

LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL

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LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Council Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 7.00pm in the Ground floor meeting room, Langport Town Hall

Present: Councillors

S Tate

R Crumb

A Donald

S Dromgoole

S Glas

I MacNab

A Wilson

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk, County Councillors Michael Stanton and Richard Wilkins, District Councillors Clare Aparicio Paul and Tiffany Osborne. Two members of the public and one member of the press were present.

Speaker One expressed concerns about the volume of HGV transport passing through Langport, traffic breaking the 20 mph speed limit and the increase in the fly tipping of tyres.

TC2022/01 Election of Chairman of the Council and Acceptance of Office. (LGA 1972 s14 (1), 15(1&2), 33(1) and 34(1&2))

Councillor Sean Dromgoole was nominated and accepted nomination

Proposed Alan Donald

Seconded Stephen Glas

There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – that Councillor Sean Dromgoole be elected Chairman of Langport Town Council, unless he resigns or becomes disqualified, shall continue in office until his successor is elected at the next Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2023.

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and it was witnessed by the Town Clerk.

TC2022/02 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

There were no apologies for Absence

TC2022/03 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 interest

TC2022/04 Appointment of Vice Chairman of the Council

Councillor Stephen Glas was nominated as Vice Chairman

Proposed: Sean Dromgoole

Seconded: Alan Donald

There were no other nominations

RESOLVED that Councillor Stephen Glas be appointed Vice Chairman of Langport Town Council unless she resigns or becomes disqualified, shall hold office until immediately after the election of the Chairman of the Council at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

TC2022/05 Co-option of new councillors

Following the uncontested recent election there are four vacancies on the Town Council

- i To agree to fill these vacancies by co-option

RESOLVED to fill the vacancies on the Town Council by co-option

- ii To consider applications for co-option

RESOLVED to co-opt Michele Crumb.

TC2022/06 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1))

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/07 Planning applications

- i Planning application No. 20/00834/LBC The Merchants House, The Hill, Langport TA10 9QD

RESOLVED to support application as long as it complies with listed building regulations.

- ii Planning application No.22/01259/TPO White Chapel, The Hill, Langport TA10 9QF

RESOLVED to support application but ask if trees require removing that they are replaced.

TC2022/08 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) meeting. The programme leaders would like to hear from Councillors any questions or queries they may have on programme and any items to be included in the next Conference. On Sunday 25th June at 11am there will be a service at St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi to celebrate the fifty year anniversary of the issue of a stamp showing the churches tower .All councillors are invited.

The Town Clerk had sent a list of training opportunities to Councillors. Included in the list is training for the new Code of Conduct

Somerton and Langport Rotary Club contacted the Town Clerk to offer installing a Happy to Chat bench in the town

TC2021/09 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

- There were no reports from meetings or training attended by councillors

TC2021/10 Standing Orders

to review and approve Town Council's Standing Orders.

RESOLVED to accept amendment

TC2022/11 Financial Regulations

to review and approve Town Council's Financial Regulations

RESOLVED to Financial Regulations

TC2022/12 Terms of reference for Committees

to review terms of reference for

- i. Finance and Personnel

RESOLVED to adopt the terms of reference for the Finance and Personnel committee.

- ii. Tourism and Marketing

RESOLVED to adopt the terms of reference for the Tourism and Marketing committee.

TC2022/12.1 Terms of reference for working groups

- i Climate Emergency
- ii OPAL (Outdoor Pursuits around Langport)
- iii Joint Parishes

RESOLVED to adopt the terms of reference for these working groups.

TC2022/13 To appoint Councillors the following Committee

- i. Finance and Personnel. (Chairman and Vice-Chairman plus 4 Councillors). Current members Committee Chair N French, S Tate, C Dunn, A Donald and S Glas

RESOLVED to appoint Councillors S Dromgoole, Stephen Glas, Alan Donald, Michele Crumb and Alan Wilson to the Finance and Personnel committee.

- ii. Tourism and Marketing. (Chairman and Vice-Chairman). Current members Committee Chair S Tate, I MacNab, S Glas (Footpath Liaison Officer), A Donald, V Saunders, H Sheerman. Representatives from Huish Episcopi Parish Council, Langport Area Business Group, Langport Information Centre lead volunteer and Market Coordinator

RESOLVED to appoint Councillors Sean Dromgoole, Stephen Glas, Robert Crumb, Alan Donald and Ian MacNab to the Tourism and Marketing committee .

TC2022/14 To appoint Councillors as representatives to outside bodies and Councillor offices

Outside Body	
Abattoir Liaison Group	Sean Dromgoole
Annie Tite Fund	Robert Crumb
Langport & Huish Episcopi Memorial Field	Sean Dromgoole & Michele Crumb
Somerset Association of Local Councils	Stephen Tate
Sir Edward Hext Almshouses	Ian MacNab
Langport Information Centre Steering Committee	Sean Dromgoole
Market Town investment Group	Ian MacNab & Robert Crumb
Langport Area Business Group	Steve Glas
Cocklemoor Community Trust CIO	Ian MacNab
Curry Rivel Active Travel Group	Robert Crumb & Sean Dromgoole
Councillor Offices	
Footpaths Liaison Officer	Steve Glas
Grit Bin Monitor	Steve Glas
Flood Warden	Ian MacNab
Climate Champion	Sean Dromgoole
Litter Pick Organiser	Robert Crumb

RESOLVED to appoint Councillors as representative to outside bodies and Councillor offices as listed above

TC2022/15 Town Council Policies

to review and approve the Town Council's Code of Conduct Policy

RESOLVED to adopt the Code of Conduct policy

TC2022/16 Assets Register

to review Town Council's Asset Register

RESOLVED to accept the Assets Register

TC2022/17 General power of Competence

To review the Town Council's eligibility for the use of the General Power of Competence

RESOLVED that Langport Town Council does not meet the eligibility criteria to use the General Power of Competence

TC2022/18 Community Transport

To approve the Town Council working towards establishing a Community transport scheme.

RESOLVED to support working towards establishing a Community Transport scheme

TC2022/19 Bank Mandate

to review Bank account signatories currently Cllrs Saunders, Donald, Glas and French. To authorise the Town Clerk to amend signatories on the Bank Mandate and to appoint additional councillors as signatories.

RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to amend signatories on the Bank Mandate and appoint Councillors Sean Dromgoole, Michele Crumb and Ian MacNab as additional signatories.

TC2022/20 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget - to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 30/04/2022 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/21 Finance – Bank Account Balances - to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 30/04/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/22 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for April.

RESOLVED - To note

TC2021/23 Chairman's Report - items of information

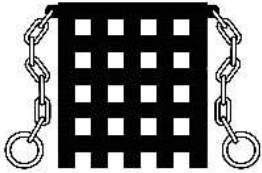
To extend a welcome to Alan Wilson as a new elected Town Councillor and Michele Crumb as a co-opted member.

To express a thank you to the former Chair, Stephen Tate.

Meeting closed 8.35pm

Signed:

Date:



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R Crumb

I MacNab

A Donald

S Glas

A Wilson

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk and Richard Wilkins, Somerset County Councillor. 7 members of the public were present. No members of the press were present.

A small group of young people had been misbehaving in the town. PC Ian Cromey-Hawke PSCO neighbourhood policing team supervisor reported on the measures that were in place to deal with the situation. Most importantly to make members of the public feel safe. He encouraged members of the public to report any instances. Annie Shillabeer described interventions that had been made by the Youth Group.

TC2022/136 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies for Absence was received from Cllrs Peterkin and Tate

RESOLVED to accept apologies and reasons given

TC2022/137 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

TC2022/138 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

There were no applications for consideration.

TC2022/139 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2023 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1))

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2023 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/140 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) meeting. There had been the usual updates and all was ready for vesting day. Sadly, due to technical problems the meeting with the Planning officers did not take place.

Both the Town and Deputy Clerk had attended a Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) meeting at their Taunton headquarters. Presentations from the SLCC and a Council internal auditor were given.

The Deputy Clerk reported on contact from the Octagon Theatre Outreach project. They have recently been awarded funding from Arts Council England becoming one of their National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs) with funding for the next 3 years. Funding will support the project to develop and deliver activity across South Somerset with opportunities and activities that support health and wellbeing, enrich education and learning in and outside school, encourage participation and improve access. The funding period starts in April 2023, the next stage is to develop partnerships and relationships with community groups across the district and Langport will be an area where they are looking to focus delivery.

Due to new recycling regulations for businesses, Langport has been chosen as a pilot area and local businesses will receive direct support from advisors. The Town Clerk had been contacted by a member of Bin It who had visited the town to talk to businesses.

The Town Clerk shared photos of the walls of the garden of Downside in Priest Lane that were being rebuilt while the lane was closed due to the collapse of the wall further along the lane.

It had been confirmed to the Town Clerk that in 2019 the order for Stacey's car park was changed in line with similar car parks to a long stay 24 hours. The sign erected in 2015 incorrectly showed 2 hours but will be corrected.

Huish Episcopi Primary School were pleased with the support from the Town Council regarding the North Street zebra crossing. Somerset County Council traffic management had completed a full inspection and were satisfied the crossing was visible and road markings were in a good condition.

Correspondence received: From the Langport Transport Group requesting the Government to decide about the proposed Somerton/Langport railway station.

Landmark Langport CIO thanking the council for their financial support for the charity.

Somerset County Council Rights of Way team concerning the Definitive map modification orders for Park Lane, Frog Lane and Huish Drove. Any objections to be received by 20th April 2023.

TC2022/141 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr Dromgoole had attended Planning applications training provided through Somerset Association of Local Councils.

TC2022/142 Notice of Motion from Cllr Dromgoole

That this council does not think of itself as a political body and we have not historically allowed national politics to impinge on our decision making. We work to serve Langport, but we have grown increasingly concerned about Langport's lack of representation in Parliament from our MP, David Warburton. This is a complicated time in Somerset's local politics with an entirely new balance being struck between the centre and the towns and parishes. An engaged MP should be helping us to get this balance right and raising any anomalies in Parliament. An MP who has not been allowed in the Palace of Westminster for almost a year, and with allegations of impropriety multiplying, rather than diminishing, is of little value at this time. We make no comment on the validity of the allegations against Mr Warburton, and we acknowledge that the pace of the process by which the truth and the gravity of the allegations is assessed, is woefully slow.

However, we also note that the MP in our neighbouring constituency, stood down to clear his name *within four days* of allegations emerging. We would urge Mr Warburton to take the same course of action and can have no confidence in him until he does. We want the people of Langport to be properly represented in Parliament once again, as is their right. We would further urge the same people to write to the Speaker asking him to intervene.

RESOLVED to support the motion

TC2022/143 Active travel recommendations

To set up a joint working group with Huish Episcopi Parish Council to agree recommendations from the Active Travel report. To agree the council, accept the report and will pay its contribution towards cost of producing it.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs Robert Crumb, Steve Glas and Alan Wilson to a joint working group with Huish Episcopi Parish Council.

To accept the report and agree for Curry Rivel Parish Council to pay the invoice for the report on behalf of the three councils.

TC2022/144 Community Plan

To receive an update on the joint Community Plan between Langport and Huish Episcopi Parish Council.

The survey is now live. Thanks go to councillors and other volunteers who delivered leaflets to households in the area. Please encourage others to complete the survey.

TC2022/145 Levels and Moor LCN

To receive information about a meeting of parishes included in the Levels and Moors Local Community Network.

A list of possible dates had been received from Somerton Town Council and a meeting will be arranged.

TC2022/146 Ridgway Hall

To discuss if the Council would support the nominating of Ridgway Hall as an asset of community value (ACVs)

RESOLVED to support the nominating of Ridgway Hall as an asset of community value.

TC2022/147 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 28/02/2023 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/148 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 28/02/2023

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/149 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for February

RESOLVED - To note

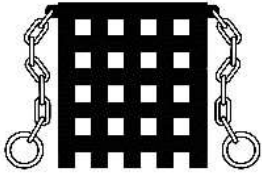
TC2022/150 Chairman's Report -

items of information

Meeting closed 8.55 pm

Signed:

Date:



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M Crumb
R Crumb
I MacNab
S Tate

A Donald
S Glas
S Peterkin
A Wilson

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk and County Councillor Richard Wilkins and Michael Stanton. Seven members of the public were present. No members of the press were present.

Speaker One: A presentation was made by a group measuring and recording phosphate levels in the River Parrett.

Speaker Two: Asked:

- if any preparations were in place for events to celebrate the King's Coronation.
- Could a replica of the original Star in the Undercroft be made which would be lit by battery power?
- For news on special food markets
- For businesses to display a wreath and place greenery around their doors and windows.
- For news on proposed notice board from Friendly society

TC2022/87 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given [\(LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)\)](#)

There were no Apologies for Absence

TC2022/88 Declarations of interests

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There were no declarations of interests

TC2022/89 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

There were no applications for consideration.

TC2022/90 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1))

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/91 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) meeting. She confirmed that following the Local Community Networks consultation there had not been a clear preference between the three areas suggested as the County councillors had reported. The process for appointing Senior positions in the new Council and offering redundancies to existing employees or to apply for a post in the new Council had commenced. No agreement had been made about what services will be charged for.

Town Clerk had attended a meeting on behalf of the Council about establishing a Warm Space in Langport. It is hope to open a Warm Space on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from noon until 4pm. Simple warm refreshments will be available.

Town Clerk had attended further Community Plan training.

Correspondence received: From Somerset County Council about the Precept.

TC2022/92 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr MacNab gave an oral report on the Bus Back Better and the Community Transport meetings he had attended. The Community Transport meeting was much more encouraging.

A report on the meeting of the Abattoir Liaison Group compiled by Cllr Saunders, Huish Episcopi Parish Council was received.

TC2022/93 To receive recommendations from Tourism and Marketing committee

- Ways to increase footfall at the Langport Information Centre were discussed
- A positive report about future growth of the Market was received.
- The Town Council would promote and advertise events to celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023.
- Topics for the Community Plan were river use, parking, paying for parking, overnight parking area and lack of accommodation in the town

RESOLVED to accept recommendations

TC2022/94 To consider request from Landmark Langport CIO

To consider request from Landmark Langport CIO (LL CIO)

Councillors were asked to think of suitable volunteers to become Trustees of LL CIO. Not everyone wanted to become a Trustee but would consider being a Friend who could be available on the ground for opening venues for example.

TC2022/95 To discuss re-establishing Lorry Watch

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Items discussed: without a Lorry Watch stage 2 of the proposals for The Hill discussed with Somerset Highways by Richard Wilkins, County Councillor could not progress; need volunteers; operate in the New Year; operate on the Huish Episcopi side of The Hill.

TC2022/96 Community Review Project

To receive an update about the joint Community Plan with Huish Episcopi Parish Council (HEPC).

A written report was received giving an update on progress of the Community Plan.

A Public meeting will be held at Huish Episcopi Primary School on 7th December at 7pm. Members of the public will be asked to suggest topics to be included in the survey.

TC2022/97 Policy

- i To adopt updated Officer Councillor Protocol

RESOLVED to adopt updated Officer Councillor Protocol

TC2022/98 Agreement on the 2022/23 pay offer

To agree implementation of the terms of the 2022/23 pay offer

- i With effect from 1st April 2022, an increase of £1,923 on all NJC pay points.
- ii With effect from 1st April 2022, an increase of one day to all employees' annual leave entitlement

RESOLVED to implement both the pay increase and the increase in annual leave entitlement.

TC2022/99 Finance – Bank account reconciliations

To note bank account reconciliations to 05/10/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/100 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 31/10/2022 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/101 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 31/10/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/102 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for October

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/103 Chairman's Report -

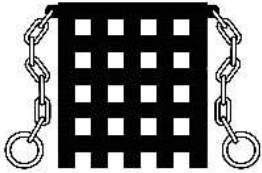
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The Chair shared his experience of placing a wreath on the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

Signed:

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In Attendance:

Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk and County Councillor Richard Wilkins. Five members of the public were present and one member of the press.

TC2022/104 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given ([LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#))

Apologies were received from S Tate and S Glas and their reasons approved.

TC2022/105 Declarations of interests

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There were no declarations of interests

TC2022/106 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

There were no applications for consideration.

TC2022/107 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2022 ([LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 \(1\)](#))

RESOLVED the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2022 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/108 Town Clerk's Oral Report -

including use of delegated powers and update on progress since the last meeting.

The Deputy Clerk reported that there had been an update on the LCNs. She thanked everyone involved in the Festive Light Display this year. She asked the councillors if they would be happy to accept the request from Edward Stokes Fayre – the would like to run the Fayre over the Easter weekend arriving on Tuesday 4th April and leaving after Monday 10th April.

TC2022/109 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr R Crumb reported on the Feasibility study for Active Travel, talking through each route. It was resolved that Cllr Crumb setup a working party with members of HEPC and LTC to progress this.

TC2022/110 To receive recommendations from Finance and Personnel committee

i Budget for financial year 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

ii Agree precept demand for financial year 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

RESOLVED to approve the 2022/23 budget as expenditure £100,820 and income £11,285.
To approve the Precept demand as £89,235

iii Grant application to Langport Town Council by Landmark Langport CIO was reviewed and increased.

RESOLVED to increase to £2,000 to take into consideration the increase in heating costs

TC2022/111 Community Plan

To receive an update about the joint Community Plan with Huish Episcopi Parish Council (HEPC).

Cllr Dromgoole reported that the initial Community Plan Draft questions had been completed, it would be sent out to the steering committee in the next day, for comments. The survey will be published at the beginning of March and will be open for 3 weeks. Each councillor is asked to target 20 people that they know to complete the survey. It was suggested that Marta Alves at ABP and Althea Pearson may be able to help support our Ukrainian, Polish, Romanian and Botswanan residents communities with completing the survey.

TC2022/112 Lorry Watch

To receive an update on re-establishing the lorry watch group

All plans to start the groups of volunteers week beginning 23rd January 2023, we have a growing number of volunteers to help. Cllr Dromgoole and Val Saunders both volunteered to be part of the group.

TC2022/113 Finance – Bank account reconciliations

To note bank account reconciliations to 05/12/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/114 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 31/12/2022 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/115 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council’s bank accounts as of 31/12/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/116 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for October

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/117 Chairman’s Report -

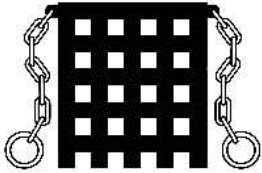
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Cllr Dromgoole discussed the recent decent of the dentists in the town and how sad it had become that there was no longer any NHS services for our residents and their children in either of our dental surgeries. Councillors agreed to make this statement: Langport Town Council regrets that we no longer have access to an NHS dentist (despite having two surgeries in the town).

Meeting closed 8:45pm

Signed:

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In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk, Mike Stanton and Richard Wilkins, Somerset Council Councillors. 3 members of the Police, 11 members of the public and one member of the press were present.

Speaker One asked for an update on resident's concerns about the new Somerset Council enforcing car park restrictions. Cllr Wilkins had received a guarantee that Parking Enforcement contractor NSL would be told not to enforce restrictions in free car parks. There would be a review of car parks and their restrictions across the county in due course.

TC2022/151 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given ([LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#))

Apologies for Absence was received from Cllr Wilson.

RESOLVED to accept apologies and reason given

TC2022/152 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 Robert Crumb made a declaration of interest in Agenda Item 155a .

TC2022/153 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

There were no applications for consideration.

TC2022/154 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 ([LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 \(1\)](#))

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/155a Planning Application

Planning Application [23/00525/FUL](#) proposed erection of a boat shed at land at Huish Bridge, Huish Episcopi, Langport TA10 9HQ

RESOLVED to support planning application 23/00525/FUL. The building of a store for rowing boats would facilitate a sports venue for the community

TC2022/155 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) meeting. The meeting received a briefing from Planning officers on bringing the different planning teams together and how parishes should respond to planning applications. The Council's CEO, Duncan Sharkey and Val Keitch, Lead Executive member for LGR both spoke stating they will be visiting the whole of the county and forming partnerships.

In an update on the Local Communities Networks (LCN), staff teams were being formed and each LCN group will have a link officer. The first meetings are expected in June.

To conform with the planning permission for the Huish Bridge amenity area the boulders have been moved. The Kissing Gate has been installed at the entrance to Cocklemoor.

Damage to the ground on Cocklemoor caused by the Fair will be levelled. This will be carried out once the ground is drier by the Fair owner.

The Youth Group had submitted the application to Somerset Council to make the Ridgway Hall an asset of community value. Somerset Council will review the application.

The Annual Town meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 26th April at 7pm.

Correspondence received from: the Farming Wildlife Advisory Board (FWAG) about a project for land owned by Langport Town Council, Huish Episcopi and Aller Parish Councils. Members of FWAG had been invited to a Town Council meeting to explain more fully. A report from the Langport and Huish Episcopi Youth Group.

On a personal note the Town Clerk is due to have some medical treatment and, in her absence, Gerard Tucker will be the locum clerk.

TC2022/156 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr Dromgoole had attended training for Chairmen's provided through Somerset Association of Local Councils.

Written report on the Warm Spaces was received (attached to these Minutes)

TC2022/157 To receive recommendations from Finance and Personnel committee

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Items included: grants to the Cricket Club and Youth Group. Making a payment towards the cost of tree surgery at the Memorial Field. More research into an EV charging point. Insurance for 2023/4 was agreed

RESOLVED to accept recommendations from the Finance and Personnel committee.

TC2022/158 Active travel recommendations

To receive an update from the Active Travel work group

The meeting of the group had been very positive . Next step is for a public meeting to gain their views for the proposed routes. Funding should be sought for both routes.

TC2022/159 Community Plan

To receive an update on the joint Community Plan between Langport and Huish Episcopi Parish Council.

The completion of the online survey has ended. There were approx.. 525 responses. The next stage will be to prepare a report of the findings...

TC2022/160 Levels and Moor Local Community Networks (LCN)

Parishes forming the Levels and Moors LCN have been invited to a meeting on Monday 22nd May at the Edgar Hall, Somerton.

A meeting has been arranged for Monday, 22nd May at Edgar Hall, Somerton at 6pm for all the parishes forming the Levels and Moors LCN. Parishes will have similar issues i.e. creating cycleways and flooding.

TC2022/161 Finance – Bank account reconciliations

To note bank account reconciliations to 31st March 2023

RESOLVED to note.

TC2022/162 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 31/03/2023 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/163 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 31/03/2023

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/164 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for March

RESOLVED - To note

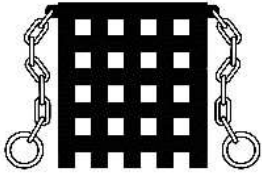
TC2022/165 Chairman's Report -

items of information

The Chair reported to the Council that he had received responses from the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Chair of the Complaints and Grievances Committee to the request for the residents of Langport to be better represented in Parliament following the Motion passed at the March Town Council meeting. There had been no response from the local Parliamentary Party.
The Chair thanked the police for attending the meeting and for their strong response to the recent anti-social behaviour in the town

Meeting closed 8.35 pm

Signed: Date:



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Present: Councillors

M Crumb
R Crumb
I MacNab

A Donald
S Glas
S Peterkin

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk and County Councillor Richard Wilkins. Four members of the public were present. No members of the press were present.

Speaker One: A presentation was made by a representative from Gigaclear giving details of installing a Full Fibre network in Langport and Huish Episcopi.

In the absence of Cllr Dromgoole, Vice Chair Cllr Glas chaired the meeting

TC2022/74 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given ([LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#))

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Dromgoole, Tate and Glas

TC2022/75 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 MacNab made a declaration of interest in Agenda Item

TC2022/76 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

There were no applications for consideration.

TC2022/77 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 September 2022 ([LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 \(1\)](#))

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 September 2022 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/78 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) meeting. The Precept payment will be paid next April in full. Town Clerk attended the Town and Parishes conference on 4th October with three Town councillors.

Town Clerk attended the Community Plan training and the initial informal meeting of the Steering committee.

Correspondence received: The Langfest Committee are holding a meeting on 16th November to seek a new committee.

The Chair of Somerset County Council has sent a reminder about requesting nominations for the annual awards for service to the Community.

The Deputy Clerk attended the Community Resilience Day and the various workshops. She reported the Environment Agency will be carrying out the clearance of weeds in the Cocklemoor area of the river Parrett and divers will investigate the obstacles in the river bed near Bow Bridge.

Open Reach had provided an update on moving the wires from the telegraph pole obstructing the pavement near Bow Bridge. There are no firm plans.

TC2022/79 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllrs Peterkin and Michele Crumb reported on the City, Town and Parish conference. Various presentations were made about Local Community Networks (LCN) and asset devolution. Breakout groups attended talks from Buckinghamshire and Cornwall about their LCN's equivalents and a Charter for Somerset laying out how County will engage with City, Town and Parish.

Cllr Robert Crumb had attended the Make a Difference event arranged through BBC local radio where the Litter Picking Volunteers were awarded a Highly Commended Environment award.

TC2022/80 To receive recommendations from Finance and Personnel committee

- An additional grant to the Huish and Langport Seniors and donations to the Community Shed and Royal British Legion were agreed.
- Car charging point cost have increased dramatically and the Committee agreed to close it and ask Scottish Power if they would provide a chargeable station
- The fence at the Huish Drove end of Section 1 of the Cycleway needs repairing. A request has been received from a resident for this Section to be opened for mobility scooters to use.
- Report from the External Auditor had been received. It was agreed not to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment scheme.
- Payment of affiliation fee to Somerset Association of Local Councils was agreed

RESOLVED to accept recommendations

TC2022/81 Community Review Project

To receive an update about the joint Community Review Plan with Huish Episcopi Parish Council (HEPC).

Chair to Huish Episcopi Parish Council requested that both councils used the same name for the project and reports presented to both councils be identical

A Marketing Communication plan had been created. The logo would be HELP standing for Huish Episcopi and Langport Plan. Training sessions were continuing with the aim to identify questions. The Steering Committee had met for an informal get to know you meeting

TC2022/82 Policy

- i To adopt Dignity at Work Policy

RESOLVED to adopt Dignity at Work Policy

- ii To adopt Discipline and Grievance Policy

RESOLVED to adopt Discipline and Grievance Policy

TC2022/83 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 30/09/2022 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/84 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 30/09/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/85 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for September

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/86 Chairman's Report -

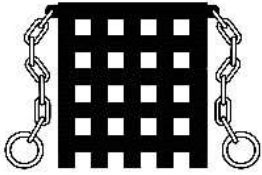
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The Chair warned councillors about the problems of setting next year's budget.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

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Present: Councillor

S Dromgoole

M Crumb

R Crumb

A Donald

S Glas

I MacNab

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk and County Councillors Mike Stanton and Richard Wilkins. Five members of the public were present. No members of the press were present.

Speaker One: Expressed concerns about traffic through the Town. Speeding vehicles and HGV's are a danger to pedestrians.

Speaker two: Was concerned about people jumping into the River Parrett from the bridges. There are objects in the river which could contribute to accidental injuries.

TC2022/40 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given ([LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#))

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Peterkin, Tate and Wilson

RESOLVED to accept the apologies for absence received

TC2022/41 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 R Crumb declared an interest in Agenda Item TC2022/50 as a volunteer.

TC2022/42 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

There were no applications for consideration.

TC2022/43 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1))

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/44 Planning applications

- i Planning application No. 22/01955/TPO St Gilda's House, The Hill, Langport TA10 9QF

The Councillors asked the Town Clerk to seek more information than was available on the SSDC Planning website

TC2022/45 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) meeting. It is hoped to start a Local Community Network (LCN) consultation by the end of August. The programme is progressing well. A further Town and Parishes conference will be held on 4th October.

Town Clerk attended the Somerset CAN meeting where ideas were discussed for what to do after a council had declared a Climate emergency.

The Town Clerk had undertaken the Code of Conduct training.

TC2022/46 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr. Dromgoole reported on the ABP meeting. People living near the entrance to the Abattoir had raised concerns. An area opposite the site had been re-wilded and benches and picnic tables installed. A survey would be undertaken of HGV using the Pibsbury's route to and fro the abattoir.

Cllr Michele Crumb had attended the Memorial Field Management committee meeting. She reported that the electricity generated by the solar panels and the tenders for the changing rooms project were discussed. There is a shortfall of funding for the project of approx. £50,000. The Management Committee AGM will be on 12th September. The committee needs new trustees, a secretary and a treasurer.

TC2022/47 To appoint a councillor to the following committee

- i Tourism and Marketing Committee.

RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Peterkin to the Tourism and Marketing Committee

TC2022/48 Community Review Project

To discuss making an expression of interest for the chance to work with Smart Communities to initiate a Community Plan for Langport.

RESOLVED to make an expression of interest (EOI) to work with Smart Communities to complete a Community Plan. It was agreed, if accepted the plan would be a joint initiative between Langport Town Council and Huish Episcopi Parish Council.

TC2022/49 Cocklemoor Community Trust CIO

to receive an update from the Cocklemoor Community Trust CIO

- The Langport Little Regatta will now take place on 13th May 2023 with a pontoon party, bar, music and food.
- It is hoped to create a landing area on the bank at the Gas Works Inlet by the willow tree, to be called the Laurie Landing. It will provide disabled access to boats. The next stage is for plans to be drawn and an idea of costs calculated. Funding to be sourced from Crowd Funding and grants for the disabled.
- The weather has provided perfect conditions for the growth of weeds in the river. The weeds are dangerous for all river users.
- The CIO are aiming to make Langport a designated bathing site from Bow Bridge to Muchelney.
- Plan to raise fund for the CIO through licences, donations, events and grants.

TC2022/50 Donation to Inland Waterways Association (IWA)

To make an annual donation to the IWA for the use of equipment for maintenance and replacement.

RESOLVED to make £100 donation to IWA

TC2022/51 Memorial Tree on Cocklemoor

To discuss planting a Memorial tree on Cocklemoor

RESOLVED to allow the planting of a naturalised tree on Cocklemoor

TC2022/52 Exclusions of the Press and Public

To resolve to exclude members of the press and public of an agenda item listed below is to be dealt with after the press and public have been excluded by reason of the confidential nature of this matter ([in accordance with the Public Bodies \(Admission to Meetings\) Act 1960 sect.1\(2\)](#)).

It was not necessary to resolve this Agenda item

TC2022/53 South Somerset District Council (SSDC) questionnaire

To discuss and consider the SSDC Online Questionnaire and associated information pack

RESOLVED not to take any action

TC2022/54 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 30/06/2022 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/55 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 30/06/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/56 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for June

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/57 Chairman's Report -

items of information

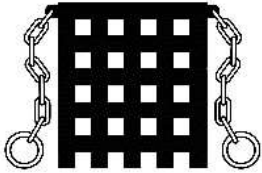
The Litter Picking volunteers lead by Cllr Rob Crumb have been nominated for a Make a difference award, arranged through BBC Somerset radio. Congratulations to the volunteers for being nominated and reaching the last four.

An ideal solution for Langport not having a High Street bank presence could be to have a bank hub in the town. Different banks could then provide their services on different days.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Signed:

Date:



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S Dromgoole

M Crumb

R Crumb

I MacNab

A Wilson

A Donald

S Glas

S Tate

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk. Eight members of the public were present. No members of the press were present.

Speaker One: Concerned that the new Unitary Council are going to impose parking restrictions in Stacey's Court Car Park. It is believed that the current restriction is 72 hours long stay parking. For many residents in Bow Street the car park is their only accessible place to park.

TC2022/118 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given [\(LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)\)](#)

Apologies for Absence was received from Cllr Peterkin

RESOLVED to accept apology and reasons given

TC2022/119 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

TC2022/120 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

There were no applications for consideration.

TC2022/121 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 January 2023 ([LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 \(1\)](#))

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 January 2023 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/122 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) meeting. The first meetings of the Local Community Networks (LCNs) will not happen until late summer. The pilot LCN's will continue. It might be possible for LCN meetings to be hybrid meetings.

The Chair added that a get to know you meeting of the Levels and Moors LCN is being arranged jointly by Somerton and Langport Town Councils.

Town Clerk had received a response from the Link cash machines Scheme and following analysis they found Langport does not qualify for establishing a Bank Hub.

Gigaclear had sent a list of road permits to the Town Clerk. Residents were frustrated with the work to lay the cables. It was causing obstructions and temporary loss of other utilities.

Correspondence received: Greg Bown had contacted the office about holding a Car Boot on Cocklemoor on Sunday 30th April.

TC2022/122a Planning Application

Planning Application [23/00328/HOU](#) and [23/00329/LBC](#) Challis House, 1 Whatley, Langport TA10 9RA

RESOLVED to support planning application

TC2022/123 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr MacNab gave an oral report on the Bus Back Better. The £2 fare had been extended to the end of June and the Taunton to Yeovil bus service re-instated from 30th January.

A report on the meeting of the Abattoir Liaison Group compiled by Cllr Saunders, Huish Episcopi Parish Council was received. There were discussions about lowering the speed limit on roads near the Abattoir to 30 mph.

TC2022/124 To receive recommendations from Tourism and Marketing committee

- It was felt the weekly market is struggling and ideas to boost it were discussed
- King's Coronation. There will be a Celebration Ceilidh on 6th May. Committee keen for other events to be held

TC2022/125 Huish Episcopi Primary School request

To respond to request from Huish Episcopi Primary School to support their work with Highways to improve the pedestrian crossing in North Street.

Items discussed: need for an upgrade of crossing to a Pelican crossing. This crossing is included in the Active Travel upgrade.

RESOLVED to offer support to Huish Episcopi Primary School with this matter and their dealings with Highways

TC2022/126 Community Plan

To receive an update on the joint Community Plan between Langport and Huish Episcopi Parish Council.

The questionnaire is near completion. Please could councillors volunteer to deliver leaflets to every household in the area.

TC2022/127 Community Garden

To discuss the idea of establishing a Community Garden in the Town Garden

Items discussed: positioning of garden in Town Garden or elsewhere so events can still be held; just vegetables or flowers as well? Vandalism; lack of interest; no dig garden; involvement of local schools; need for a business plan and would encourage more bees, butterflies and insects.

RESOLVED to support establishing a Community Garden in the Town Garden.

TC2022/128 Langport HGV permits

To discuss introducing charges for the administration involved in issuing HGV permits
HGV permits are issued annually to approx. 32 companies costing postage and administrative time.

RESOLVED to introduce £60 charge from 1st April 2023 per company

TC2022/129 Keeping dogs on lead on Cocklemoor

To discuss if dogs should be kept on leads on Cocklemoor

Items discussed: what is bad behaviour; monitor situation; owners more aware of dog poo if dog on lead; majority are responsible dog owners; Cocklemoor is a social area for dogs too

RESOLVED to monitor the situation with no need for immediate action.

TC2022/130 Draft calendar

To agree the draft calendar of meetings for the municipal year May 2023 to April 2024

RESOLVED - To agree the draft calendar of meetings

TC2022/131 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 31/01/2023 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/132 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 31/01/2023

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/133 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for January

RESOLVED - To note

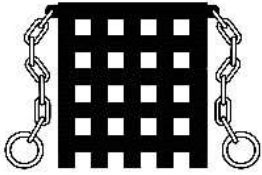
TC2022/134 Chairman's Report -

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The Chair had seen a letter in the Leveller stating that Landmark Langport CIO (LL CIO) should be the responsibility of the Town Council and do not receive an automatic grant from the council. The Chair responded by saying the Town Council paid rent for an office in the Town Hall. Both Huish Episcopi Parish Council and Langport Town Council have made grants recently totalling £7,000 for emergency funding for LL CIO following increases in fuel charges. A motion will be brought before Frome Town Council about the lack of representation in Parliament by the current MP for Somerton and Frome. The Chair felt it was time that Langport did something similar.

Meeting closed 8.55pm

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A Donald
S Glas

I MacNab
S Tate
A Wilson

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk and County Councillor Richard Wilkins. Two members of the public were present. No members of the press were present.

Rev'd Jess Pitman, who is leaving her post in July came to talk to the Town Council about the continuation of the Langport food bank. Volunteers are required to collect items and sort and pack the food parcels. Support from Town Council going forward would be appreciated.
Cllr Glas proposed a vote of thanks for all the Rev'd Jess Pitman has done for the community while Rector of the Langport group of churches

TC2022/24 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Dromgoole, R Crumb and M Crumb

RESOLVED to accept the apologies for absence received

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Dromgoole, Cllr Glas, Vice Chair, chaired the meeting

TC2022/25 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 interest

TC2022/26 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

RESOLVED to co-opt Sarah Peterkin.

TC2022/27 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 May 2022 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1))

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 May 2022 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/28 Planning applications

- i Planning application No. 22/01375/HOU The Merchants House, The Hill, Langport TA10 9QD

RESOLVED to support application for changes to the external alterations.

- ii Planning application No.22/00630/LBC Annandale, The Hill, Langport TA10 9QD

RESOLVED to support application to construct rear door.

TC2022/29 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) meeting. The new Council leader and his executive wish to see asset and service devolution to Towns and Parishes. The Programme and Vesting Day are on track.

Town Clerk attended Somerset Branch meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks. Reports were received from the Management in Action Conference and the local pilots for LGR.

A relaunch of the River Parrett Trail event was held which the Town Clerk attended. It was very much a thank you to all those involved with the relaunch and to share information on the trail.

Cocklemoor Community Trust CIO plan holding their first fundraising event on Cocklemoor on Saturday, 3rd September.

TC2022/30 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr Donald had attended The Langport Area Business Group meeting. He reported that the meeting was very positive. The group's aim is to form a marketing strategy and for businesses to work together.

Cllr Glas had attended a meeting with members of Angel Cares, Transition Langport and Elderflower Food Coop. He confirmed the details given by Rev'd Pitman at the commencement of the meeting. .

Cllr MacNab gave an oral report on the progress of the Community Transport provision. More volunteers and a temporary home is needed.

A Repair Café established in Langport was been well supported. .

TC2022/31 Recommendations from

- i Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting.

Agreement had been reached to offer grants to Langport & Huish Episcopi Youth Group, Langport & Huish Episcopi Memorial Field Management Committee, Langport & Huish Episcopi Senior Citizens and Wells Food Network. Payment terms for the route consultation for Active Travel were agreed. Revised quotes were being sought for repairs to the Cemetery wall.

RESOLVED to accept recommendations

ii Tourism and Marketing Committee

The new Langport.life website was discussed. A report on the Langport Information Centre was received. There was a Market update and the Action plan was reviewed.

RESOLVED to accept recommendations

TC2022/32 Huish Bridge Amenity Area Retrospective Planning application

i. Somerset County Council Rights of Way have raised the issue of the line of footpath L13/37 been obstructed by the riverside boulders

ii. Amenity Area access is not served by a vehicular highway

RESOLVED to reposition the boulders away from the river bank into the parking area if Somerset County Council Rights of Way (ROW) are happy this would reinstate the footpath. To contact the ROW officer who is dealing with the pending application to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by adding a restrictive byway and to request the path from catch water bridge to Huish Bridge is not included as part of restrictive byway.

TC2022/33 Internal Audit Report

To receive Internal Audit report for year ending 30/04/2022

RESOLVED to accept the Internal Audit Report for year ending 30/04/2022.

TC2022/34 Finance – To approve the Annual Governance Statement Statement (s.1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 21/21). ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

i. To consider each of the assertions on the Annual Governance Statement

Each assertion on the Annual Governance Statement was considered in turn

RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

ii. To consider the Accounting Statement

RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statement

TC2022/35 Finance - Bank Account Reconciliations

To note the bank account reconciliations to 01/06/2022

RESOLVED to note

TC2022/36 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 31/05/2022 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/37 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 31/05/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/38 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for May

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/39 Chairman's Report -

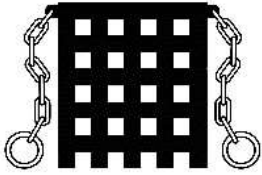
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LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Council Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of Langport Town Council held on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 7.00pm in the Ground floor meeting room, Langport Town Hall

Present: Councillor

S Dromgoole

M Crumb

R Crumb

I MacNab

S Tate

A Donald

S Glas

S Peterkin

A Wilson

In Attendance:

Deborah Speed, Town Clerk. Morag Kelly Deputy Clerk and County Councillors Mike Stanton and Richard Wilkins. Seven members of the public were present. No members of the press were present.

Speaker One: Expressed concerns

- that following the May election the Town Council had lost the General Power of Competence and how this would impact on grants and community support.
- About open water swimming and jumping into the River Parrett from the bridges and lack of signs.
- The empty Travis Perkins site. Could it be used to create small business units for starter businesses.

Speaker Two: To encourage wellbeing, tackle loneliness and isolation in rural areas it has been agreed to form a Community Shed. Suitable premises have been found and a steering committee formed. It is hoped to eventually open the shed to men, women and all disabilities. Request set up funding from the Town Council

Speaker Three: The community is already active in support of meeting the needs of others. In light of future problems more community involvement will be required. A mechanism is needed to keep the channels of communication open.

TC2022/58 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given ([LGA 1972 s85 \(1\)](#))

There were no apologies for Absence

TC2022/59 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 interest

TC2022/60 Co-option of new councillors

To consider applications for co-option

There were no applications for consideration.

TC2022/61 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2022 ([LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 \(1\)](#))

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2022 be signed as a correct record.

TC2022/62 Planning applications

Planning Applications No [22/02359/FUL](#) and No. [22/02358/FUL](#) Unit 1&2 Whatley, Langport

RESOLVED to support both applications for a car port and garage. To suggest that the flat roofs could be a living roof to absorb rainwater.

TC2022/63 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) meeting. The Local Community Network (LCN) consultation has started. The Town and Parishes conference will be held on 4th October and all councillors are invited to attend. Newly appointed Somerset CEO commences on 3rd October.

Town Clerk attended the Food Resilience meeting arranged by SSDC. Mapping of food resilience and need in Somerset is under way. Presentations from a local Food Pantry Project, Community Fridge and Smart Communities were made.

Quarterly meeting with the CEO of SSDC discussed what will happen to services provided by the District Council from 1st April 2023. Precept timetable will be unaltered.

Correspondence received: Consultation for proposals for a single Tax Reduction Scheme for Somerset; Elections Act 2022 proposes to make voters produce photo ID; Survey requests from Somerset County Council about Somerset Warm Spaces and SSDC about any plans for Warm Hubs in Langport; reply from Police and Crime Commissioner and the Royal British Legion asking Councillors to assist at the Poppy Appeal table at Tesco's from 5th November.

The refurbishment of the Town Finger posts has been completed.

The Deputy Clerk has completed her ILCA

TC2022/64 To receive written or oral reports from meetings and training attended by councillors on behalf of the Council

Cllr Dromgoole reported on the Memorial Field AGM. The plans for the new changing rooms are going ahead but not all the funding is secured.

Cllr Robert Crumb reported on the Active Travel meeting. The alternative footpaths and routes to the Huish Academy had been walked, photographed and measured. Awaiting report from the consultants.

Cllr MacNab attended the Langport Area Business Group meeting. The need to work together and communication between businesses and the Town Council was stressed.

Cllr Michele Crumb had attended training for both the Introduction to Council and the Code of Conduct.

TC2022/65 To receive recommendations from Tourism and Marketing committee

Tourism and Marketing Committee.

It was proposed that the Winter Festival Lights would be installed on Sunday 13th or 20th November. As the 13th November is Remembrance Sunday it was agreed to erect them on 20th November. The lights will be taken down on Sunday 8th January 2023. It was agreed to place lights in Stacey Court.

The possibility of a lighthouse art installation had been discussed.

RESOLVED to accept recommendations

TC2022/66 Community Review Project

- i To receive an update about the joint Community Review Plan with Huish Episcopi Parish Council (HEPC).

Langport and Huish Episcopi Parish Councils were chosen to produce a joint parishes Community Review. Smart Communities will work with a Steering Committee to produce a questionnaire for the residents of both Langport and Huish Episcopi. The majority of the questionnaires will be completed online, some participants will need help to do this. Help will also be required marketing the questionnaire

- ii To agree the terms of reference for the Steering committee for the Community Review Project

RESOLVED to agree the terms of reference adopted by HEPC

TC2022/67 Civility and Respect Pledge

to discuss signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge

RESOLVED to sign the Civility and Respect Pledge

TC2022/68 Local Communities Networks (LCN) consultation

To review information received for the LCN consultation

With the new Somerset Councillors in place it has been recognised that the Local Community Networks require budgets for each group. 3 maps have been produced for the Consultation Option C is not ideal as the areas are too large and involve too many communities but do reflect Primary care areas.

RESOLVED to defer completion of the LCN consultation to the Chair and Town Clerk

TC2022/69 Climate Fund Artwork Project

To discuss the Climate Fund Artwork Project

HEPC had appointed Cllr Saunders to investigate an eco-friendly way to use the funds originally allocated for the artwork.

RESOLVED to agree to HEPC's proposal

TC2022/70 Town Council Year 2022/23 Year to Date Budget

to review and note the budget information for the year to date as at 31/08/2022 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/71 Finance – Bank Account Balances -

to note the balances of the Council's bank accounts as of 31/08/2022

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/72 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

to note items of expenditure and income for July and August

RESOLVED - To note

TC2022/73 Chairman's Report -

items of information

There were no items of information

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Signed:

Date: