



# Minutes of Langstone Community Council Full Council

**Tuesday 12/05/ 2026 at 19:30 PM**

**Present Councillors:** R Bevan, J Bryant, S Davies, J Humphries, L Humphries, B Newport, S George, I Riley, R Lewis, J Smith and B Sheppard

**Also Present:** 5 members of the public in person, 1 members of the public online, Clerk to the Council A Bird, NCC Cllrs R Mogford & W Routley

## **26/061 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were noted from Cllr S Voyle.

## **26/062 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations received from IR and SG.

## **26/063 Public Questions and Representations**

Members of the public from Kemys Manor raised issues of potholes, road sweeping and the state of road markings, particularly Usk Road and the Old Roman Road and have identified it as a serious hazard, the community have been in touch with ncc councillors. Residents also expressed concern over rubbish collecting in verges and persistent fly tipping. The residents asked what enforcement is taking place over these issues. The residents also raised concerns over the danger of hogweed and asked for transparency from Newport City Council over what chemicals are being used as pesticides. The request for information on community energy projects was made, and the clerk asked members of the public to write so any information of such schemes could be passed on. Members of the public also raised concerns over road safety for cyclists, a lack of road signs and no consistent maintenance schedule from NCC. It was highlighted that some of the land in question belongs to the Celtic Manor Resort and other landowners as well as NCC, residents also raised concerns over the problems caused by mountain bikers and motor cyclists and the detrimental effect that this has on dog walkers and those riding horses. Residents agreed to continue working with WR on the issues highlighted and also contact the Clerk of the Council regarding information on community energy projects. Members also offered their sympathies and understanding at the frustration of residents, but pointed out that unfortunately the council did not have a statutory duty to act in many areas, so will give whatever help it can in a support capacity going forward, and would welcome feedback from NCC members and campaigners as to what progress is made on these issues going forward.

#### **26/064 Update from NCC Councillors**

WR updated members on work on the reën at catsash road and the instillation of a new flooding channel that will alleviate flooding in the area, and also gave an update on the works at Langstone Court Road (IR declared conflict of interest at this point).

RM said that he was still waiting on update regarding £20 million on infrastructure works. Updated members on upcoming work to Chepstow road, near Coldra roundabout and work underway near the old barn, RM asked about maintenance of churchyard at the Old Hamlet of Llanmartin.

Members asked for an update regarding Magor Road and ongoing concerns regarding the former bus stop near to the crematorium.

#### **26/065 Update from Gwent Police**

Update to be circulated to members.

### **Minutes**

#### **26/066 Council Meeting: 14 April 26**

- i. Members voted to accept the minutes of the meeting held 14 April 2026 and these were signed by Cllr S Davies. These were proposed by IR and Seconded by BN and voted unanimously by members
- ii. **Matters Arising:** Members asked for the clarification of the position of the council's debit card- SD had delegated the decision to IR and SG and they agreed to look at the options and reach a decision at the next meeting.

RB updated on signs brought for the park and the ongoing installation, members moved to approve the additional expenditure which RB had submitted (£197.97) and voted unanimously.

Members discussed the scarecrow trail and the reputational good that the event did for the council, members highlighted the confusion of the total cost of the event including issues of printing cost, distribution and sponsorship. Members noted that the event exceeded the initial earmarked expenditure and voted and agreed unanimously to fund the entire £1191.31 for the event.

While still discussing events members noted that the arrangements for Party in the Park were going ahead, noting that the event would be slightly shorter than the previous year and would feature a burger van instead of the councillors providing catering.

Members noted that payment had been made to Langstone Primary for their event which was well attended and well received by the public. Members also made the decision to offer funding of £500 of “Langstonebury” to come from the councils events budget, this was moved by SD, seconded by RB and voted unanimously (SG declared an interest as a governor, and did not vote)

**26/067 Finance**

- i. Members agreed to pay the following

Payment Method	Payee	Reference	Amount
BACS	Anthony Bird	Clerks Wage (May)	£581.78
S/O	Storage Giant Newport	Storage (May)	£104.60
S/O	Rombourne	Virtual office (May)	£43.26
S/O DD	Microshade	Web hosting (May)	£61.01
BACS	Wales Audit Office	Audit of accounts x3	£5440.50
BACS	Morello		£1191.31

- ii. Members deferred the decision on the grant to Langstone Ladies Group

**26/068 Clerks Report**

- a. Clerk updated members on oww conference IR and Clerk to attend
- b. Members received an update on the work of the clerk, notably the internal audit, the annual report, the annual return and end of year accounts, and noted that these are all in hand and still ongoing- Clerk to present completed accounts, and audit report and annual report at next meeting

**26/069 Events, Amenities and Parks**

Members gave the following updates.

- 1) **Events-** Members to begin planning X-mas senior lunch in september (and noted that date of the 9th of December had been booked at the old barn)  
Also discussed was the carol service at the Coldra Court on the 4th of Decemeber  
Members also discussed idea of merging the carol service with the council awards ceremony
- 2) **Parks and amenities-**
  - a) **No update**
- 3) **Planters-** no update

#### **26/070 Planning**

1. Members had no comments or queries regarding application 26/0293
2. no pre planning applications were received by the clerk.

#### **Community**

##### **26/071 Seminars and Outside Bodies**

Members noted that SD attended the One Voice Wales seminar on preparing year end accounts and prepping for the external audit. Also that the clerk would be attending the same training on the 21st May

##### **26/072 Highways and Footpaths:**

RB asked for permission from the council to begin the process of exploring the potential for the council to take on the field off Chepstow Road to become a dog walking area. RB to report back at next meeting

JS updated that he has been working with RM to update and promote the use of cycleways in the area and highlighted the need for service upgrades as and clearing and updated signage.

Members noted new drop kerbs and ongoing works,.

**26/073 Llandevaud Common:** Members noted that this item was to be deferred until the next meeting.

##### **26/074 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was recommended that the

following matters be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 were exercised.

#### **26/075 Council Improvement Plan**

Cllr B Newport updated on improvement plan for council

1. Members discussed the risk register for Langstone Community Council and agreed to include flooding risk at centenary park as risk. - SG to arrange quote for next meeting
2. Members discussed the and implementation of an action log for Langstone Community Council- IR to purchase laptop for clerk by next meeting

#### **26/076 Items for future meetings**

SG to arrange quotes for OWL meeting camera and projector for the council.

#### **26/077 Dates of Future Meetings**

Members noted that the next meeting will be 09/06

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