



**LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL**  
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## LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Council Minutes

### Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Ground Floor Meeting Room, Bow Street, Langport

#### Present: Councillors

R Crumb  
A Donald  
S Dromgoole  
C Dunn

N French  
S Glas  
I MacNab  
V Saunders

#### In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk, Morag Kelly, Deputy Clerk, Clare Aparicio Paul, County and District Councillor. There were ten members of the public present. There were no members of the press present.

Speaker One: The Langport Men's Friendly Society would like to offer to install a second information board similar to the existing board provided by the Rotary Club situated opposite the Town Hall.

Thanks were expressed to Clare Aparicio Paul for her contribution as a County Councillor

#### **TC2021/162 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given** ([LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#))

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tate

**RESOLVED** to accept apologies and the reasons given.

In Cllr Tate's absence, it was

**RESOLVED** for Cllr Dromgoole to Chair the meeting.

#### **TC2021/163 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)

Cllr Dunn declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item TC2021/165.2 ii

**TC2021/164 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2022 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1))**

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be signed as a correct record.

**TC2021/149 Town Clerk's Oral Report -**

including use of delegated powers and update on progress since the last meeting  
The Town Clerk reported on the fortnightly Town and Parishes Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) that updates on progress were given. Details of the Highway Steward Pilot proposal were shared. A trained operative would deliver small scale highway works. Plans are being made for a future conference. The next Car Boot Sale will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June on Cocklemoor  
BT have responded to our request for moving the telegraph pole near Bow Bridge. Contractors will be visiting the site with works commencing as soon as possible.  
The Town Clerk will be attending a Teams meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April with Neighbourhood policing and other stakeholders.

**TC2021/165.2 Planning applications**

- i Planning application 22/00603/HOU 81 Eastover, Langport TA10 9RY

**RESOLVED** to support the application

- ii Planning application 22/00977/COL Dolphin Hotel, Bow Street, Langport TA10 9PH

**RESOLVED** to object to the change from a former public house/hotel to a domestic dwelling. This matter has come before the Town Council before. The number of visitors to the town has increased, partly as a result of the Langport River Project making a hospitality business viable. There is a lack of accommodation available in Langport and the surrounding area and the Dolphin Hotel could help fill that gap.

- iii Planning Application 22/00975/S73A The Outlook, The Hill, Langport TA10 9PU

**RESOLVED** to support the application

**TC2021/166 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council**

There were no reports

**TC2021/167 Curry Rivel Active Travel Group**

To receive a request from Curry Rivel Active Travel Group

**RESOLVED** to contribute towards employing a consultant to research finding a suitable route for both cyclists and pedestrians from Westover to Tesco, Huish Primary School and Huish Academy and Leisure Centre. Curry Rivel Parish Council would make a contribution towards this cost and Huish Episcopi Parish Council would be asked to contribute as well.  
The Town Council stated it continues to support this initiative

Agenda item TC2021/169 was discussed next

### **TC2021/169 Rowing boat storage next to Huish Bridge Amenity Area**

To discuss complaints about the storage of rowing boats on private land next to Huish Bridge Amenity Area

Items discussed: Creation of a rowing club to offer training and coaching to rowers. SSDC planning department had been consulted and if a permanent shelter was required then a planning application would be required. The boats are stored on private land and are seen as mobile so do not require planning permission. Visual effect of the stored rowing boats. Desire to support new business. Safety on the river and how other river users would be effected. The Town Council to create a policy for use of the Slipway. Rowing Club will move away surplus boats and install a screen for the remaining craft.

### **TC2021/168 Langport Town Trust**

To receive update on Langport Town Trust

- To complete the transfer of the car park entrance to the Town Council, it must first be transferred to Landmark Langport CIO and then to the Langport Town Council.
- Landmark Langport CIO (LL CIO) had not responded to the proposal to transfer the regalia to LL CIO who would then permanently loan it to Langport Town Council. Langport Town Council would be responsible for insuring and repairing the items. The Town Council would have the items available for inspection by LL CIO at all times.
- A letter had been received from the Town Council's legal advisor concerning the Fishing Rights. He is considering if it would be worthwhile to put an entry on the Land Register and prevent anyone else trying to register the fishing rights. In the meantime, to transfer the fishing rights to the Cocklemoor Community Trust CIO.
- The closure of the Town Trust will not be possible by the end of this Town Council's period of office. The new Town Council formed after the election will continue to be Trustees and a new Chair will need to be elected.

### **TC2021/170 New location for Kissing Gate**

to discuss response from South Somerset District Council (SSDC) for relocating Kissing Gate to Cocklemoor

**RESOLVED** to accept the licence from SSDC to place the Kissing Gate in the fence between the Car Park and Cocklemoor. To create a sign giving information about the Kissing Gate.

### **TC2021/171 Ground Maintenance**

To appoint SSDC to carry out ground maintenance on Cocklemoor, All Saints Churchyard and the Cemetery

**RESOLVED** to appoint SSDC to carry out ground maintenance and delegate responsibility to the Town Clerk to agree a 3 year contract.

### **TC2021/172 Internal Auditor**

to appoint Thomas Westcott as the Internal Auditor.

**RESOLVED.** To appoint Thomas Westcott as the Internal Auditor

### **TC2021/173 Somerset Jubilee Parish Portraits**

to discuss request from Somerset Archives to write a portrait of Langport

**RESOLVED** to forward details to Annie Shillabeer as Youth leader and ask if this is something the young people of Langport and area could do

**TC2021/158 Town Council Year 2021/22 Year to Date Budget -**

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 31/03/2022 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

**RESOLVED** - to note

**TC2021/159 Finance – Bank Account Balances -**

to note the balances of the Council’s bank accounts as of 31/03/2022

**RESOLVED** - to note

**TC2021/160 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income -**

to note items of expenditure and income for March.

**RESOLVED** - to note

**TC2021/161 Chairman’s Report -**

items of information

Sadly, this will be the final meeting for three Councillors who have not stood for re-election. Under their guidance Langport Town Council has transformed. Wish them all a sincere vote of thanks for all their work and contributions to the Council.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....