

# LYNTON & LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM.**

**PRESENT:**                   **Councillors:**  
C Sleep   (Mayor)  
J Atherton  
A Martyn  
J Patrinos  
B Peacock  
A Rodway

**Officers:**                   Finance Officer, Town Council Secretary

### **196/21           PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

### **197/21           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Hibbert, Harding, Hawkins, Hobbs, Logan and Pearce, Town Clerk and Councillor Atherton would be late.

### **198/21           DECLARATION OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Rodway declared an interest in item 6c as he has the grazing rights in the Valley of Rocks

### **199/21           MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 28 October 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **200/21           POLICE REPORT**

There was no police report.

### **201/21           COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **a. Solicitors Letter regarding a claim on LLTC**

This claim was received early November and relates to a tourist slipping on the grill by Rock House.

*Councillor Atherton joined the meeting.*

#### **b. Funding Letter from North Devon Records Office**

North Devon Records Office are requesting financial support to enable them to continue in Northern Devon. The alternative is that the records go to Exeter which will make them inaccessible for many people. It was

#### **RESOLVED**

To offer NDRO £100 for the financial year 2022/23.

#### **c. Request from Green Spaces Dark Skies project to hold event in Valley of Rocks in 2022**

This event would take place in late May 2022, at dusk and would be filmed with no

live audiences. Lumenators will carry a specially created piece of portable low-impact lighting technology to experience some of the most amazing UK landscapes at dusk. At the heart of this, Green Space Dark Skies is creating more awareness around the responsibilities to and for the land and aims to connect and educate people in ways to become better guardians for our landscapes, whilst highlighting the fragility of our natural habitats and eco-systems. It was

**RESOLVED**

To find out more, especially with regards to numbers of people in Valley of Rocks who would attend. This would be deferred to Full Council in December.

*Councillor Rodway abstained from voting.*

**202/21 PLANNING ITEMS**

*Councillor Patrinos reminded members that as in all planning matters, when he obtains additional information on applications when attending Exmoor National Park Planning Committee this may necessitate him changing his views*

**a. 62/41/21/029LB – 3 Castle Heights, Lynton**

Listed Building Consent for the installation of secondary glazing to all windows. It was

**RESOLVED**

To support the application.

**b. 62/41/21/030 – 19 Grattons Drive, Lynton**

Proposed first floor roof terrace to rear of building and associated development. It was

**RESOLVED**

To support the application.

**c. 62/41/21/032 – 3 Cross Street, Lynton**

Proposed first floor extension to rear of building. It was

**RESOLVED**

To support the application.

**d. 62/41/21/033 – The Tors Hotel, Tors Park, Lynmouth.**

Proposed erection of bin storage area and installation of electrical sub-station. It was

**RESOLVED**

To have no objection to the application subject to a favourable report from North Devon Councils Environmental Officers on the impact of the bins on adjacent residences.

*With Members permission, Chairman brought forward item 9, Committee Reports.*

**203/21 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RESOLVED**

That open reports of the following committees, having been circulated, be noted and recommendations contained therein adopted.

**204/21 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND AGREEMENT OF PRECEPT**

It was

**RESOLVED**

To defer this item to Full Council December so that all Members could vote on this.

**205/21 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Councillor Peacock met with G McVittie of Exmoor National Park to discuss the grey squirrel assessment on Hollerday Hill. This is with a view to reintroducing Red Squirrels, and cutting down on the risk to our local songbirds.

Councillor Atherton has still not heard about the housing motion sub-committee, and is awaiting a date of meeting.

**206/21 MOTIONS**

None had been received.

**207/21 NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

Councillor Patrinos updated members on the following subjects.

NDC refuse crews, the possible Green Lanes sale, Household Support Fund, Test & Trace Support Fund.

**Questions**

None

**208/21 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councillor Davis attended and talked her report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

**Questions**

Councillor Peacock asked when Exmoor House would be open properly, and as staff are still being encouraged to work from home, this would not happen for a while.

**209/21 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

As Town Clerk is on sick leave, there is no report.

**Questions**

There were none.

**210/21 QUESTIONS**

There were none.

# Lynton and Lynmouth Town Council

## County Councillors report

### November 2021

#### Coronavirus updates from Devon County Council

The link below may be of interest to residents with the situation changing and many interested in what is happening locally this link is a useful starting point for questions and the current situation in Devon.

The link takes you to the Covid-19 pages on the Devon County Council Website, it has daily updated information as to positive cases within the area, information about testing and track and trace.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/coronavirus-data/>

#### Waste and Recycling

The 2020/21 performance statistics have recently been published and Devon's recycling rate reduced to 55.3% from the previous year's 56.6%. The reduction can be linked to the provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) which closed for seven weeks during the first lockdown commencing end March 2020. Subsequent social distancing measures reduced site capacities, closure of resale shops and the introduction of booking systems also impacted on the amount of waste processed leading to a reduction in recycling performance.

East Devon once again achieved the highest recycling rate amongst Devon's Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) with 60% marginally down from previous years 60.5%. The other seven WCA figures as follows: Teignbridge (55.9%); Torridge & West Devon (55.2%); South Hams (54.7%); Mid Devon (53.7%); North Devon (49.5%) and Exeter (27.8%).

While our recycling centres recycling performance remains high at 72%, 2020/21 saw a small reduction from previous year (75%). Reductions across all streams were noted for Devon's HWRCs, notably organic material down 22%. The closure and restrictions to HWRC re-use shops last year resulted in a 64% reduction in sales, equating to 666 tonnes less material resold to members of the public – all HWRC re-use shops have now re-opened.

#### Families on Free School Meals- Christmas arrangements

Over the past year Devon County Council have provided supermarket vouchers worth £15 per child per week of the school holidays to families who qualify for free school meals, so their children don't go hungry.

For Christmas, this is being doubled, with an extra one-off £30 supermarket voucher, so families will receive a £60 voucher per child for the two-weeks to help with the additional financial pressure the festive period can bring.

[You can find out more about the free school meals holiday voucher scheme on our website.](#)

Children currently receiving benefits-related free school meals and their families can also take part in our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme for free over the Christmas break. It aims to provide a wide range of fun and enriching activities and nutritious food in a safe and sociable environment for children and young people to develop new skills or knowledge and try out new experiences, make friends and have fun.

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It's part of a £5 million pound programme the Council has organised with money from the government's new Household Support Fund to help people who are struggling this winter.

Help with food and utility costs is also available via the government's Household Support Fund, with applications being made through local district councils. The scheme, which runs until Thursday 31 March 2022, can also be used for things like emergency boiler and heating repairs and housing costs. For more information [please visit the Household Support Fund page on our website.](#)

We have also partnered with Citizens Advice Devon to help eligible households using pre-paid meters who are struggling to meet their fuel bills. For more information [please visit the Citizens Advice Devon website.](#)

#### Bus Service Improvement Plan

Very many thanks to the Parish Councils who took part in the high level consultation in the summer.

After taking the proposal arising from the feedback to Cabinet in October we have now published our BSIP (Bus Services Improvement Plan) on the Travel Devon website: [National Bus Strategy - Devon's Response - Travel Devon](#)

#### What happens next?

This is now with the DfT, who will assess it, alongside other BSIPs submitted from local authorities around the country. They will then allocate us a proportion of the £3billion Bus Back Better funding pot. We haven't been given an indication of when we might hear about this, but anticipate it not being before December.

Once we have been notified of our funding allocation (hopefully all of the funding we have asked for!), we will go out to a full public consultation on the plan – we now anticipate this will be January/February - before commencing delivery of the plan from next April onwards.

In the interim we will be starting the process of forming an Enhanced Partnership with our bus operators, and will also be kicking off the consultation process with some focus group sessions, specifically to find out views from individuals with protected characteristics (such as the young people and those with learning or physical disabilities).

## **Road Closures**

**Lynton Cross** all going well, the road closure has changed- Iron Letters to Lynton Cross is now closed to allow the other side of the roundabout to be built. Anticipated finish is 10<sup>th</sup> December. (weather permitting)

### **Reminder about reporting a highway problem:**

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

telephone: 0345 155 1004

**One network**, shows future roadworks in each place; <https://one.network/>

### **Drains locators and frequency of inspection (cleaning);**

<https://apps1.wdm.co.uk/Live/Devon/PBLC/PIP/map.aspx?cg=kaarb>

**Location of and faulty street lights**, <https://www.lightsonindevon.co.uk/Public/ReportFault.aspx>

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