



# Minutes of Langstone Community Council Full Council

**Tuesday 10/03/ 2026 at 19:30 PM**

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

**Also Present:** 3 members of the public, NCC Cllr R Mogford, Clerk to the Council A Bird

## **26/029 Apologies for Absence**

Members accepted apologies from R Lewis, J Smith and B Sheppard

## **26/030 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations received.

## **26/031 Public Questions and Representations**

None submitted.

## **26/032 Update from NCC Councillors**

Cllr R Mogford updated members of the council and public about his work relating to potholes on the A48 and along Chepstow Road and Old Chepstow Road, also raised issues of accidents at roundabouts and the issues surrounding the issues of water tankers from the council/welsh water and private companies using the area. Cllr Mogford asked members for input on potholes, and highlighted the good work by NCC that had been undertaken on Catsash Road. Also raised was the additional funding that NCC has allocated specifically for potholes. Cllr Voyle asked about cycle paths, RM has asked NCC to widen cycle paths and clear areas. This led to further discussion on drop kerbs and similar issues. The issues of the development at Byeways was also raised with members noting the that NCC's planning committee had approved the development but had noted issues around the footpath in the plans highlighting changes based on public rights of way, lighting, flooding from local ponds and uncertainty over land ownership. Cllr Mogford went on to speak about New Street signs going in and was pleased with the result, and will be working towards further replacements. Cllr R Bevan asked if resurfaced roads came with a guarantee, RM mentioned the Highways Asset Management Plan, noting that there is a service level agreement in place with external contractors and that work needs to meet and inspection standard and RM informed members the NCC claims to have filled over 5000 potholes a year. Cllr I Riley asked about the status of the replacement local development plan, RM noted that the plan had been delayed but was still ongoing as the consultation phase had ended and the RLDP was a statutory obligation

### **26/033 Update from Gwent Police**

Update to be circulated to members after the meeting

## **Minutes**

### **26/034 Council Meeting: 10 Feb 26**

- i. Members voted to accept the minutes of the meeting held 10 Feb 2026 and these were signed by Cllr S Davies after being proposed by SG and seconded by IR
- ii. Cllr B Newport, updated on the Christmas event to be held at the Coldra Court, and confirmed that both the Hotel and Newport Male Voice Choir had agreed to the event on the 4th December

### **26/035 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 10/03/2026 including expenditure.
- ii. Members discussed the findings of the Auditor General and the complete audit of Langstone Community Council. Members voted unanimously to accept the findings of Audit Wales and implement the recommendations of the Auditor General.

### **26/036 HR and Staffing**

1. Members were updated that the Clerk met with the Chair of the Council and Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee to come up with an action plan to direct the clerks work flow with more oversight and this to be fed back to members as a standing agenda item on the agenda.

### **26/037 Events, Amenities and Parks**

Members gave the following updates.

1. **Events-** Chair of the Council, Cllr S Davies brought forward a motion that the council support the Morrello Centre Scarecrow Trail spring event, it was moved that the council

pay £500 to cover the cost of the printing maps of the scarecrow trail. Maps would be available through Langstone primary school and in hotels in the area. Members highlighted that it was a good opportunity for the council to bulk up their events calendar and work with the community to raise funding for the Morello Centres treatment bursaries. Members voted to support the event, after being moved by SG and seconded by BN

Action: SD to arrange payment details with the clerk.

2. **Parks and amenities-** RB updated on signs and was to chase up. Members also agreed to continue the proposed maintenance contract from NCC. IR also asked members to consider the possibility of changing the markings on the MUGA at centenary park to include the markings for “pickleball” members decided to revisit this in the future

Action: RB to provide quotes and The Clerk to look into legal requirements

3. **Planters-** no update

#### **26/038 Planning**

1. Members raised concerns over planning application 26/0033 which was a proposed stable block for horses and retention of hardcore surface, fencing, gates and access, the concerns were over the change of use from agricultural land to equestrian land and that Hardcore had gone in prior to planning consent going in. no objections were raised regarding applications 26/073 and 26/079. Members raised concern over application 25/1063 relating to the ownership of the trees that were mentioned in the application and asked for clarity, and also raised concerns of the environmental and ecological damage that could impact the area. No objection was raised to applications 26/0144 and 26/0128
2. no pre planning applications were received by the clerk.

#### **Community**

##### **26/039 Seminars and Outside Bodies**

No Update

##### **26/040 Highways and Footpaths: Langstone Court Road**

No Update

##### **26/041 Council Improvement Plan**

Cllr B Newport raised the idea of a standing item for councillors of a council improvement plan, this would include ideas for the development of members, staff and policies and set out timeline

improvement, early parts of this plan include draft agendas, shared folders for council documents and regular staff meetings to be held between clerk and senior leadership team, this would be featured on all council agendas for the full council but be held after the exclusion of the press and public .

**26/042 Items for future meetings**

LLandevaud common LCP Grants

**26/043 Dates of Future Meetings**

Members noted that the next meeting will be 14/04

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