



# Minutes of Langstone Community Council Full Council

**Tuesday 13/01/ 2026 at 19:30 PM**

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

**Also Present:** 4 members of the public, NCC Cllrs W Routley, R Mogford Clerk to the Council A Bird

## **26/001 Apologies for Absence**

None Submitted

## **26/002 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr I Riley declared an interest in item 26/012

## **26/003 Public Questions and Representations**

None submitted although BS used this item to forward a request from a member of the public asking if posters advertising meetings can be reinstated

Action: Clerk to action.

## **26/004 Update from NCC Councillors**

Cllr W Routley confirmed that bid had been submitted for road improvements although had yet to be determined, Cllr Routley stated that whilst the christmas period was quite for casework he was across issues such as Langstone Court Road which members noted was now more pothole than road.

Cllr R Mogford also commented on potholes and Cllr B Sheppard thanked RM for assistance in having street lights repaired. Cllr Mogford also made members aware of issues surround drop kerbs near "the big wall" and also issues with maintenance on and around cyclepaths.

Cllr Mogford also updated members on NCC scheme for biodiversity on the common at Llandeavaud, members were broadly in favour of the proposal, but still have issues regarding the ownership of the common and LCC's legal position therein and will withhold full support until those concerns and any potential liability is allayed

## **26/005 Update from Gwent Police**

No Update

## Minutes

### 26/006 Council Meeting: 11 Nov 25

- i. Members voted to accept the minutes of the meeting held 11 NOV 2025 and these were signed by Cllr S Davies
- ii. The Clerk gave an update on the meeting with accountants regarding Payroll and VAT members agreed to quote of £12.50 per month for payroll services and further research regarding the status of public bodies and recovering VAT. RB raised a concern regarding over the accuracy of minutes specifically the use of the term "indefinitely" in relation to the decision made not to move forward with the new gate portion of plans relating to installation of new equipment in centenary park. It was clarified that the wording was correct and this decision would bind the council for the duration of its term, except in circumstances where health and safety may be at risk or temporary access is needed for further development (both such instances would still be bound by relevant planning, highways, and landowner permissions)

### 26/007 Finance

- i. Members received an update on the work of the finance committee and formally ratified the decisions made at the Policy and Finance Committee Meeting held 11/11/2025 including expenditure and noted that no meeting had been held since
- ii. Members agreed to the following expenditure

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Payment Method	Payee	Reference	Amount
BACS	Anthony Bird	Clerks Wage (January)	£563.91
S/O	Storage Giant Newport	Storage (January)	£104.60
S/O	Rombourne	Virtual office (Jan)	£43.26
DD	NCC	Park Maintenance	£284.05
S/O DD	Microshade	Web hosting (november)	£61.01
DD	Information Commissioner's Office		£47.00
BACS	S Voyle	Expenses	£170.91
BACS	S Davies	Expenses	£105.40
BACS	Halse	Vouchers	£350.00

## 26/008 HR and Staffing

1. No Update

## 26/009 Events, Amenities and Parks

Members gave the following updates.

1. **Seniors Christmas Lunch**- JH raised issues around attendance with JH suggesting over 65s be allowed to attend, and members agreed to have a look at reassessing the criteria for attendance in the future. JH also asked if entertainment could be looked at for future years. Members agreed to the suggestion of entertainment. Members also noted a wider take up from more diverse parts of the community.
2. **Christmas Trees and Carol Service** - Members noted the cost of the Christmas trees purchased (£2550). Members also noted the effectiveness of christmas lights on the trees and agreed to review the need for extra lighting and repairs closer to chirstmas 2026

Members agreed to give the Coldra Court Hotel the “Langstone Excellence in Community Service Award” for their contribution to the evening. Members also voted for a £250 donation to made to Newport City Male Voice Choir. Members agreed to review arrangements around the sing along and now know that with enough notice a more suitable time and date could be agreed to maximise an already high take up. Members also agreed to new signage for the the 2026 event and increased advertising.

3. **Parks and amenities**- RB updated that a post inspection was to take place (£220 + VAT) members were all in favour of this, RB also briefed that repairs various equipment including existing gates, benches an new foot pegs, and zip wire maintenance and netting to climbing frame at a cost of £1175 + VAT were also voted on. RB also noted that additional drainage work would need to looked at, with issues around stones raised, RB and SG to look at quotes with previous contractor Ulysses
4. **Planters**- Members noted that NCC had done the remaining planters and that the community maintained ones were also done, and that vouchers for these had been purchased

## **26/010 Planning**

1. No Objections were raised regarding 25/1056
2. no pre planning applications were received by the clerk.

## **Community**

### **26/011 Seminars and Outside Bodies**

1. Members heard from Cllr J Smith who updated that he would be meeting with John Griffiths MS around road safety and would update members and pursue further with NCC

*Action: JS to update at next Meeting*

### **26/012 Highways and Footpaths: Langstone Court Road**

Members heard from Cllr I Riley regarding the state of Langstone Court Road, highlighting the state of disrepair, and how extreme the situation has become following the recent spate of bad weather.

*Action: Clerk to write directly to NCC regarding repairs*

### **26/013 Items for future meetings**

**Annual Report-** Members agreed that the clerk should begin drafting the outline of the annual report, including a “what we do, who we are and a financial breakdown including budgets and audits, it should take the form of a newsletter- members raised some issues about the cost of distribution, but agreed that the clerk should begin writing, and that members would form a working group to go through the “aims and objectives” part of the report and feedback to the clerk.

*Action: Clerk to begin drafting and members to meet regarding aims and objectives.*

### **26/014 Dates of Future Meetings**

Members noted that the next meeting will be 10/02

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