

# **LYNTON & LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM.**

**PRESENT:**                   **Councillors:**  
C Sleep   (Mayor)  
S Hibbert   (Deputy Mayor)  
J Atherton  
A Hobbs  
L Logan  
A Martyn  
J Patrinos  
B Peacock  
A Rodway

**Officers:**                   Finance Officer Town Council Secretary

### **166/21           PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

### **167/21           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Harding and Hawkins, County Councillor Davis, Town Clerk and The Police

### **168/21           DECLARATION OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillors Hibbert and Peacock declared an interest in item 6b, Planning item 62/41/21/026 – The Caravel, 14 Lynmouth Street.

### **169/21           MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 30 September 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **170/21           POLICE REPORT**

The police sent apologies as they could not attend, however they sent in a report. The crimes for September were 8 and only 1 so far in October. They have been aware of the damage to the Memorial Hall toilets and have requested this be reported officially.

### **171/21           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. WTCA 21/19 – Tors Park Apartments, Countisbury Hill, Lynmouth**

Works to trees in a Conservation Area – T57 Sessile Oak – Fell to ground level, the said Oak is located adjacent to the affordable homes they will be building on the top car park. This Oak will be causing access issues, felling of this tree is required to enable progress with construction of these properties. It was

#### **RESOLVED**

To refuse the application as it does not appear to be a Health and Safety

issue and more information is needed to ascertain the reason for this removal.

**b. 62/41/21/026 – The Caravel, 14 Lynmouth Street, Lynmouth**

Proposed extension to rear of shop. It was

**RESOLVED**

To have no objection to the application.

**172/21 COMMUNICATIONS**

**a. COP 26: CEE Bill Three Outcomes Campaign**

The three outcomes are

1. Create a Joint Emergency Strategy for Climate and Nature
2. Commit to the Carbon Budget for 1.5C
3. Go Nature Positive by 2030

It was

**RESOLVED**

That Council would sign the campaigns open letter to the UK Government.

**173/21 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RESOLVED**

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

**Estates and Amenities Committee**

**13 October 2021**

Minutes 152/21 – 158/21

**Policy and Finance Committee**

**20 October 2021**

Minutes 159/21 – 164/21

**174/21 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Councillor Hibbert reported that she has received a painting which has been gifted to the Town Hall. The artist is William Edward Croxford 1851-1926, a great uncle of the donor, who was a member of the Newlyn School and exhibited at the Royal Academy on three occasions. The painting is of the Rhenish Tower and will be displayed in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Peacock attended Exmoor National Park Landscape Advisory Committee (which he does every 6 months) and he will forward the minutes around to Members.

Councillor Rodway advised Members he has called a meeting to discuss allotments. This will take place on 10 November 2021 at 2.30pm, in Town Hall. He also advised Members that three quotes have been received regarding replacing the putting hedge in Lynmouth.

Councillor Atherton has heard nothing about the housing motion sub-committee, and is awaiting a date of meeting. Councillor Hawkins would be contacted.

**175/21 MOTIONS**

None had been received.

**176/21 NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

Councillor Patrinos updated members on the following subjects.

NDC refuse crews, local dentist, Openreach and housing.

**Questions**

Councillor Logan asked Councillor Patrinos about outstanding rubbish/recycling equipment.

**177/21      DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Councillor Davis sent in her report as she wasn't able to attend. A copy is attached to these minutes.

**Questions**

There were none.

**178/21      REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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

**Questions**

There were none. However Members wished to record their good wishes to Town Clerk and a speedy recovery.

**179/21      QUESTIONS**

There were none.

Meeting closed at 19.48

Chairman

# Lynton and Lynmouth Town Council

## County Councillors Report

### October 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/>

If you are six months and one week from your second vaccination you can have the booster, you can book this by calling 119. I strongly suggest this is a very good idea!

#### **Queens Green Canopy.**

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 this project invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations.

Communities and Groups - The Queen's Green Canopy ([queensgreencanopy.org](https://queensgreencanopy.org))

So far there is one tree in North Devon! It would be great to see East Down on the map.

If LLTC or any other community group in Lynton and Lynmouth are interested I am happy to help fund this.

#### **Highway engagement with Parish councils.**

The Parish Council will shortly receive a letter regarding "Doing What Matters" and how planning highway maintenance links with this important project. DCC will pilot a new way of working. The aim is to understand the routes within the parish which residents/visitors feel are the most important and gain more valuable local knowledge within the Highway team.

Currently DCC use technical data from specialised vehicles which travel along the network of roads and scan them for defects/weaknesses. Local knowledge from Parish Councils and other road users also feeds into this and would like the parish council to have an input into what you consider to be the priority routes within the parish together with any known issue such as drainage.

I will be sending out a map of the parish and will be asking ask that you identify the top 2 priority routes within the parish and any locations of known drainage issues that you would like to be investigated/considered. In identifying your routes it would be good if you could consider the following points:

- What routes you think are most used and important to your residents/visitors
- What problems you are aware of on the road/footway
- Which roads/footways you feel need to be maintained within the Parish in priority order
- If you are aware of any drainage problems
- Special events/dates when we should avoid undertaking works
- Issues which people raise with you in relation to highway maintenance

There will be other highways issues that you would like us to consider such as speeding, vegetation and signs but at present we would like the parish to focus on the maintenance of the roads within the parish.

This is just a 'heads up' to what will be coming to you and gives you some time to think about the routes which are your top 2 priority routes.

#### **Funding available for organisations to support self-isolating residents**

Devon County Council is launching a new fund to help community organisations provide practical, social and emotional support to Devon residents self-isolating due to COVID-19.

The grants of up to £5,000 for small projects and £20,000 for larger projects can be used to help those self-isolating with any caring responsibilities; accessing food and other supplies; practical tasks such as dog walking; and mental health and wellbeing support to address things like loneliness and boredom.

Groups can also use the money to improve their community's awareness and understanding of the government's self-isolation rules, including when you need to self-isolate, how long for, what it involves and why it is a vitally important part of slowing the spread of COVID-19, as well as what

The legal requirement to self-isolate for ten days if you test positive for coronavirus, or you are an unvaccinated contact of someone who does, remains a critical part of breaking the chains of transmission by preventing those who are infected from mixing others and passing on the virus.

This financial support to the organisations that are doing innovative and inspiring work to reach people within their communities, particularly the most vulnerable, and help them to remain well-connected and resilient as we face the challenge of managing coronavirus over the winter.

To help ensure vital support reaches those who need it most, the council has identified particular communities that could be prioritised, including areas of socio-economic deprivation; multi-generational and high occupancy households and occupations with high COVID-19 exposure risk as well as Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups, certain religions, faiths and nationalities linked to increased risk and people with disabilities or impairments. They are also keen to focus funding on under-represented communities such as LGBTQ+ and trans or non-binary gender, Gypsy, Roma and Travellers, migrants, asylum seekers and refugees and people with dependencies on drugs or alcohol in contact with services or experiencing homelessness and rough sleepers.

Applications will be accepted from constituted and not-for-private-profit voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector groups and organisations, town and parish councils, charities, very small groups who have no independent bank account (who have an eligible sponsor) or a combination of such groups working together. Devon County Council is working in partnership with Devon Communities Together and the wider voluntary and community sector to support community groups wishing to access this fund.

For more information about the COVID-19 Outbreak Management Grant, including how to apply, please visit [devon.cc/outbreak-management-grant](https://www.devon.gov.uk/outbreak-management-grant)

**Reminder about reporting a highway problem:**

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

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