

LYNTON & LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 29 JULY 2021 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: **Councillors:**
 C Sleep (Mayor)
 J Atherton
 D Harding
 L Logan
 J Patrinos
 B Peacock
 A Rodway
 A Seckleman

Officers: Town Clerk and Town Council Secretary

Also Present: County Councillor A Davis

Absent: P Hawkins

104/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

105/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Hibbert, Hobbs and Pearce

106/21 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

107/21 MINUTES

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 24 June 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Mayor.

108/21 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Cleverdon was not able to attend, however she sent in a brief report. There have been 3 crimes recorded so far for July, and she reported about the rise in the theft of catalytic converters from vehicles in Barnstaple, South Molton and Somerset area, so it is best to be aware of this growing problem.

109/21 COMMUNICATIONS

a. Strongroom Cricket Club

A request was received from this Cricket club for Councils permission to allow some of the club to camp at the cricket club ground after their match on 26 September 2021. It was

RESOLVED

To allow Strongroom Cricket Club to camp there after the match.

b. Biosphere Nature Plan

North Devon's UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Partnership is launching a major initiative to support nature's recovery across northern Devon, as part of tackling the global ecological emergency. There is a Declaration for Nature's Recovery on line which is being adopted by Parish and Town Councils, and a Nature Recovery Plan

which sets out the priorities for Natures Recovery and the actions that the partners of the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere will be pursuing with the community. It was

RESOLVED

To sign the declaration if, after a week, no Councillor has any objection.

110/21 COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED

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

Estates and Amenities Committee

14 July 2021

Minutes 090/21 – 096/21

Minute 094/21 Planning Application 62/41/21/019 – Valley of Rocks Picnic Site

Councillor Peacock felt the reason for the resolution was incomplete. He stated at the site meeting the works were not explained in their entirety, i.e. no mention of banks being formed, big rocks being placed in situ.

Minute 095/21 Hockey Fields. As some visitors used the cemetery field as an overflow car park recently, which worked very well, Members discussed the possibility that this could be a solution for the parking issues. This was voted on and agreed. There was an amendment, therefore it was

RESOLVED

That the cemetery green could be used only for this season in light of the staycation situation.

Policy and Finance Committee

21 July 2021

Minutes 097/21 – 103/21

Minute 102/21 – ENPA Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme

Councillor Patrinos spoke about this item in more depth and explained each protected landscape will receive funding via a set formula that Defra has developed. The application window in the first year is from 1.7.21 – 31.1.22.

111/21 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

112/21 MOTIONS

There were none.

113/21 NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Councillor Patrinos reported:

- He had put a notice in the Lyn Valley News about the possible dentist surgery.
- Restructuring was taking place at NDC, which will make it more effective.

Questions

114/21 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Questions

There were none.

115/21 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk reported:

- External auditor discovered a typo on the AGAR form which reversed a figure from 2019 return. Therefore it was

RESOLVED

To acknowledge this and authorise the initialled amendment for return to the auditors.

- A meeting took place with the planners regarding Manor Foreshore and the new position of the pay and display machine. The speed humps and signs are completed (on 29/7/21). Additional planning needed for repositioning machine due to impact on Lynmouth Manor Listed Buildings. Overrides the safety risk

assessment.

- Broadband contract is due for renewal with a 'complete wifi' service included for an additional £1.46 per month, Council authority is needed to confirm, to be renewed under Town Clerks delegated powers.
- Causeway marine survey completed, including recovery of data showing no impact if it is not rebuilt, where 40m fell into the sea. Legal opinion does not support rebuild either, now awaiting NDC strategic decision on rebuilt/repair.
- Goat Roundup dealt with, 40 goats. Thanks to all the volunteers. Vet report animals remain healthy and well managed.
- Bunting from Welcome Back Fund has arrived and distributed to LSC for use in Lynmouth and to Old Town Lynton.
- Robeda will be working on Council Chamber window either Friday 30 July or Monday 2 August, weather dependant.
- To very public votes of thanks on local social media for staff members, Glenn Dallyn, CEO and Paul "Scruff" Holsgrove of the workforce. Great praise for both them and what they do.

Questions

116/21 **QUESTIONS**

A question was raised about the Barbrook sign and who would erect the sign. The workforce would be spoken to.

Meeting closed at 20.00

Chairman

Lynnton and Lynmouth Town Council

County Councillors report July 2021

Two key consultations:

Peninsula transport- Shaping the future of Transport across the South West

I would be very grateful if the Parish Council would consider responding to the consultation please. it would be good to hear from residents and businesses too so please do share the message.

Peninsula Transport is the shadow sub-national transport body (STB), bringing together the five lead transport authorities in the Peninsula (Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay) to work directly with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the strategic transport priorities for the region. Formed in 2018, it is a partnership established to transform transport and boost economic growth for the Peninsula.

The work of Peninsula Transport considers the following key areas:

- Resilient road and rail networks to support connectivity to its key markets in the Midlands, the north of England, London and international gateways at Heathrow, Gatwick and Southampton as well as access to our regional airports and ports
- Impact of technology and innovation in supporting our urban and rural mobility challenges
- Infrastructure investment needed to unlock housing development and create accessible enterprise areas
- Take a regional lead in the transition to decarbonisation of the strategic transport network

The first priority for Peninsula Transport is the development of a regional transport strategy, which plans and prioritises strategic infrastructure across the peninsula over the next thirty years. As part of this work, Peninsula Transport has produced a high-level vision document setting out the goals that will ultimately define the overall direction and principles of the full regional transport strategy. The high level vision will be consulted on throughout the summer into September to ensure that the vision is shared with those across the peninsula and determine if the goals meet the needs of those using the network.

Vision and Goals

The key challenge for the Peninsula is to strengthen strategic links to keep pace with the rest of the UK, reinforcing connectivity and maximising opportunities to boost productivity. Transport is a vital part of every day life and therefore a transport strategy needs to be bold and ambitious, delivering a transport system that works for people, businesses and the planet.

The vision for the peninsula is: “transforming transport across the peninsula, enabling our society and economy to thrive and our unique and outstanding environment to flourish.”

The vision is underpinned by the following five goals:

- • We will improve connections between people, businesses, and places
- • We will enhance resilience of the transport network
- • We will deliver affordable, zero-emissions transport for everyone
- • We will help to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the peninsula
- • We will help the peninsula to be a great place to live and work

The Consultation

The consultation will open week commencing 12th July and will close week ending 17th September 2021.

www.peninsulatransport.org.uk.

What happens next?

Once the consultation has closed, Peninsula Transport will use the feedback to inform the full strategy. A number of supporting studies are either underway or planned to support the transport strategy and our website will be updated as the programme progresses. We expect to publish our transport strategy in 2022, setting out our proposals for the delivery a transport system that works best for people, businesses and the planet.

The consultation is on the website: , www.peninsulatransport.org.uk, or you can contact us by emailing info@peninsulatransport.org.uk.

Bus Back Better

I am asking for help in shaping the future of bus services in Devon, to do this an understanding of the current network and how it works for residents of Lynton and Lynmouth would be helpful.

In March, the government announced a new National Bus Strategy - Bus back better - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Alongside the delivery of this strategy, Devon County Council have committed to working with our local bus operators to form an Enhanced Partnership by April 2022, and to writing a joint Bus Service Improvement Plan by October 2021.

Following the publishing of the Bus Service Improvement Plan in October there will be a full public consultation.

online survey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NYQBJCS>

Funding available to help Devon's communities reconnect, rebuild and recover

Community-led facilities and activities, like many things, were quickly suspended during the onset of the national coronavirus lockdown.

As the country begins to return to some degree of normality, Devon County Council is keen to help local communities get back to doing the things they love safely and confidently, so we have created a special fund to support them.

The Reconnect Rebuild Recover Community Fund will provide grant funding of up to £1,000 for smaller projects and between £1,000 and £3,000 for larger projects that help local people to reconnect, rebuild and recover their community-led facilities and/or social activities.

It will support community-led initiatives that:

- encourage a range of people to participate in activities that improve their physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing
- provide safe community-led transportation links and services which encourage and help people to re-connect and re-socialise safely within their communities

- encourage people to develop skills and learning through volunteering their time, knowledge and expertise to help and support the facilities and/or social activity and the people using them

You can find out more, including how to apply, on the Devon County Council website.

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/>

Upcoming Highway works

I did mention a couple of months ago I had requested repair works in Lynbridge following that there will be road surface repair works in Lynbridge after the school holidays, (I think you will all be relieved to hear), most likely October avoiding the half term, I don't have exact dates yet.

Reminder about reporting a highway problem:

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

telephone: 0345 155 1004

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