

# Langstone Community Council



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Members are summoned to the **Ordinary Meeting** of Langstone Community Council which will be held on **Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 6:30 pm Llandevaud Village Hall**, to consider the following agenda items. Member of the public wishing to login to this meeting will need to contact the clerk by emailing [clerk@langstonecommunitycouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@langstonecommunitycouncil.org.uk) for the link. Members are invited to declare Personal and Prejudicial interests in items on the agenda. It is a requirement that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is Personal or Prejudicial. The council may consider excluding members of the press and public from a meeting of a council during any item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that, if members of the public were present during that item, confidential information would be disclosed to them in breach of the obligation of confidence. Copies of this agenda can be made available to members of the public attending a meeting by requesting a copy from the Clerk to the Council on 077 70 41 73 55 or by email at [clerk@langstonecommunitycouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@langstonecommunitycouncil.org.uk). **Please note:** Requests will need to be made giving 3 clear days' notice prior to the meeting in order to provide you with this agenda.

*Adrian Edwards*

Clerk to the Council  
Date 10 May 2023

## Draft Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest.
3. 15 minutes set aside for Community interaction and members of the community to ask the Clerk or elected member's questions of local interest. **Any questions should be submitted to the clerk 3 clear working days before the meeting. All questions need to be relevant to the agenda.**
4. To consider any verbal or written reports from Gwent Police.
5. To receive and sign minutes of Special Meeting on the 2 May 2023.
6. To receive and agree the minutes of Annual General Meeting on the 9 May 2023.
7. To receive and sign minutes of Ordinary Meeting on the 9 May 2023.
8. Matters to report.
9. To receive and sign minutes of Special Meeting on the 16 May 2023.
10. Matters to report.
11. Amended Standing Orders, revised by the (OVW joint working group)
12. Service of Remembrance 12 November 2023 (Cllr Carol Bryant)
13. Risk Assessment for work on the side of the Highway. (Cllr Oliver-Mardon)
14. To consider any verbal or written reports from (Clerk)
15. Community, forward planning, and community plan committee including the Community Led Plan. (Please footnote):
16. Macmillan's Coffee Morning. (Cllr Carol Bryant)
17. To consider the training needs of Members and Staff (Please see Footnote):

18. Consider any Planning applications considered or received before the meeting.
19. To note finance matters, including Income & Expenditure.
20. Signatories on Bank Mandate.
21. Newsletter (Cllr Oliver-Mardon)
22. Website and social media (Facebook) (Cllr Oliver-Mardon)
23. To Note any miscellaneous items of correspondence received since the last meeting.
24. Reports from members on outside bodies.
25. Members requests for items for inclusion on the agenda (Motions need to be tabled with the Proper Officer at least 10 clear days before the meeting.)

**Footnote:**

15 above: Community Councils must provide the council's priorities, activities, and achievements over the previous year, in an annual report that provides information that strengthens the accountability of the council and increases transparency of the work undertaken.

17 above: The LGE of (Wales) Bill 2021 Requires Community Councils to consider and address the training needs of members and staff. It is not the intention to ensure that each and every councillor necessarily receives training on the same subjects but to seek to bring about a situation where the councillors as a group, and the staff collectively, possess the knowledge and awareness they need to operate effectively. The Community Council must make a new training plan no later than three months after each ordinary election of community councillors to the council.

# **Langstone Community Council**

## **Apology for Absence**

I, Community Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

give the Community Councils, Proper Officer written notification for an Apology for Absence for not attending the meeting which I was summoned to on the date below:

Held on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ details of which are set out below:

REASON FOR ABSENCE (see note)

### **Guidance Note:**

*Whenever possible this form should be handed or emailed to the Clerk/Proper Officer before the start of the meeting. It is not sufficient simply to 'note apologies'. 'Noting apologies' tells the council nothing as to whether or not the members of the council accepted and approved the reason given for the absence, or, indeed, whether any reason was given at all. Members are requested to indicate the reason for non-attendance. Approval may be given by the council to an absence in advance; for example, where a member is intending to work abroad for an extended period.*

**Please Note:** in addition to the written Apology for Absence, members have an obligation to declare the Apology for Absence orally or by emailing the Clerk/Proper Officer before the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Members Declaring an Interest Flowchart

What matters are being discussed at the meeting?

**Does any of the below relate to your interests?**

- A** Does it affect your entries in the Register of Interests?  
**OR**  
**B** Does it affect the well being or financial position of you, your partner, your relatives or your friends or your partner's, relatives' or your friends':
- jobs, employers or businesses;
  - companies in which you or they are a director or where you or they have a shareholding of more than £5,000 (nominal/face value);
  - business partnerships; and
  - the following organisations where you or they hold a position of general control or management:
    - other bodies where you or they represent the authority;
    - other public authorities;
    - companies, industrial and provident societies and charitable bodies;
    - bodies whose main purpose is to influence public opinion or policy; and
    - trade unions or professional associations

**More than other people in the authority's area?**

NO

YES

Disclose the existence & nature of your interest

You may have a personal interest in the matter

Would a member of the public – If he or she knew all the facts – reasonably think that personal interest was so significant that my decision on the matter would be affected by it?

NO

You can participate in the meeting and vote

YES

You may have a prejudicial interest

This matter relates to:

- another authority of which you are a member;
- another public authority in which you hold a position of general control or management;
- other bodies where you represent the authority;
- statutory sick pay, where you are in receipt of, or are entitled to, such pay from my authority; or
- allowances or payments made under sections 173-175 of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 18 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

Also, withdraw from the meeting by leaving the room or chamber. Do not try to improperly influence the decision

YES

**And, considering whether or not it is appropriate to participate in the decision making, do you regard yourself as not having a prejudicial interest?**

NO

Personal Interest

Prejudicial Interest

**MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT – PARAGRAPHS 10 & 11& 12**

I, Community Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

give the Community Councils, Proper Officer written notification of an interest declared by me at a meeting of Langstone Community Council:

Held on \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ details of which are set out below:

Please tick the relevant box below:

- Personal Interest**
- It was not a prejudicial interest**
- It was a prejudicial interest and I left the meeting**
- It was a prejudicial interest but I have received dispensation from the Standards Committee.**

**Agenda item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of the business on the agenda which the Personal Interest relates to:**

**Details of the personal/prejudicial interest:**

**Please Note:** in addition to the written disclosure of an interest, members have an obligation to declare the interest orally at the meeting, before, or at the commencement of the consideration of the item, or when the interest becomes apparent. Members should hand the Declaration of Interest forms to the Proper Officer at the end of the meeting or returned to the council office before the end of the week following the meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_