

LANGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date: 10th February 2020
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Kennett Room
 Langstone Village Hall

In attendance Ms H K Jones (Clerk)

Present Cllr C Bryant (Chair)
 Cllr M Griffiths
 Cllr J Ford
 Cllr L Humphries
 Cllr R Hollister

Apologies Cllr L Duthie

Absent Cllr H Rocker

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present Cllr C Bryant (Chair)
 Cllr J Ford
 Cllr L Humphries
 Cllr R Hollister

In attendance Ms H K Jones (Clerk)

Apologies Cllr L Duthie

Absent Cllr H Rocker
 Cllr M Griffiths

19/160 Apologies were received from Cllr Duthie.

19/161 Declarations of interests: None

19/162 Planning applications

- i) The Committee noted that no planning applications were dealt with by the Clerk using delegated authority
- ii) The Council considered the following planning applications:

Ref	Address	Application	Outcome
191205	Orchard Cottage, Langstone Court Road, Langstone NP18 2NG	Proposed remodelling of existing house including raising of roof to provide first floor accommodation, rear dormer extension with first floor balcony, single storey rear extension and raised patio with steps	No objection

[Cllr Griffiths arrived at this point]

FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Present Cllr L Humphries (Chair)
 Cllr J Ford
 Cllr C Bryant
 Cllr R Hollister
 Cllr M Griffiths

In attendance Ms H K Jones (Clerk)

19/163 Apologies None.

19/164 Declarations of interests: None

19/165 The Committee accepted the accounts for January 2020:

- (i) Receipts/Payments listing
- (ii) Monthly bank statements and reconciliation

Unity Trust Current Account		
Opening Balance	1 st Jan 2020	47,758.78
Closing Balance	31 st Jan 2020	26,190.16

19/166 The Committee noted there were no monies received.

19/167 The Committee noted and approved payments made:

Method	Date	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	22/01/20	Bishton CC	Loan	12,000.00
BACS	22/01/20	LVH	Rent – storage Dec 2019	15.00
BACS	22/01/20	LVH	Rent – storage 2020	180.00

19/168 The Committee authorised payments:

Method	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	WM Garden Maintenance Ltd	Christmas Tree lights	1,080.00
SO	Microshade - March	Citrix Hosting	57.54
DD	Lloyds Corporate card	Various	113.98
BACS	Cllr Bryant	Councillor Remuneration	120.00
BACS	Cllr Ford	Councillor Remuneration	120.00
BACS	Cllr Hollister	Councillor Remuneration (part year)	55.87
BACS	HMRC	Tax on Cllr Remuneration	73.80
DD	Rombourne	Office rent	647.08
BACS	Sue Rees	2 x litter picks	31.98
BACS	One Voice Wales	Training course	80.00
BACS	One Voice Wales	Training course	160.00

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

19/169 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Duthie.

19/170 **Declarations of interests:** None

19/171 **Chairman's address**

The Chairman read a letter of thanks from Bishton CC for the short-term interest-free loan of £12k.

19/172 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Ordinary and Committee meetings held on 20th January were approved. The Clerk's Report was approved for appending to the minutes of 20th January.

19/173 **Public Participation**

Llandevaud Common Committee planned to create a small football pitch and a large wildflower meadow. A donation of £200-300 for wildflower and grass seeds was requested. (To be added to next month's agenda.) Cllr Routley offered to set up meeting with NCC. Another resident suggested applying for grant funding.

19/174 **City Councillors**

The following issues were discussed:

- i) Five Lanes tip – owned and controlled by Viridor, not owned by Monmouthshire CC. Public weighbridge can be used by anyone – up to 20kg = £3.30. Penhow planned to conduct a pilot scheme to collect recyclable waste from residents. Cllr Routley to report back on outcome
- ii) Flooding near Big Wall eroding footpath
- iii) Fire hydrants –Welsh Water are responsible. Cllr Routley planned to meet with Fire Service
- iv) Rosecroft nature walk – temporary measures had been installed to prevent land slip. Investigations were under way to identify source of excess water
- v) Speeding traffic - Meeting held with Newport CEO and Llandevaud Road Safety Group re speed restriction on A48 around Britannia Garage. Pelican crossing on A48 at Centenary Park is needed
- vi) A Community Councillor raised the issue of the pathway from Big Wall to New Inn – badly overgrown. Cllr Routley agreed to refer this to NCC. Cllr Mogford suggested that residents get involved and clear the footpaths.

- vii) A Community Councillor raised the issue of potholes being created in Llandevaud by large articulated lorries. A weight restriction (7.5 tons) is needed to protect the road from further damage. Cllr Routley agreed to approach NCC Highways with a letter from LCC supported by NC Councillors. Clerk to draft letter. **ACTION HJ**
- viii) Cllr Mogford suggested re-starting Ward meetings with Highways officers in attendance.

19/175 Newport Boundaries

The Boundary Commission's draft report on NCC Ward boundaries was discussed. The proposal affecting Langstone Community was to bring Bishton CC into the Langstone Ward (along with Penhow & Llanvaches) and to rename it Bishton & Langstone Ward. Council resolved to support the proposal. Clerk to respond to express support. **ACTION HJ**

19/176 Co-option of new councillors

The Chairman requested a paper vote as per Standing Orders. The Council resolved to co-opt Mr Stephen Powell and he was assigned to the Planning Committee.

19/177 Finance

- i) The Council received and noted the budget outturn report for the year to date.
- ii) The Council resolved to ensure that the NCC allocation (S106 residual funding) is fully spent on LVH, so as not to lose the funding.
- iii) The Council resolved to install 2 post-mounted litter bins at Llanmartin bus-stops (near The Old Barn) subject to NCC approval. **ACTION HJ**

19/178 Meeting dates

- i) The Council resolved to cancel the planned meeting on 13th April as this was Easter Monday.
- ii) The Council debated moving to bi-monthly meetings. A decision will be made in May at the Annual Meeting.

19/179 Events - Working Party to plan within budget:

21st March	60s night	Wine & savouries, fancy dress
5th April	Children's Easter Party	Primary School age.
8th May	VE Day Afternoon Tea	
19th Sept	Concert	
4th Dec	Seniors' Christmas Meal	7pm for 7.30pm

19/180 Representatives appointed:

Community Speedwatch & Road Safety – MG – Clerk to contact Deke
 Environment- litter & dog fouling – JF & RH
 Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – JF
 Play parks – RH & CB & SP
 Langstone Village Hall - JF

19/181 Reports

- i) **Police Liaison (RH)** - No reports had been made by resident re abuse/assault in park notified to Clerk. Police can enforce parking restrictions on zig zags outside school but parking on double yellow lines is now the responsibility of NCC. Anti-social behaviour in Centenary Field has calmed down – poor weather will have helped. No report on crimes was available as IT system was not running effectively. Average 16 crimes per month in the ward which is low in relation to other parts of Newport.
- ii) **One Voice Wales** – CB had been unable to attend meeting due to illness. Minutes had been circulated by Clerk.
- iii) **Langstone Primary School (CB)** – Mrs Cole had been recognised as the best Head Teacher in Newport. A budgetary deficit was being forecast for the next financial year.
- iv) **Langstone Village Hall (JF)** – Invoicing now done monthly in advance. New chairs had been purchased. External doors would be replaced in Easter holidays. Enquiries were taking place to obtain a lockable bin as local residents were using it to dispose of garden and household rubbish.
- v) **NCC Liaison** – Cllr Ford attended the December meeting where there was a presentation on Green Spaces (more below). Next meeting 19th March.

vii) **Newport Third Sector Partnership (JF) – Sustainable Travel:** Clerk & Cllr Ford attended a forum with SE Wales Transport Commission addressing M4 issues without the option of alternative M4 route. **Green Spaces:** Work ongoing to identify best use of glasshouses and space in Bellevue Park. **Safer Newport:** It was agreed that rather than simple lists of reported ASB incidents, a report on how the Police were addressing the issues was required. Next meeting 9th March, just prior to Public Services Board.

viii) **One Newport partnership –** Next meeting 13th February. Lots of activity taking place in Newport, eg. Families Love Newport, Carer Café, Supporting People in Newport, Free education courses for patients. Some information is suitable for posting on noticeboards. Clerk suggested posters be circulated as JPEG or PNG images as this would make them easier to share on social media and websites.

19/182 Training

- i) The Council noted that training course no-shows and cancellations of less than 2 weeks must still be paid for by the Council
- ii) The Council noted the attendance of CB & JF on Local Government Finance – Advanced training at Undy on 9 December
- iii) The Council noted the attendance of 2 prospective councillors on Module 9 - Code of Conduct training at Usk on 11 December
- iv) The Council noted the attendance of CB & RH on Planning training at Rogiet on 22 January
- v) The Council noted the planned attendance of JF & RH at “The Councillor” training at Usk on 26 Feb
- vi) To identify any further training required by Clerk or Councillors

19/183 Items for inclusion in next agenda – Purchase of seeds for Llandevaud Common

19/184 Date of next meeting – 9th March 2010

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 21:30
Next meeting to be held at Langstone Village Hall’s Kennett Room on 9th March 2020 at 7pm

CLERK’S REPORT appended to minutes for 10th February 2020					
Clerk’s Actions					
Ref	Date	Action	Update	Status	
19/116	14/10/19	Authorise all low-priority repairs to be carried out at CF and obtain quotes	MUGA panel repaired. Quotes for low priority repairs to be sought once funds allow	Closed	
19/118	14/10/19	Source long-sleeved hi-vis jackets for litter pickers	Ordered	Closed	
19/174	10/02/20	Clerk to draft letter to NCC requesting a weight restriction (7.5 tons) in Llandevaud to protect the road from further damage	Completed	Closed	
19/175	10/02/20	Respond to Boundary Commission’s draft report on NCC Ward boundaries supporting the proposal to bring Bishton CC into the Langstone Ward (along with Penhow & Llanvaches) and to rename it Bishton & Langstone Ward	Response submitted	Closed	
19/177	10/02/20	Install 2 post-mounted litter bins at Llanmartin bus-stops	Request sent to NCC	On-going	
Councillors’ Actions					
Ref	Date	Action	Who	Update	Status
18/172	14/01/19	Set up online access to bank account	LH		
18/213	11/03/19	Draft a training plan for Councillors	LH		