

**LANGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Kennett Room,  
Langstone Village Hall

**In attendance** Ms H K Jones (Clerk)  
Cllr W Routley (NCC)  
Two PCSOs (Gwent Police)  
5 members of the public

**Present** Cllr E Jeffery (Chairman)  
Cllr H Brown  
Cllr C Bryant  
Cllr L Duthie  
Cllr J Ford  
Cllr L Humphries  
M Counsell (Youth Rep)

**Apologies** Cllr M Griffiths

**Absent** Cllr M Backhouse  
Cllr H Dinham  
Cllr J Lloyd  
E Wood (Youth Rep)

**18/203** Chairman's Statement: The meeting would be run in accordance with LCC's Standing Orders.

**18/204** Apologies were received from Cllr Griffiths.

**18/205** There were no declarations of interest.

**18/206** The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and the Clerk's Report were approved.

**18/207 Police**

The two PCSOs present responded to queries from the public regarding anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in the park; off-road motor-cycles. Police had sent out an email re Operation Harley to tackle off-road motorcycling which was planned to take place this spring/summer.

**18/208 Public Participation**

**Fly-tipping** - One of the Council's Litter Defence stated that bathroom tiles had been fly-tipped in lay-by opposite crematorium – Clerk to report to NCC. **ACTION: HJ**

**Play park** - Dog fouling in play-park had been very bad recently – residents asked if a section of the park could be sectioned off. The Council had previously discussed fencing off part of the park, but it had proved too expensive. To tackle the dog-fouling, offenders needed to be identified.

MUGA panel been damaged on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk to report to NCC. **ACTION: HJ**

Fence panels require some maintenance. Clerk to contact WM for a quote to re-paint and to ask NCC if they inspect fences as part of their routine. **ACTION: HJ**

There was some discussion re police role in tackling anti-social behaviour and drug-dealing. The police asked for people to let them know of any witnessed acts, including names/descriptions/car registration numbers if possible.

Cllr Routley said he would investigate with NCC the positioning of CCTV in the park which might deter / record offenders.

**Road Safety Conference** will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> October, hopefully at the new Celtic Manor Conference Centre. **20's Plenty** – 46 contacts now registered in Llandevaud. Contact with 20's Plenty was planned to determine the next steps. **Charity event** - Gwent Police Choir on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Usk Memorial Centre.

**18/209 City Councillors**

Cllr Mogford regretted that he was unable to attend this meeting.

Cllr Routley stated it was good to see the PCSOs walking through Langstone & Underwood on occasions.

White road-markings had been painted on the roads and roundabout on Priory Way.

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs – a question had been sent to NCC to ask why the promised data was not forthcoming.

Catsash Road legal notices set to be distributed. The whole Catsash Road area would become a 20mph zone. Speed limiting devices (speed bumps/chicanes) would be installed to reinforce the speed limit. Funding for the work (approx. £70k) had been obtained from The Celtic Manor Resort. Cllr Routley agreed to send a copy of the plan to the Clerk as soon as it was received.

#### **18/210 Concurrent Allocation**

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. The route of judicial review had not been possible due to time constraints. A further £5-10k would have been required to continue and the deadline for submission had passed before funding could be raised. It had therefore been decided to possibly pursue a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman instead.

#### **18/211 Representatives / Reports**

**Langstone Village Hall** – The Clerk had circulated minutes from the last Trustees meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March. The decorator hoped that he would be able to carry out painting during the Easter holidays. Storage is desperately needed - to be discussed further at the next Trustees' Meeting.

**NCC** – Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> March. Clerk had submitted an agenda item regarding Community Council representation on Public Service Boards. Clerk to attend with Cllrs Bryant & Brown.

**OVW** – The Council resolved to rejoin One Voice Wales for 2019-20 at a cost of £461.

**School** – Clerk had circulated school newsletter.

**Police Liaison** – No informal meeting had taken place – Cllrs Lloyd & Brown to revive meetings ahead of Council meetings. **ACTION: JL/HB**

**Community Speedwatch** – evenings not yet light enough to conduct an exercise

- The Council resolved to seek a 30mph limit on the A48 from the Coldra roundabout to the Big Wall. The Council had requested this previously and been rejected. Council resolved to write to Andrew Jenkins at NCC to set up a discussion group.
- The Council resolved to seek to have a Pelican crossing installed on A48 – possibly between the Coldra roundabout and Catsash Road. Clerk to add this to the letter to Andrew Jenkins. **ACTION: HJ**

**Neighbourhood Watch** – No report received

**Llandevaud Parish Hall improvements** – Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. There had been some discussion of work to be done but no decisions were made. Estimates had been received for replacing the water main but the need to replace the current supply was still unclear.

**Best Kept Village / planters / bee-friendly village** – Tubs would be planted up with spring/summer plants soon. Planter had been moved from Hillcroft Garage to land in front of Germania. Old concrete planter from Germania had been moved to Llandevaud. Clerk to purchase green masonry paint to paint concrete planters. Trees had fallen in the recent storm on land owned by Ford Farm. Cllr Duthie stated that these would be removed. **ACTION: HJ**

**Play parks** – Last year, the Council agreed to obtain new signage for the play parks. It had been agreed in a village postal survey that dogs should be banned from Poppy Park but allowed on leads into Centenary Field. Clerk to obtain quotations for new signage. There was some discussion re installing equipment for younger children. It was suggested that the problem of anti social behaviour needs to be tackled first. **ACTION: HJ**

**Environment (Litter, dog-fouling, verges)** – Cllr Brown had carried out several litter picks and had seen a reduction in litter since clearing areas. He had also picked up after several dogs - Tregarn Road was particularly bad in this regard. A bin on Tregarn Road near school entrance might help in this regard. A bin had also been requested by litter volunteer at bus stop opposite Britannia Motors. Fly-tipping was common on Magor Road. The Clerk advised that NCC should be called by members of the public as they were quite responsive to clearing fly-tipping. Flymapper or FixMyStreet apps are useful as is NCC's app, MyNewport. The Council:

- Resolved to purchase 2 litter bins to match existing bins (Glasdon)
- Resolved to obtain stickers from dog wardens, and to produce flyers re dog-fouling
- Resolved to add £50 to a budget for a litter pickers' coffee morning

**ACTION: HJ**

**18/212 Events**

Regular events would continue to take place:

- November – Remembrance
- December – Christmas Concert, Seniors' Lunch

Ideas for future events included – The Good Old Days concert, quiz nights

**18/213 Training / Conferences**

- The Clerk had attended Practitioners' Conference in Kenilworth on 14<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> February
- CLlr Ford planned to attend a Finance training event on 25<sup>th</sup> March at Undy
- CLlr Humphries agreed to draft a training plan for Councillors **ACTION: LH**
- No further training requirements were identified

**18/214 Items for the next agenda – None**

**18/215** At the close of the meeting, CLlr Jeffery announced his immediate retirement from the Council. Councillors expressed their thanks for his long service.

**FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**18/216 Present** – CLlr Humphries (Chair); CLlr Jeffery; CLlr Ford

**18/217 Apologies** – None

**18/218 Declarations of Interest** - None

**18/219** The Committee accepted:

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

Unity Trust Current Account		
Opening Balance	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2019	54,076.89
Closing Balance	31 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2019	51,234.13

**18/220** 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

**18/221** 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	64.76
BACS	CLlr M Backhouse	Remuneration Payment	120.00
BACS	CLlr H Brown	Remuneration Payment	37.50
SO	Microshade VSM	Citrix Hosting	57.54

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Ref	Application	Address	
19/0128	Erection of detached garage and store	New Cottage, Old Roman Road, Langstone, Newport, NP18 1JQ	No objection
19/0139	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and other alterations	Valentine House, Old Chepstow Road, Newport, NP18 2ND	No objection
19/0160	Erection of new boundary treatments to include timber fences, timber gates and gabions retaining structures. Associated ground level adjustments	Llanbedr Court, Chepstow Road, Newport, NP18 2AA	Objection: concerns regarding the gabion structures in this application, as they are not in keeping with the rural aspect of the location
19/0182	Proposed first floor side extension, conversion of garage to ancillary living accommodation and single storey rear extension	7, The Glen, Langstone, Newport, NP18 2NR	No objection
19/0211	Erection of 2 storey rear extension	22 Park End, Langstone, Newport NP18 2NB	No objection

**18/222** The Committee considered the following planning applications received after the Agenda was published to be dealt with by the Clerk under delegated authority

190080	Conversion of building from residential to 10 residential units including alterations to roof and other associated external alterations	Langstone Hall, Langstone Rise, Langstone, Newport, NP18 2JT	Objection: highways safety issues caused by the additional traffic generated by two additional residences. The location is near a primary school and there are already traffic congestion problems on Tregarn Road.
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There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 21:25  
 Next meeting to be held at Langstone Village Hall's Kennett Room on 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

**CLERK'S REPORT appended to minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019****Clerk's Actions**

Ref	Date	Action	Update	Status
18/120	08/10/18	Continue drafting content for web pages	Website updated. Ongoing changes will take place as needed	Closed
18/211	11/03/19	Add £50 to budget and organise litter-pickers' coffee morning	Coffee morning held	Closed
18/211	11/03/19	Obtain stickers from dog warden	Email sent	Closed
18/208	11/03/19	Obtain quote for repainting fence in Centenary Field	Seeking potential contractors to quote	On-going
18/211	11/03/19	Write to Andrew Jenkins at NCC to request a 30mph speed limit on A48 plus a pelican crossing	Awaiting data from speed cameras to provide supporting evidence	
18/211	11/03/19	Arrange purchase and installation of 2 litter bins on Tregarn Rd & at bus stop opposite Britannia Motors	Quote requested from WMGM. Seeking more potential contractors to quote	On-going
18/211	11/03/19	Produce flyers re dog-fouling	Awaiting info from HB	
18/211	11/03/19	Obtain quotes for repainting fence in CF	Seeking potential contractors to quote	On-going
18/211	11/03/19	Obtain quotes for new signage in Centenary Field	Seeking potential contractors to quote	On-going

**Councillors' Actions**

Ref	Date	Action	Who	Update	Status
18/211	11/03/19	Re-start Police Liaison meetings	JL/HB	Meeting arranged for April by HB	Closed
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		
18/172	14/01/19	Set up online access to bank account	LH/JL		
18/213	11/03/19	Draft a training plan for Councillors	LH		