



LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL - Council Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7.00pm in the Ground Floor Meeting Room, Langport Town Hall.

Present: Councillors: V Saunders (Chairman) C Naden – Vice Chairman A Donald C Dunn	S Forster S Glas I Macnab M Sandford S Tilley
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In Attendance;

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk

There were no members of the public and one member of the press present

TC2018/221 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies were received from Cllr S Forster due to ill health and Cllr M Sandford due to diary clash

RESOLVED – to accept and approve reasons given

TC2018/222 Declarations of interests - Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

There were no declarations of interests

TC2018/223 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 November 2018 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 20th November 2018 be signed as a correct record.

TC2018/224 Town Clerk's Oral Report – including use of delegated powers and update on progress since the last meeting

The Town Clerk had recently attended a meeting with SSDC's CEO where an update on transformation and budget was given. Had attended the SLCC AGM and Langport and Huish Episcopi Christmas lunch. Notification for a grant to replace You Are Here boards position around the Town had been received. Transfer documents for the land sale for the Cycleway had been signed and returned with money for purchase.

Change of date for the Finance and Personal meeting to 9th January 2019.

Christmas tree recycling has been arranged with SSDC.

TC2018/225 To receive written or oral reports from meetings attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

No written or oral reports from meetings attended by councillors on behalf of the Council were received

TC2018/226 The Langport River Project – to receive an update on the Langport River Project

- i. As both the Environment Agency and Somerset County Council Rights of Way were unhappy with the surface proposed for the footpath from Cocklemoor to Huish/Black Bridge a meeting with these agencies has been arranged in the new year to show them the poor state of the path. To fulfill the funding requirement any expenditure must be Capital expenditure.
- ii. The application to the Rural Payments Agency does not cover repairs to slipway at Huish/Black Bridge. 3 quotes have been received. Waterways Recovery group are eager to return and carry out further work.
- iii. An email has been received from the Rural Payments Agency requesting further information by 2nd January 2019.

TC2018/227 Digital Display boards – to receive an update on electronic notice boards for Langport

RESOLVED – for Cllrs Dunn and Naden to make an application for a digital display board.

TC2018/228 Climate Emergency – to consider a motion from Cllr C Naden to acknowledge a Climate Emergency

RESOLVED – that Langport Town Council acknowledges the climate emergency and will work with the relevant community groups to champion becoming a carbon neutral community by 2030.

TC2018/229 Council Policies:

- i. **Displays and Advertising** – to review current policy on displays and advertising

A decision to change the current policy on displays and advertising is to be deferred until a decision on the purchase of a digital display board has been agreed.

- ii. **Green Charter**- to review current Green Charter

RESOLVED – that the changes to the existing policy are agreed

TC2018/230 Finance - Town Council Year 2018/19 Year to Date Budget - to review and note the budget information for the year to date as of 30/11/2018. (Account & Audit Regulations 2015)

- Should there be an amount in 2019/20 budget for Cycleway maintenance

RESOLVED- to note report

TC2018/231 Finance – Bank Account Balances – to note the balances of the Council’s bank accounts as of 30/09/2018.

RESOLVED- to note report

TC2018/232 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for September.

RESOLVED- to note report

TC2018/233 Chairman’s Report – items of information.