

LYNTON & LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT:

Councillors:	
C Sleep	(Mayor)
S Hibbert	(Deputy Mayor)
J Atherton	
D Harding	
P Hawkins	
A Hobbs	
L Logan	
J Patrinos	
B Peacock	
A Rodway	
A Seckleman	

Officers: Town Clerk and Town Council Secretary

133/21 PRESENTATION BY WILL BOWDEN – LYNMOUTH SAILING CLUB

As Trinity House are decommissioning the traditional lamp optics at Foreland Point Lighthouse, and going over to LED, the opportunity has arisen for the sailing club to become custodians of the old optics. Will Bowden outlined their ideas for displaying the optics and has identified a site. This item will be deferred to Estates & Amenities on 13 October for debate and Councillors views.

134/21 PRESENTATION BY HELENA PAYNE, PLEASUREDOME THEATRE CO

Helena Payne attended to talk to Members about her revised grant application, and to contextualise her budgeting and project management and their work as a company so far. This was discussed by Members under minute number 145/21 Policy & Finance committee.

135/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public attended to ask about the latest news on Allotment plans. Chair of Estates informed him that a meeting is planned, but a date has not been fixed yet. The member of public also wanted more information on Lydiate Lodge application.

136/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Pearce and County Councillor Davis

137/21 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

138/21 MINUTES

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 29 July 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Mayor.

139/21 POLICE REPORT

There was no member of the police present.

140/21 ASSIGNMENT OF ROCK HOUSE LEASE

Clerk sought authority from Members to instruct solicitor (at tenants' expense, Council cost

neutral). It was

RESOLVED

To give Clerk authority to instruct solicitor.

141/21 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

Membership is due for renewal and it was

RESOLVED

To renew membership.

142/21 GEORGE LOVERING – 70TH BIRTHDAY & RETIREMENT PARTY

The Barnstaple Beadle, George Lovering had sent LLTC an invitation to his birthday and retirement party. Town Clerk would attend and it was

RESOLVED

That in recognition of all he had done, to send an LLTC tie and Councils good wishes.

143/21 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. 62/41/21/025LB – Convent of Poor Clares, Lee Road, Lynton

Listed building consent for the proposed installation of 3 no. balanced flues and associated fittings through existing timber window to serve 3 no. internal boilers for central heating systems. It was

RESOLVED

To support the application.

b. 62/41/21/024 – Lydiate Lodge, Rock Lodge Park, Lynton

Proposed demolition of existing former care home and erection of 9 no. dwelling houses. Brought from Estates and Amenities where It was Recommended to defer this item to Full Council to await more consultee reports, which were not forthcoming and the outcome of an affordable housing meeting, where there was no meaningful update. It was

RESOLVED

To refuse the proposals on the grounds of the adverse impact upon the amenity of neighbouring properties contrary to local plan policies GP1(f) and CE-S6(g), and in terms of massing, scale and height CE-S6(a). To refuse for reasons of unacceptable levels of traffic that would be generated relative to the site's road access, prejudicing road safety, contrary to policy AC-D2 (1,2).

An amendment was proposed to reject purely on the highways report, this was not seconded.

Voting commenced on the original proposal and this was carried, with Councillors Atherton and Patrinos abstaining.

144/21 COMMUNICATIONS

a. South West Water

A letter has been received concerning remedial works to Lynmouth treatment works.

b. Exmoor National Park

Email from the Ranger thanking LLTC for the support for this year's activities.

145/21 COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED

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

Policy and Finance Committee

15 September 2021

Minutes 125/21 – 132/21

Minute number 130/21, Pleasuredome. After further discussion and hearing Pleasuredome presentation, It was

RESOLVED

To offer pleasuredome £500 Grant.

146/21 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councillors Atherton and Patrinos met with Openreach , who confirmed around 85% of properties now have access to superfast fibre. This project should reach its conclusion in early 2022.

Councillor Rodway reported that an allotment meeting would be organised.

Councillor Atherton attended the AGM of North Devon Hospital trust.

Councillor Harding reported he was working with Openreach to try to cause as little disruption as possible when they work on North Walk for 7 days from 22 November.

147/21 MOTIONS

A motion was received from Councillor Hawkins, as follows:

MOTION TO DECLARE A HOUSING EMERGENCY

Background.

£243,007

Average house price in North Devon is 12x the average salary

£55,544

How much you need to earn in North Devon to get an 80% mortgage

£20,394

North Devon average wage

North Devon is facing an 'acute housing crisis' with the average house costing 12 times the usual salary.

The current rise in the housing market and the huge boom in holiday lets, second home and air BnB is seriously depleting the available rental market leaving many members of our community unable to access affordable, secure, long-term rented accommodation.

Ultimately this will cause fracturing of families and a decline in our communities.

It was

RESOLVED

1. That Council acknowledge the pressures caused by second homes and holiday lets on the ability of members of our community to access adequate affordable secure housing.
2. Declare a housing emergency and commit in principle to do all in our power to address it.

Councillor Hawkins would set up a Housing Crisis committee.

Councillors Peacock and Seckleman abstained from voting.

148/21 NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Councillor Patrinos did not have anything new to report.

Questions

There were no questions.

149/21 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.

150/21 REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk reported:

- North walk would be closed for the week of 22 November, for excavation to clear blockages/gully/cabling.
- Watersmeet Road will be closed for 2 weeks from 1 November for works to clear blockages with potential excavation, new duct, gully sucking, desilting and fibre cabling.
- Exmoor National Parks would assist in funding application process for the Nature Reserve
- Manor House fence is ready for installation
- Car park managers meeting was attended and there would be no increase in charges for the next year.

Questions

There were none.

151/21 QUESTIONS

Establish sub-committee for housing to be led by Councillor Hawkins, supported by Councillors Atherton and Patrinos, and to include members of the public.

Meeting closed at 20.50

Chairman

