



LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Council Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Ground Floor Meeting Room, Langport Town Hall.

Present: Councillors:

V Saunders
J Dromgoole
C Dunn
S Glas
I Macnab
B Stokes
S Williams

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. County and District Councillor Clare Aparicio Paul. District Councillor Tiffany Osborne. There was 1 member of the public and no members of the press present.

County Councillor reported

TC2019/109 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies were received from Cllr Buchy-Dury, Donald, French and Tate

RESOLVED to accept the reasons given.

TC2019/110 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)

None

TC2019/111 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2019 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Amend minutes to include other ideas were discussed TC2019/105 Phone Box

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December be signed as a correct record.

TC2019/112 Town Clerk's Oral Report – including use of delegated powers and update on progress since the last meeting

May weekend 8th-10th to mark VE Day, Somerset Day and the river Langport Town Council will coordinate events arranged by local charities, individuals and organisations.

The Winter Lights will be taken down on Sunday, 27th January. All volunteers to meet at the Town Hall at 9am.

Applied to SSDC for trees in the Great Parish Tree Giveaway.

On 1st February at the Ridgway Hall there is a Climate Change Adaption drop in.

Wednesday, 5th February, St Margaret's Hospice are holding an event at the Town Hall to recruit volunteers and community support.

Contacted by SCC for details of the Parish Path Liaison Officer. Councillor Glas who is currently Footpath Officer is willing to become Parish Path Liaison Officer.

TC2019/113 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

An oral report was received from:

Councillor Dunn reported on Adapting the Levels for Climate Change. Using areas near Wedmore and Langport. A strategy to adapt these areas for dealing with climate change will be formed involving managing flooding and land management. There will be community engagement to discuss issues i.e. energy, planning, transport and highways.

Councillor MacNab reported on Flood Wardens meeting. More Flood Warden volunteers are needed. Next meeting 14th March at 2pm.

Councillor MacNab also reported on LABG meeting where the main discussion was about plans for a town map.

TC2019/114 The Langport River Project – to receive an update on the Langport River Project and Slipway.

A meeting to discuss a plan for the walkway is scheduled for next week following the rejection of the flood modelling plan by the EA. An appointment has been made with David Warburton MP to ask for his help to find a solution with the EA on 28th February.

The pontoons were removed and are now in storage. Other installations of signs, benches, interpretation boards, fishing platforms and bird screens are underway.

Following the successful expression of interest for a proposed car park at Huish Bridge the full application to the Somerset Levels & Moors LAG LEADER Rural Development Programme is underway. Specifications for the car park surface, landscaping and signs have gone out to contractors, asking for quotes.

A payment from the Rural Payment Agency for the 2nd claim has been received.

TC2019/115 Finance - Budget for 2020/2021 - members to approve the budget and precept demand for the financial year 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021.

RESOLVED - to set the 2020/21 budget requirement at £108,775 and for the Precept demand from South Somerset District Council to be set at £88,290.

The budget expenditure requirement will be met by estimated income £20,485 and precept £88,290.

TC2019/116 Finance - Town Council Year 2019/20 Year to Date Budget - to review and note the budget information for the year to date as of 31/12/2019. (Account & Audit Regulations 2015)

RESOLVED – to note

TC2019/117 Finance – Bank Account Balances – to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 31/12/2019.

RESOLVED – to note

TC2019/118 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for November.

RESOLVED – to note

TC2019/119 Chairman's Report – items of information.

Margaret Osborne, wife of Langport Town Council's former Chairman, Chris Osborne has offered to donate a bench in his memory.

West Country journalist, Martin Hesp will be featuring Langport in a feature article for the Western Daily Press.

Following the Network Rail drop in at the Town Hall the contractor is willing to help with various tasks in Langport

Huish Episcopi Parish Council have set the same precept as last year. Huish Episcopi Councillors expressed concerns over the yellow lining at Westover and reported that Speed Indicator Devices (SID) will be deployed at Huish and Wearne. The bus shelter will be reinstated near the entrance to Tesco's and a second near Kelways.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Date:

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