Launceston Male Voice Choir
Launceston Money Advice Centre
Launceston Pre-School
Launceston Railway Circle
Launceston Town Band
Launceston Town Square Events
Launceston Women's Institute
Launceston Youth Partnership
Launceston Youth Project
Southgate Colts Football Club

Total £7,800 to 26 organisations

Grants awarded from year to year

It was **agreed** to continue with the following annual grants:

St Mary Magdalene, St Thomas', St Stephen's and St Cuthbert Mayne churches for the maintenance of churchyards - £250 each

Charles Causley Festival - £3,000

Launceston in Bloom - £500

Launceston Youth Council - up to £3,000

Town CCTV - up to £3,000

Friends of Launceston Priory – up to £1,000

Launceston Carnival - £500

Launceston Municipal Charities - £500

The Council Tax payments would continue to be made for Cyprus Well (£1,304 in 2016/17)

It was **agreed** to add Launceston Eventide Trust to the annual grants from 2018/19 with an annual grant of £300.

It was **agreed** not to pay a grant to the following:

Dunheved Bowling Club (sufficient funds)

Kensey Vale Bowling Club (sufficient funds)

Launceston & North Cornwall Motor Club (sufficient funds)

Launceston Cricket Club (sufficient funds)

Launceston Memory Café (sufficient funds)

Launceston Voluntary First Aid Services (no accounts)

N Gauge Society (Launceston Are Group) (no accounts)

Oksigen Theatre (already receiving support through reduce hire charges)

South Petherwin CP School PTA (outside the parish)

South Petherwin Ringers (outside the parish)

1611/24

Urgent Items

No urgent items were reported.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed Date