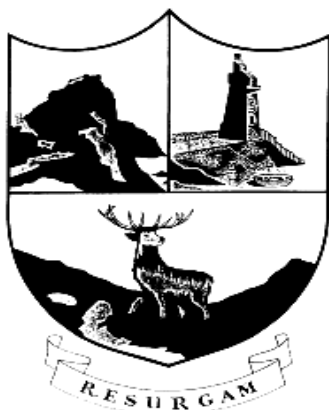


LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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QUALITY TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2025

*Town Hall
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Lynton
North Devon EX35 6HT*

Tel: 01598 752384

The 7 principles of public life

Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership

d. Post Tensioned Bridge Inspections on behalf of Devon County Council

In April for a duration of up to 8 weeks, there will be road bridge inspections taking place at Hillsford Bridge, Barbrook and Lynmouth, and traffic management systems will be in place.

198/25 COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED

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

Estates and Amenities Committee

12 November 2025

Minutes 177/25 – 183/25

Minute number 182/25 d, was raised for County Councillor to speak, therefore Standing Orders were suspended. She explained that the drivers needed their rest breaks, without passengers on the bus and that DCC would probably fund a bus shelter. Standing Orders were reinstated.

Minute number 182/25 c, was raised and It was

RESOLVED

To charge the wood fired sauna operative £20 per session and give her permission to operate as she suggested, through the winter months. The Lynseals Sauna project is ongoing and more information will be forthcoming in the spring.

Policy and Finance Committee

19 November 2025

Minutes 184/25 – 191/25

Minute number 184/25 Acting Chair of P&F, it was

RESOLVED

Cllr Patrinos takes the chair, relieving Cllr Hobbs

199/25 NORTH DEVON ASSETS

Chair informed Members of a meeting to discuss the Assets with Deputy Chief Executive of North Devon Council, has been arranged for 11 December 2025. In addition to Mayor, Town Clerk and Cllr Pugsley attending, Cllrs Logan and Patrinos have requested to attend also. Councillor Rodway is now unable to attend.

With Members permission, Chair brought forward item 13, Devon County Council

200/25 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Davis attended, and submitted a report which is attached to these minutes.

Questions

Councillor Peacock asked about the bridge works at Hillsford Bridge, Lynmouth and Barbrook.

201/25 BUDGET PROPOSALS 2026/7

The discussion continued, with some alterations made to the draft budget. Additions including:

- Town Hall income
- Lower VOR car park income
- Town Hall electric budget

Reductions including:

- Premises Foreman repairs for Cemetery, Manor Green and Town Hall
- Mayors Allowance
- Manor Green equipment
- VOR tree works

These changes will achieve a £9500 reduction in precept from that at the start of the meeting.

Changes of note in Reserves are:

- Some of the vehicle repair reserve to replace small tools and workforce equipment
- Rhododendron reserve for Tree Works and Surveys

It was

RESOLVED

To agree to the 2026/27 budget and agree to 36.42% increase in precept, which increases by, on a band D property, £41.49 per year. The updated budget will be appended to the signed minutes.

202/25 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Nothing to report

203/25 MOTIONS

There were none

204/25 NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Councillor Patrinos reported on changes to the NDC trade waste collection.

Questions

No questions

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205/25 REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk sent in apologies, and there was no report.

206/25 QUESTIONS:

No further questions

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman

Lynton and Lynmouth Parish Council Meeting – 27/11/2025

Police Report:

October/November 2025 = 2 Reports (Report from 28/10/2025 – 25/11/2025)

November 2025

- Public Order – Verbal abuse in street – No further action due to lack of evidence.
- Fraud – Counterfeit note used in shop – Intelligence submission following series of incidents across North Devon.

Following a fatal road traffic collision on Saturday 22nd November the following media appeal has gone out across numerous mediums:

APPEAL | We are appealing for witnesses and information following a fatal road traffic collision on North Walk Hill, in Lynton, Devon.

Officers were called at around 1.15pm on Saturday 22 November to reports of a collision involving a white Renault recovery truck and a man.

A 23-year-old man from the Plymouth area, who had become trapped under his own vehicle, was sadly pronounced deceased at the scene.

His next of kin have been informed.

The road was closed while emergency services dealt with the scene. It was reopened in the early hours of Sunday 23 November.

If you witnessed the incident or have any information or dashcam footage that could help with enquiries, please contact us via our website or by calling 101 quoting log number 343 of 22/11/25.

Can anyone who witnessed or has evidence of the incident please assist with the investigation.

Kind Regards.

Scott Elliott

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North & West Devon LPA / NEW Devon BCU

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**Lynton and Lynmouth Town Council
County Councillors report
November 2025**

Local Infrastructure & Public Safety Updates

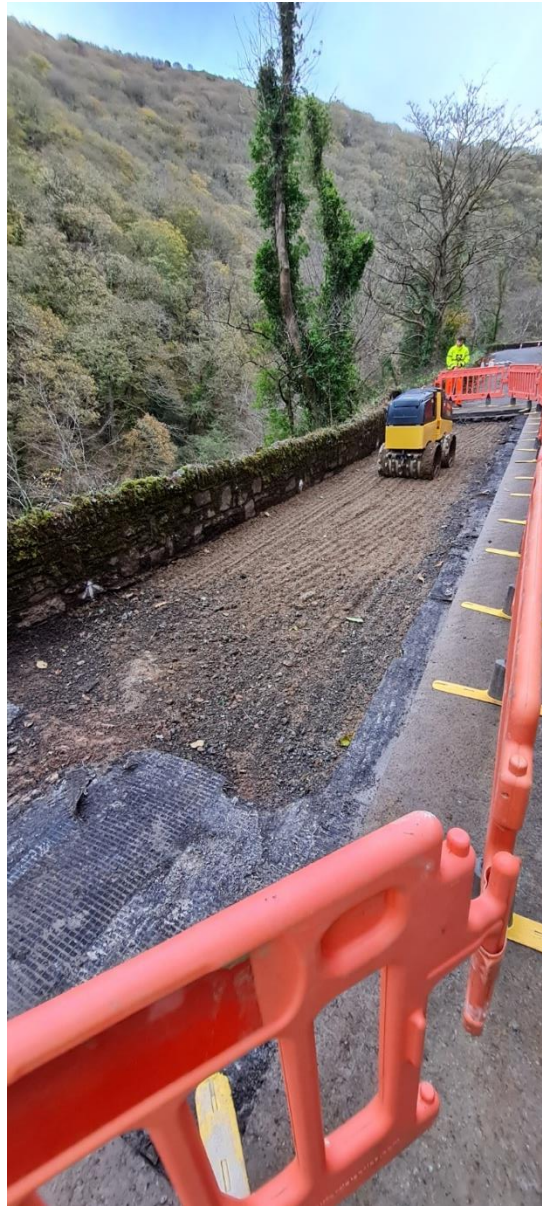
1. A39 Watersmeet Road Retaining Wall Works

I am pleased to report significant progress on the A39 Watersmeet Road retaining wall project. The contractor has been working hard to complete the two necessary retaining walls.

- **Status:** The parapets for both walls are now complete. The final element of this phase is laying the road surfacing. The team is also carrying out a temporary repair on a section of road cracking, which will be logged for a more permanent engineering fix in a future programme.

- **Completion & Reopening:** This crucial work is scheduled to be fully complete, and the road closure removed, by the end of this week, Friday, November 28th.





2. Police Incident: North Walk Hill

I regret to have to report on a tragic incident that occurred recently in our area. Police officers were called to North Walk Hill at approximately 1.15 pm on Saturday following reports of a collision involving a white Renault recovery truck and a man. A 23-year-old man from the Plymouth area, who had become trapped under his own vehicle, was sadly pronounced deceased at the scene. My thoughts, and I am sure the Council's, go out to the man's family and friends at this devastating time. A police investigation into the circumstances of the collision is ongoing.

B. County-Wide Restructure: Devon Unitary Proposals

The process for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Devon is currently at a critical juncture, with several competing proposals being formally submitted to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities by the deadline of Friday, November 28, 2025.

The Four Primary Unitary Proposals submitted for Devon are based on three distinct models:

1 The one Devon County Council model

2 The Three seven District Council way split known as the 4-5-1

3. The four way split; Plymouth Exeter and Torbay Councils

Timeline for Government Response

The period for local proposals is now closing. The next steps in the process, as outlined by the Department, are:

1. Statutory Consultation: The Government will examine all proposals received and is expected to decide which one(s) will proceed to statutory consultation with stakeholders during the first half of 2026.
2. Final Decision: A final decision on the preferred model for Devon is anticipated by the Summer of 2026.
3. Vesting Day: Should a proposal be backed, the new authority/authorities would typically hold shadow elections in May 2027 before formally taking on all powers and responsibilities (Vesting Day) on April 1, 2028.

Highway Defects

With the winter fast approaching it is more likely there will be defects in the highway network, this includes streetlights and signs.

[Report a problem - Roads and transport](#)

The DCC website is very useful for reporting problems and the reports go straight to the contractor. Alternatively the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Please do get in touch if you think I can help with anything; Andrea.davis@devon.gov.uk

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