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LANGPORT TOWN COUNCIL – Joint Council Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting of The Joint Council Committee held on Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 4.00pm in Langport Town Hall

Present: Councillors

LTC

S Dromgoole (Chair)
B Paterson

HEPC

J Gadd
A Harris

In Attendance: Gerard Tucker – Langport Town Clerk

JC2024/16 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given
(LGA 1972 s85 (1)). LTC Cllr S Glas had sent his apologies.

JC2024/17 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.

JC2024/18 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41 (1)).

The minutes of the previous meeting were considered accurate and were signed by The Chair.

JC2024/19 Somerton Road Development

A meeting has been organised for Thursday 7th November with the Joint Council Committee and Albi and Boon Brown Architects in relation to the pending Somerton Road Development and in particular the associated S106 funding requirement from this scheme. The meeting **RESOLVED** to seek answers to the total amount of social housing planned for the development and to inform of the local concern of there being an inadequate amount of commercial land for industrial development in the Langport and Huish Episcopi area.

JC2024/20 To receive an update on the projects due to receive S106 funding.

The budget for the suggested expenditure of S106 funding was revisited, particularly as a result of the project to improve the changing room facilities at the Memorial Field has risen. The requirement of funds for the changing rooms amounts to £155,000 (including VAT). It is proposed that this is taken from the S106 allocation associated to 11/02448/FUL Bartletts Elm (£68,351) and 13/03483/OUT Trial Ground (£73,948). From the total £169,000 of available funds, £155,000 is now allocated to the Memorial Field changing rooms with any further project shortfall being met from other funding sources. From the remaining – unallocated amount of £14,000, it was proposed and **AGREED** that £5,000 be set aside to undertake a feasibility study to determine the appropriate way to provide adequate community facilities for the future, which may include a new hall in Huish Episcopi.

There was a further allocation of £35,000 to be used for the implementation of a skate park facility at the Memorial Field. There were no further amendments to other previously confirmed allocations.

Items for information

The debate recently held in The Langport Arms Hotel on the benefits and concerns associated with the proposed merger was considered a great success. At the date of the meeting, it is understood that a further 11 signatures are required in Huish Episcopi and 20 in Langport, before the petition can be presented to Somerset Council.

The Huish Episcopi and Langport Flood Group have an understanding from the Environment Agency that the Wagg Rhyne flood alleviation scheme will be financially supported in this financial year.

JC2024/21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th January, commencing at 3.00pm

Meeting closed 4:55 pm

Signed Date: