



LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL
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LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Council Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 29th January 2025 at 6.00pm in the Council Office, Langport Town Hall

Present: Councillors

S Glas
A Donald
I MacNab
S Peterkin (from 6.15pm)

S Dromgoole (Chair)
R Crumb
M Crumb
B Paterson

In attendance was Gerard Tucker, Town Clerk. Gordon McKerrow, Annie Wrae and Patsy Mounter attending with interests in Landmark Langport.

TC2024/108 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given ([LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#))

TC2024/109 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 declaration. Cllrs Dromgoole, Paterson and Peterkin declared a personal interest in item TC2024/110.

TC2024/110 To receive the architect's drawings for the proposed town hall exterior lift:

Duncan Pylle from O2i Design presented the plans, for the installation of a lift to the rear of the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the architect the formal opportunity to brief councillors and Landmark Langport (who own the building) and provide an opportunity for any questions or concerns to be raised.

The presentation commenced with a summary of the history of the building and how the proposed location was identified and considered the best place for a lift to provide access to the first floor. Duncan continued by informing that setting the lift away from the building would allow the installation to be easier, as a bespoke lift would not have to be designed and made, thus keeping the costs down. Access is proposed to be through the main door to the town hall, with the lift entrance being beyond the staircase, yet before the gents toilet. Egress on the first floor will be on the landing adjacent to the ladies toilets.

Many questions were raised. There were three points raised that should be incorporated into the planning application.

1. An appropriate location should be identified for the siting of an Evacuchair – an emergency means of helping people with disabilities to leave the building in the event that the lift cannot or should not be used.
2. Signage informing of the stairs and the need to keep wheelchairs away from the top step need to be incorporated
3. Access through the front door needs to be improved, with a suggested electronic door opening system installed.

In conclusion, the detail presented was considered acceptable and that a formal planning application be submitted. This was unanimously **AGREED** by all in attendance.

Other items to report

Cllr Dromgoole informed that the petition to Somerset Council will be made on Monday 10th February in support of a merger between Huish Episcopi PC and Langport TC. Huish Cllr’s Gadd and Harris will be accompanying Cllr Dromgoole to the meeting.

Cllr McNab informed that the memorial fund for Deborah Speed’s memorial plaque is now open and contributions are invited.

Cllr Donald informed that there is a poplar tree on the river frontage which has blown over

The clerk informed that the Canal Camps propose to undertake the installation of new paths over a two week period commencing 12th April

Meeting closed 7.00pm

Signed Date: