



LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR LANGPORT

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2019

IN

THE TOWN HALL, BOW STREET LANGPORT

STARTING AT

7.00PM

There were 13 members of the public present and the Chair of the Council, Val Saunders and the Town Clerk, Deborah Speed.

The Chairman of Langport Town Council, Cllr Val Saunders opened the meeting.

1. Minutes of the Assemblies held on 25 April and 13 October 2018.

The minutes were taken as read, and agreed as a true and accurate record.

2. Reports from groups who have received Council grants.

- Langport & District Youth Group

Annie Shillabeer provided a report of activities from March 2018 – February 2019

As no one was able to attend from Somerset Mind, Annie Shillabeer reported on the work Mind does with young people in Langport and the surrounding area. Referrals can come for both Primary School and Academy pupils from teachers, Social Workers and medical staff. All weekly available sessions are taken. It is an invaluable service

- Langport Foodbank, Trussel Trust

A written report had been received. The Foodbank is open for 2 hours every Wednesday afternoon and it has supported many families and individuals already this year.

With the roll out of Universal Credit in this area they needed to take on more volunteers and after advertising in a few local publications they now have a very good team.

- Langfest 18

Phillip Edge provided an update on Langfest 18 with activities enjoyed by 2000 people over the weekend 14-16 September 2018. Plans are in place for Langfest 19.

- Langport and Huish Senior Citizens Club

Margaret Fricker provided an overview of the work and activities the group provide for its 72 members. The group was established in 1959 so will be celebrating 60 years in 2019.

No representatives were present for the other groups who received funding.

3. Participants were asked to discuss the following topics in pairs or in small groups:

WHAT HAS GONE WELL?

- The project for the Town Clock
- Climate Emergency motion
- The Christmas lights
- River Project
- Langfest and Christmas Fayre
- Duchess of Cockle Moor
- Markets
- New businesses
- Flags
- Cycleway
- Library and Langport Information Centre move to the Library
- ATM in Phone box
- Installation of solar lights on "Monet" bridge
- Bench fixed
- Experiences – a new trend which Langport is embracing
- Financial grants from SSDC

WHAT HAS GONE LESS WELL?

- Businesses closed
- ATM raided
- Library introduction of self-service and threat to staffing
- Freemasons parking
- Reverberations from loss of the Bank
- Change of bus timetables – buses less frequent
- Lack of drop curbs on pavements
- The SCC consultation relating to The Hill – both the scope and the dangers caused by the parking

PRIORITIES

- Community transport – using electric vehicles
- River Project – mindful of zero carbon
- Market – more produce (aim to be like a French market)
- Railway station
- Library – 5-year plan to expand its use
- Budget – encourage Huish Episcopi to increase their precept and support expenditure in Langport
- Setting up CIO for Town Trust and appointing Trustees freeing Councillors time.
- Kiosk
- Europa wall
- New ATM
- Use of Town Hall Undercroft
- Traffic problems the Hill

4.The Chair – Cllr Saunders rounded up the discussion and thank all who had attended

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.