



# NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 ON ZOOM  
DIGITAL CONFERENCING COMMENCED AT 6.45 PM.

Councillors Present: Cllrs Julie Jones-Evans (Chair), Joanne Ballington, Geoff Brodie, Mary Craven, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, Richard Hollis, Joe Lever, Terry Martin, Matthew Price and Shirley Smart.

Public: 0  
Clerk: Joshua Tombleson  
Other: 0

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

2748.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Apologies were received for Cllr Blundell and Cllr Coburn.</p>
2749.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllrs. Brodie, Garratt, Hastings, Hollis, Jones-Evans, Price and Smart declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) as they are Isle of Wight councillors.</p> <p>Cllrs Ballington, Brodie and Craven declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Pan Together as trustees of the charity.</p> <p>Cllr Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Gunville as a member of the Gunville Association.</p> <p>Cllr Hastings declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Shopmobility as a trustee of Shopmobility.</p> <p>Cllr Hastings declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Carisbrooke Castle as a trustee of the Carisbrooke Castle Museum.</p>
2750.	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were presented to members.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> <b>THAT, the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.</b></p>

MATTERS ARISING

2736. Property Purchase- Cllr Craven requested an update. The Clerk informed members that an offer had been made in December, and was rejected, however a subsequent offer has been made and members will be updated with the outcome.

2737. Free Parking Campaign- Cllr Jones-Evans is seeking statistics from Chris Ashman (IW Council) from the free parking offered on the main streets within the town centre over the festive period. Will circulate to members once received.

2738. E-Scooters- Cllr Martin asked the chair if acknowledgement and update had been received concerning the position of the e-scooters located around the town as this was previously highlighted as a health & Safety concern for the visually impaired. Cllr Jones-Evans will raise this at the next Shaping Newport meeting.

**2751.** FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members were presented with payments made during December for approval.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT, the accounts paid in December 2020 be approved.**

Members received the income & expenditure report to 31st December 2020.

Cllr Brodie highlighted the total expenditure to date is at 52%. Cllr Hollis thanked Cllr Brodie for the hard work he puts in alongside officers to provide this information so clearly on a regular basis. Cllr Brodie told members of how comfortable he feels, now that Vikki Wright is RFO.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT, the income and expenditure report to 31st December 2020 be noted.**

GPWP DRAFT 2021/2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Cllr Brodie presented the draft proposal for members to comment, ahead of it being formally presented at the February meeting of full council. The draft proposal had been put together following a meeting of the General Purposes Working Party, which consists of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Chairs of committees, Finance Lead, and the clerk.

Cllr Brodie made members aware that if approved, the budget for 2021/2022 would see a reduction of 2.4% on the previous financial year. He feels this would be welcomed by residents and would be a gesture that NCCC appreciate the hard times people are in and that the council does not take money unnecessarily. Cllr Brodie drew members attention to some key lines on the proposal. Not all bids made by members were accepted as part of the draft proposal, and compromises were fair but necessary. The Budget proposal is still well behind that of comparator town, Ryde, and will likely be again this year.

Cllr Martin asked how the bid for a dumper/chipper was considered. GPWP members provided information on why the bid had been received by the

	<p>maintenance team and that prices had been provided for equipment which was considered appropriate. Cllr Hastings and Cllr Price suggested that once money has been put aside, specifications and model comparisons could be taken to the meeting of the assets &amp; facilities committee for further consideration prior to purchase.</p> <p>Cllr Jones-Evans felt the process went very well this year. The development of South Street toilets will be put on hold for the next financial year.</p>
2752.	<p><u>COVID-19</u></p> <p>The Clerk summarised for members, how NCCC are working with Age UK and Independent Arts to manage the hub calls, arranging medication collections and deliveries.</p> <p>Members were briefed on the recent IW Community Hubs call. The call was not deemed beneficial by the Clerk. Cllr Brodie also attended this call on behalf of Pan Together, and shared the same views as the Clerk. Several follow up enquiries were made by the Clerk, and the responses were shared with members.</p> <p>Cllr Price mentioned to members of the second testing site which is now open at Medina College. This should considerably help with the availability of slots. The lateral flow test is being released amongst those areas where infection is considered worst and will therefore be released on the Isle of Wight as part of this.</p> <p>Cllr Brodie provided a brief overview of the activities being carried out within Newport East to support his residents. Pan Together are continuing to provide support, also dipping into neighbouring wards, including the provision of hot meals. The price for these meals has now reduced to £3 and operates Monday to Friday. They are receiving interest from residents who wish to step forward and offer their voluntary support. As Newport East is not currently at a stage where they require additional volunteers, they are pointing people in the direction of Age UK.</p> <p>Cllr Ballington told members that the testing slots are released at 8am and 8pm, so these are the best time to secure an appointment. Lateral flow test results are coming through quite quickly and is keeping staff safe at the hospital. She feels that once these are made available to members of the public, it will really help.</p> <p>Cllr Smart stated that you now have to have a test prior to certain hospital appointments.</p> <p>Cllr Garratt is concerned in the way that some messages are being communicated to the public. It is important that people understand what is guidance and what is the law. If the public misunderstand, then they will distrust everything. Although there are some people who are exploiting the flexibility of the law, the vast majority are not and we should understand what they are doing and why before we condemn them.</p> <p>Cllr Jones-Evans asked the Clerk to arrange for some information to be put on NCCC social media channels to make people aware of places/footpaths that they can go for exercise in the parish that they may not necessarily be aware of.</p>

<b>2753.</b>	<p><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>No reports to provide, however Cllr Brodie highlighted the new IWALC County Officer, Heather Rowell, who is a resident of Newport.</p>
<b>2754.</b>	<p><u>MEMBERS QUESTIONS</u></p> <p>Cllr Brodie requested an update from the Clerk on the recent invoice dispute for PO Lane toilet installation. The Clerk updated on its current position and response provided him, and that he would share further information when available. Cllr Jones-Evans said that the new toilet block will be opened as soon as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Jones-Evans updated regarding the Post Office closure in Newport. She is pushing the MP, Bob Seely, to see if the proposition can be proactively offered to WH Smith as they have provided this in other stores throughout the country and could therefore be a potential suitor. Cllr Hollis asked if we could offer space for a willing party space within any property that NCCC may purchase. This could be considered, however potential issues were raised and it was acknowledged advice which had been given to the clerk by a separate town who had taken on a post office.</p> <p>Cllr Martin asked if NCCC could make a donation to keep the number 6 bus in operation as it's Sunday and Bank Holiday services will soon be withdrawn by Southern Vectis. Members briefly discussed, however it was requested that Cllr Martin provide further information and could put forward as a future agenda item for full consideration.</p>
<b>2755.</b>	<p><u>HEALTH AND SAFETY</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>2756.</b>	<p><u>NEXT AGENDA</u></p> <p>To be sent to the Clerk.</p>
<b>2757.</b>	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting shall be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 on Zoom Digital Conferencing.</p>

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