

LANGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING

Date: 11th February 2019
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Kennett Room,
Langstone Village Hall

In attendance Ms H K Jones (Clerk)
Cllr R Mogford (NCC)
1 member of the public

Present Cllr E Jeffery (Chairman)
Cllr H Brown
Cllr C Bryant
Cllr L Duthie
Cllr J Ford
Cllr M Griffiths
Cllr L Humphries

Apologies Cllr J Lloyd

Absent Cllr H Dinham
Cllr M Backhouse
E Wood (Youth Rep)
M Counsell (Youth Rep)

18/185 Chairman's Statement: The meeting would be run in accordance with LCC's Standing Orders.

18/186 Apologies were received from Cllr Lloyd.

18/187 There were no declarations of interest.

18/188 The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2019 and the Clerk's Report were approved.

18/189 City Councillors

Cllr Routley regretted that he was unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Mogford gave updates on the following issues:

- Five Lanes Refuse & Recycling Centre – from 1st March will be open to residents of Monmouthshire CC only. Cllr Mogford had asked a question of the Cabinet member at NCC regarding access for local residents who live within half a mile of the tip but would need to drive 24 miles to use NCC's centre on the other side of the city. A reciprocal agreement might be able to be agreed. Or Monmouthshire might allow residents to purchase a permit to use the Five Lanes site. The Council agreed to support Cllr Mogford in his efforts to resolve the situation.
- Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) – LCC had requested speed data from VASSs but NCC had claimed no data was available. NCC had eventually recognised that speed data could be collected by VASSs but claimed there were no resources available to download the data. The devices could be set up to allow remote downloading of data. LCC may consider funding to retro-fit wireless transmitter devices. Cllr Mogford planned to continue questioning NCC.
- The City Councillors had met with the management at the Langstone Vale Crematorium re the possible funding of road safety initiatives from their community funds. A proposal would need to be submitted to the Board.
- Overflow parking at the Crematorium occasionally caused problems on Magor Road. The Planning Dept's response is that the occurrence is rare.
- Catsash Road safety – local residents were meant to have received a notice re what was planned. NCC would be pushed to act on this.
- Police – lack of attendance at meetings and decision to stop producing reports meant that there was no direct communication with the police which was disappointing.

18/190 Public Participation – 1 member of the public (Mrs G Smith) was present. She gave an update on plans for the 2019 Road Safety Conference. Likely topics include: Cycling; Graduated driver licensing; 20s Plenty. She hoped that NCC and MCC would present their

policies and priorities. Cllrs Ford and Brown offered to help with leaflet distribution for 20s Plenty. An alternative reply method was suggested for those who do not use email.

18/191 Concurrent Allocation

- i. The Council received an update on the legal case re judicial review of NCC's decision to withdraw concurrent contributions from community councils in 2019-20.
- ii. The Council considered future actions and funding and resolved that it would continue with legal action at a cost of up to £2000 on behalf of residents who, it was believed, would want the Council to fight against double taxation on their behalf. The Council did, however, express disappointment that not all of Newport's Community Councils had participated in protesting against NCC's decision.

18/192 Councillor Roles -

Committee membership, representation and roles of councillors were reviewed.

It was decided that Committee membership would remain unchanged:

Finance & Development Committee - Cllrs Humphries, Jeffery, Lloyd & Ford

Planning Committee – Cllrs Bryant, Griffiths, Duthie, Dinham, Brown & Backhouse

The Clerk was asked to confirm whether the 2 Youth Representatives wished to remain in post, bearing in mind their exam commitments in 2019. **Action: HJ**

Representatives

To remain unchanged with Cllrs Jeffery and Brown assisting with Police Liaison during Cllr Lloyds absence where necessary

Langstone Village Hall Trustees (LVH)	Cllr Griffiths
One Voice Wales (OVW)	Cllr Bryant
Newport City Council (NCC) Liaison Meetings	Cllr Jeffery/Lloyd/Clerk
Langstone Primary School Board of Governors	Cllr Bryant
Neighbourhood Police Liaison	Cllr Lloyd/Jeffery/Brown
Press liaison	Clerk

Play parks	Cllr Dinham
Environment (Litter, dog-fouling, verges)	Cllr Brown
Best Kept Village	Cllr Bryant
Neighbourhood Watch	Cllr Lloyd
Community Speedwatch / Road safety	Cllr Lloyd/Griffiths/Ford
Training	Cllr Duthie/Humphries

18/193 Motions

- i. The Council resolved to sponsor the Rhiannon Jade Smith Memorial Trust's Road Safety Conference in September 2019 in the amount of £2,000.
- ii. The Council resolved to seek any land in Langstone which would be suitable for allotments. There was none identified at the meeting. Cllr Jeffery was asked to contact Mr Jon Straw with reference to suitable land in Catsash Road. **Action: EJ**
- iii. The Council resolved to establish a procedure for changing the website in the event of the passing of HM The Queen (Operation London Bridge). **Action: HJ**

18/194 Representatives / Reports

Langstone Village Hall – Internal decorating would take place during Feb half term and Easter school holidays. The decorator would work around those groups which used the hall during these periods. Blinds to be repaired. Once completed, nothing to be affixed to walls. Magnolia silk paint to be used so that it could be wiped clean. Planter ready to be bolted to wall. Kennett Room window had been broken by vandals. Next meeting 4th March

NCC liaison – No meeting had taken place

One Voice Wales – Discussion had been held on Tackling Loneliness. The Public Service Ombudsman for Wales and a representative from the Health Board would be invited to future meetings

Langstone Primary School – Next meeting 18th Feb

Police Liaison – No report received

Road Safety – No report received

Neighbourhood Watch – No report received

Llandeud Parish Hall improvements – Meeting to be held 19th Feb

Best Kept Village / planters / bee-friendly village – Tubs would be planted up with spring/summer plants soon. Planter to be moved from Hillcroft Garage to land in front of Germania

Play parks – No report

Environment (Litter, dog-fouling, verges) – Cllr Brown planned to do a leaflet drop re dog-fouling. It was very bad on Tregarn Road. Extensive discussion was held re possible ways to tackle the problem

18/195 Training / Conferences

- i. The Council noted the attendance of the Chairman and Clerk on 30th January at a presentation by the Boundary Commission re their review of unitary authority wards and representation. This was a review of NCC Wards, attempting to equalise the number of residents represented by each City Councillor. Councillors were advised to make comments via the NCC website if they held views on this.
- ii. The Council noted that the Clerk had held an Induction event with Cllrs Ford and Brown on 5th February which had been well-received.
- iii. No further training requirements were identified.

18/196 Items for the next agenda – The Clerk issued forms for Councillors to use when requesting items

- Update re concurrent funding
- Events for 2019

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18/197 Present – Cllr Humphries (Chair); Cllr Jeffery; Cllr Ford; Cllr Bryant; Cllr Griffiths; Cllr Duthie; Cllr Brown

18/198 Apologies – Cllr Lloyd

18/199 Declarations of Interest - None

18/200 The Committee accepted:

- Transaction listings for January 2019
- Monthly bank statements and reconciliation for January 2019:

Unity Trust Current Account		
Opening Balance	1 st Jan 2019	74,493.66
Closing Balance	31 st Jan 2019	54,076.89

18/201 The Committee noted and approved payments already made:

Method	Date	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	13/12/18	Llanmartin Church Hall	Raffle proceeds donated	70.00
BACS	13/12/18	Langstone Village Hall	Raffle proceeds donated	160.00
BACS	13/12/18	Royal British Legion	Collection proceeds donated	67.00
DD	14/01/19	Info Commissioner's Office	ICO renewal	35.00
DD	28/01/19	Rombourne	Office rent	629.28
BACS	30/01/19	LVH	Concurrent Grant	500.00
BACS	30/01/19	Studio Wales	WW1 Centenary video	200.00
BACS	30/01/19	WM Garden Maintenance	Dressing Christmas Trees	720.00

18/202 The Committee authorised payments:

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	SLCC	Practitioners' Conference	339.00
BACS	C Bryant	Mileage expenses	12.60
BACS	HK Jones	Underpayment of salary	*
BACS	Cllr M Backhouse	Remuneration Payment	120.00
BACS	Cllr H Brown	Remuneration Payment	37.50
SO	Microshade VSM	Citrix Hosting	57.54

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

There were no planning applications to be considered so no meeting was held.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 21:15
Next meeting to be held at Langstone Village Hall's Kennett Room on 11th March at 7pm

CLERK'S REPORT appended to minutes for 11th February 2019

Clerk's Actions

Ref	Date	Action	Update	Status
18/192	11/02/19	Confirm whether Youth Reps wish to continue	Email sent	Closed
18/193	11/02/19	Establish procedure for changing the website in the event of the passing of a senior royal figure	Email sent to VisionICT. The cost would be £35	Closed
18/47	11/06/18	Investigate funding opportunities for solar panels for village halls		On-going
18/120	08/10/18	Continue drafting content for web pages		On-going

Councillors' Actions

Ref	Date	Action	Who	Update	Status
16/125	13/03/17	Request method, time & locations of police speed surveys on A48	JL		
16/127	13/03/17	Request NCC install a pelican crossing on A48	JL		
17/202	15/01/18	Speak to NCC re double yellow lines on Tregarn Rd	JL		
18/20	14/05/18	Set up Working Party to establish Neighbourhood Watch schemes in new areas	JL		
18/41	11/06/18	Complete forms re remuneration payments	HD	Form awaited from HD	On-going
18/43	11/06/18	Investigate possibility of planting a poppy patch near war memorial	CB		
18/75	24/07/18	Investigate possibility of protecting plants other than trees on Llandevaud Common	EJ		
18/121	08/10/18	Contact Germania re replacing picnic bench on land opposite. Arrange move of planter from Hillcroft Garage	CB	Planter has been moved.	
18/172	14/01/19	Set up online access to bank account	LH/JL		
18/193	11/02/19	Contact Mr J Straw with reference to suitable land in Catsash Road for allotments.	EJ		