

NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th APRIL 2021 ON ZOOM DIGITAL CONFERENCING COMMENCED AT 6.45 PM.

<u>Councillors Present:</u> Cllrs Julie Jones-Evans (Chair), Jaimie Bundell, Geoff Brodie, Tony Coburn, Mary Craven, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, Richard Hollis, Joe Lever, Terry Martin, Matthew Price and Shirley Smart.

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Clerk:

Joshua Tombleson

Other:

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

2788. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for Cllr Ballington.

2789. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cllrs. Brodie, Garratt, Hastings, Jones-Evans and Smart declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) as they are Isle of Wight councillors.

Cllr. Brodie and Craven declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Pan Together as trustees of the charity.

Cllr. Hastings declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Shopmobility as a trustee of Shopmobility.

Cllr. Hastings declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Carisbrooke Castle as a trustee of the Carisbrooke Castle Museum.

Cllrs. Jones-Evans and Price a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Newport businesses as a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Cllr Martin declared an interest in matters relating to Gunville as a member the Gunville Association.

On arrival, during minute number 2790, Cllr Price declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to the Isle of With Council (IWC) as an Isle of Wight Councillor.

On arrival, during minute number 2793, Cllr Hollis declared a non-pecuniary

interest in matters relating to the Isle of With Council (IWC) as an Isle of Wight Councillor.

2790. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2021 were presented to members.

RESOLVED:

THAT, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2021 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

2776. Biosphere Project- The planting on the orphaned area by Lidl will shortly be going ahead as plants arrive.

2780. St. Georges Way Road Widening Works- Complaints have been received regarding speeding cars on Clarence Road. An accident had occurred at this location on Sunday 11th April, though fortunately nobody was injured. The IWC officer and programme manager have been written to regarding the matter.

2791. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members were presented with payments made during March for approval.

RESOLVED:

THAT, the accounts paid in March 2021 be approved.

Members received the income & expenditure report to 31st March 2021.

The finance lead, Cllr Brodie informed members that the RFO is currently pulling together the information for the financial year end for the auditors. A more accurate financial picture will likely be available by June. Despite the pandemic, NCCC has done well to deliver many of its budgeted projects, although if budgeted money is not being spent as the pandemic calms, then future budgets will be clamped down on. Cllr Brodie proposed that the report be noted by members.

RESOLVED:

THAT, the income and expenditure report to 31st March 2021 be noted.

2792. RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

Members had before them a copy of the updated Risk Management Schedule for approval. The finance lead summarised for members what the document was and why it was necessary. No comments or alterations to the document were proposed by members.

RESOLVED:

THAT, the updated Risk Management Schedule be accepted and adopted.

2793. ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL



Members engaged in a lengthy discussion where they all had an opportunity to share their views on the potential of the Isle of Wight Festival going ahead in September 2021. Although this has been publicised as going ahead it is understood that the Isle of Wight Festival has not yet been approved by The Isle of Wight Council and in turn not yet had approval from the Director of Public Health from Hampshire County Council. Members expressed their concerns on behalf of residents that the Festival going ahead could cause both lasting physical damage to the site, but more importantly physical and mental harm to residents of both the local area and wider Island if the Festival were to proceed. However, at present, members wished to not take a stance until further information has been provided for consideration and did not want to jeopardise other discussions relating to Newport FC.

2794. PROPERTY PURCHASE

The Clerk provided members with a brief update on the position of the purchase of a property on Newport High Street. The Clerk is currently awaiting on several reports to be produced for the property by the surveyor and associated contractors, however, will update members by email when he has more information to share.

2795. RESIDENT PARKING SCHEMES OFFICER

Cllr Brodie had brought this to the attention of members at the meeting of Full Council in March, as he had concerns that the Newport dedicated Resident Parking Scheme officer, funded by NCCC, was unable to complete proposed schemes due to Island Roads not designing the required schemes to allow resident ballots to go ahead.

Since the previous meeting he has received response from IW Council on the outcome of the 5 schemes within his ward, with 4 of them unachievable due to the narrow roads and the costly road engineering works required to the existing roads and pavements to meet current highways requirements. As the one remaining scheme can be dealt with by the officer who operates island wide, he recommends that NCCC withdraw its continued funding of £12,500 for a Newport dedicated Resident Parking Scheme officer. Cllr Brodie assured members that the withdrawal of this funding will not impact schemes currently underway in any way.

RESOLVED:

THAT, NCCC withdraw its funding of £12,500 for a Resident Parking Scheme Officer.

2796. POST OFFICE LANE TOILETS

The Clerk informed members of the costings to install CCTV at Post Office Lane toilets, which had previously been advised by the police as part of the planning application for the new toilet unit.

The finance lead supported the idea and highlighted to members that as this area has been a costly investment, it would be sensible to protect it with CCTV. Members agreed and also felt CCTV would help user safety in the area.



RESOLVED:

THAT, CCTV be installed at Post Office Lane at a cost of £849.75.

2797. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Members had before them a paper of recommendation from the officers of the council (Deputy Clerk, Finance Lead, Chair, Vice-Chair and Chairs of Committees) who had met prior to the meeting to discuss the tenders received for the Christmas lighting.

Members were supportive of the recommendation on which contractor to proceed with as made by the tender panel of officers.

RESOLVED:

THAT, the Christmas Lighting Contract be awarded to Contractor A (NDL Electrical) as recommended by the panel.

2798. WEBSITE

Members had before them a supporting paper which had been provided by the Assistant Clerk. The paper outlined research which had been carried out into various website providers and the costs of designing and implementing a new site for NCCC. Feedback had been received from members and the public highlighting this need for some time.

After consideration of the offerings of various providers, the recommendation of the Assistant Clerk based on usability and value for money was Contractor 1 (Web Factory) at a cost of £449+VAT and a monthly rolling service charge of £14.99+VAT.

RESOLVED:

THAT, Web Factory be chosen as the new web provider for NCCC, with a new website being designed and implemented.

2799. PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 4th February 2021 were presented to members.

RESOLVED:

THAT, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 4th February 2021 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 11th February 2021 were presented to members.

RESOLVED:

THAT, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 11th February 2021 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on



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2800.	ASSETS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
	The minutes of the meeting of the Assets and Facilities Committee held on 23 rd February 2021 were presented to members.
	RESOLVED: THAT, the minutes of the meeting of the Assets and Facilities Committee held on 23 rd February 2021 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.
	Cllr Hastings, as chair of the Assets and Facilities Committee, wished to thank members for their attendance and contributions during his tenure as Chair.
2801.	REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES
	Members had received reports recently provided by IWALC from the NCCC IWALC representative prior to the meeting.
2802.	MEMBERS QUESTIONS
	Cllr Brodie asked Cllr Price if he was aware of a letter from the leader of the IWC where he refers to plans for further housing development in the eastern part of town as the only area this could be likely to happen would be potentially within Newport North. Cllr Price responded by saying that he was aware of it but believed this was referring to the potential development on the County Hall site.
	Cllr Coburn asked if a moments silence could be observed following the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh as this had not happened at the beginning of the meeting. A minute's silence was observed by all members. Cllr Martin also requested a letter of condolences be sent on behalf of NCCC. The Clerk will send this letter on behalf of the council. Cllr Coburn requested that members consider a donation of £500 be made to the Isle of Wight Air Ambulance due to

RESOLVED: THAT, NCCC donate £500 to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

2803. HEALTH AND SAFETY

No matters reported.

2804. FAREWELL TO COUNCILLORS NOT STANDING AGAIN



Members expressed deep thanks and farewells to members Coburn, Craven, Hastings and Hollis who are not standing for re-election at the upcoming Community Council elections. Fond memories of their time in the council were shared and appreciated alongside advice for the new members joining the council in May.

2805. NEXT AGENDA

IW Festival

To be sent to the Clerk.

2806. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting shall be held on Monday 17th May 2021. Venue to be

The next meeting shall be held on Monday 17th May 2021. Venue to be confirmed.

The clerk requested members patience for the next meeting, as it will be the first meeting under the new conditions, and also when implementing new guidance on holding face to face meetings.

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CHAIR