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LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Joint Council Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of The Joint Council Committee held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 3.00pm in Langport Town Hall

Present: Councillors

LTC

S Dromgoole
B Paterson
S Glas

HEPC

J Gadd (Chair)
A Harris
J Woods

In Attendance:

Gerard Tucker – Langport Town Clerk. One member of public.

JC024/22 To receive apologies for absence and approve the reasons (LGA 1972 s85(1)). No apologies were received – all present

JC024/23 Declarations of interests. Council members to declare any interests, including any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish 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

JC024/24 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th October 2024 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1)). The minutes of the meeting held on 30th October were considered accurate and were duly signed by the Chair.

JC024/25 Matters to report from previous meetings. Cllr Woods provided a summary of the presentation received from ABRI on the approved development off Somerton Road. The call for sites from Somerset Council is likely to include some, possibly all of the remaining site which is currently not included in the development plan. Cllr Dromgoole informed that there is to be a meeting of the Levels and Moors LCN where the call for sites will be discussed. This meeting is scheduled to take place on 28th January at 10.30am in the Town Hall.

JC024/26 To consider supporting an initiative to create a community hub within the Warehouse Trust. The Chair informed that the title of this item was incorrect. One of the Warehouse trustees, who doubles as the operations manager is incredibly enthusiastic about the future development of the Warehouse. Funding will be sought to undertake an in-depth review of the facilities and services provided, which in turn will help shape their offer. Councillors noted that there is already an educational community hub operating from the Bluebell Café at Kelways.

Cllr Dromgoole informed that the Levels and Moors Local Community Network (LCN) has applied to the Health and Wellbeing fund at SALC (Somerset Association of Local Councils) to undertake some research on addressing the issue of loneliness.

JC024/27 To discuss the pending collapse of the cemetery wall in Kennel Lane. The concern about the leaning wall in Kennel Lane was shared with the Committee. The wall forms the boundary between the parishes of Huish Episcopi and Langport. In principal, Huish Council are open to receiving an application for a contribution of funds. The Langport Town Clerk is now to obtain quotes for the removal of the wall and reinstatement.

JC024/28 Submission of a petition in support of the merger of the two councils.

Cllr Dromgoole informed that the petition has been submitted to Somerset Council who are obliged to respond within a year. It is anticipated that the work commitments of the Boundary Review Team at Somerset Council will respond to our petition during the late spring or summer.

Cllr Dromgoole informed of the work undertaken by the Chair of Kingston St Mary PC, who has taken it upon himself to submit suggestions to the Boundary Commission. His initial response was to separate Huish Episcopi from Langport and put them in different Divisional areas. Cllr Dromgoole has spoken with the author and remedied the pending submission.

JC024/29 Date of next meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for 2.00pm on Wednesday 12th March 2025 in Langport Town Hall