



LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Council Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 7.00pm in the Ground Floor Meeting Room, Langport Town Hall.

Present: Councillors:

V Saunders (Chairman)

B Buchy-Dury

J Dromgoole

S Glas

S Tate

A Donald

N French

I Macnab

S Williams

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. County and District Councillor Clare Aparicio Paul, District Councillor Tiffany Osborne. There were 7 members of the public and one member of the press present.

Speaker 1 From Somerset Co-operative Services CIC. Gave details of proposed Eco-Centre providing sustainable living, workplace and education centre. Financed in 3 ways – community shares, loans from community investors and a mortgage.

Speaker 2 (Agenda No. TC2019/87) Prepared for flooding and subsequent recovery. Recruitment day for flood wardens to be arranged in March.

Speaker 3. A planning application for 8 self-build plots at Diggers Field, Portfield, Curry Rivel.

County Councillor reported Climate drop-in sessions are postponed due to the General election.

TC2019/82 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies were received from Cllr Dunn

RESOLVED to accept the reason given

TC2019/83 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.

TC2019/84 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October be signed as a correct record.

TC2019/85 Town Clerk's Oral Report – including use of delegated powers and update on progress since the last meeting

Payments have been received from RPA for 1st claim for the River Project and from the EA for removal of canoe steps and fishing platforms.

The next Finance and Personnel meeting will now be on 4th December not 11th December. There will be an additional Tourism and Marketing Committee meeting on 3rd December.

Town Clerk attended a meeting with SSDC Chief Executive and received updates on transformation, environment strategy and local government reorganisation.

Correspondence received included plans for VE Day 75 next year from 8th – 10th May 2019.

Building Survey report from the Ecclesiastical insurers has been received and a meeting arranged to discuss findings.

Christmas lights will be put up on Sunday 1st December. Volunteers needed.

Christmas trees recycling has been arranged in Cocklemoor car park in the new year.

Parts for and replacements notice boards have arrived. Help to install them is needed.

Suggestions required for what should happen to the beam, removed when the clock was restored.

TC2019/85.2 Planning application

Application No. [19/02584/HOU](#) The Whyte House, Whatley Lane, Langport TA10 9QZ

RESOLVED – to approve application.

TC2019/86 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr Saunders reported on the recent:

SALC meeting where she made a presentation about River Project

SSDC Annual Town and Parish meeting and

APB meeting where items discussed included new building, bad odours and an area for planting trees with funding.

Cllr Dromgoole reported on the Annie Tite meeting where applications for funds were discussed.

TC2019/87 Langport and Huish Episcopi Flood Group – to appoint a representative to the Langport and Huish Episcopi Flood Group.

RESOLVED – to appoint Cllr Macnab as a representative

TC2019/88 Community Snow Warden – to appoint a Community Snow Warden.

RESOLVED – to appoint Cllr Macnab as Community Snow Warden

TC2019/89 The Langport River Project – to receive an update on the Langport River Project and Slipway including River Project presentation.

The waterways modeller has produced a report on the effect raising the bank for the walkway will have.

The Town Council are now awaiting a response from EA.

River Project presentation to be sent to councillors.

TC2019/90 Recommendation from Tourism and Marketing –to receive recommendations from the Tourism and Marketing committee.

The Tourism and Marketing Committee are seeking ways to raise the profile of Langport and the surrounding area.

Items considered:

- subscribing to Visit Somerset which have a range of charges offering different levels of profile

- Councillors to view Visit Somerset website

RESOLVED – to consider recommendation from Tourism and Marketing meeting to join Visit Somerset at a future meeting.

TC2019/91 Council Precept – to discuss the Town Council’s Precept and Band D equivalent council tax in comparison with other local town and parish councils.

Items discussed:

- To ask for Community Governance review would need 250 signatures.
- Ask District Councillors for advice about options available and what happens following Community Governance review.

TC2019/92 Langport Town Trust – to discuss the future assets currently held by the Town Trust as it becomes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The following assets will be transferred: the Hanging Chapel, the Town Hall, the Ridgway and the Town Garden. The remaining items will be dealt with separately and the town council may acquire them. To be further investigated:

- i. land at entrance to Car Park
- ii. Regalia
- iii. Fishing rights

TC2019/93 Finance - Town Council Year 2019/20 Year to Date Budget - to review and note the budget information for the year to date as of 31/10/2019. (Account & Audit Regulations 2015)

RESOLVED – to note

TC2019/94 Finance – Bank Account Balances – to note the balances of the Council’s bank accounts as of 31/10/2019.

RESOLVED – to note

TC2019/95 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for October.

RESOLVED – to note

TC2019/96 Chairman’s Report – items of information.

This year’s Remembrance wreath was kindly knitted by the Knit and Natter Group.

The Kiosk box was discussed at the Huish Episcopi Parish Council meeting. A decision for its future is needed.

There will be a Town Trust meeting on 26th November

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed:

Date: