

LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL, ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7PM

Present:

Councillors	
J Patrinos	(Acting Chairman)
J Atherton	(Vice Chairman)
M Care	
A Hobbs	
L Logan	
V Pugsley	
A Rodway	

Not on this committee: S Richards

Officers: Town Clerk and Town Council Secretary

**THE MEETING STARTED WITH A MINUTES SILENCE FOR COUNCILLOR
PHIL HAWKINS, WHO HAS SADLY PASSED AWAY**

266/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

267/25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions, although 5 Members of the Public were present.

268/25 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Logan declared an interest in item 5c, Payments.

269/25 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 January 2026 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

270/25 MATTERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

- a. **INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT – January 2026**
Committee **RESOLVED** to adopt the January 2026 Income & Expenditure report.
- b. **BALANCE SHEET – Month 10**
Committee **RESOLVED** to receive the Balance Sheet for Month 10.
- c. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS for Payment**
Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise Finance Officer to make payments as listed in the report.

271/25 MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- a. **Trade waste**
Councillor Hobbs updated committee. NDC's u-turn means trade waste will carry on, however there will be no trade recycling, apart from small premises.

LTC are still looking at the idea of one contractor doing all local trade waste, and many local businesses have expressed interest.

Councillor Rodway joined the meeting

- b. Tennis Court Fundraiser for New Court Surface**
Committee discussed in full, the request by Tennis club for a donation in the form of hall hire for the clubs fundraiser evening. As Council policy only supports two events free from hire charges (Seniors and Childrens Parties) Councillor Logan proposed a figure of £500 to help the tennis club, and it was **RECOMMENDED**
To agree to Cllr Logans proposal.
- c. Christmas Shopping Weekend 2026**
Committee discussed the request for free parking in Lynton and Lynmouth for the Christmas Shopping weekend (28 and 29 November 2026), as per previous years, and it was **RECOMMENDED**
To agree to this request.
- d. Local Government Reorganisation Consultation**
The public consultation on the various Devon Local Government reorganisation proposals has started and views from Town and Parish Councils are being sought. After discussion it was **RECOMMENDED**
Any response from this Council must state new local government reorganisation should not further disadvantage rural coastal and isolated areas.
- e. Valuation/Rent Reviews – Council Properties**
.As Town Clerk is in receipt of fee quotes from the engaged surveyor, he is seeking authority to go ahead. It was **RECOMMENDED**
To give Town Clerk authority to go ahead, so Members will then know the rental value of the three Council properties.
- f. Council Policies**
.As the Social Media policy is due for review, this has been brought to committee to discuss any changes. It was **RECOMMENDED**
To defer this review for twelve months maximum, to give the new Marketing and Communications Officer a chance to see if any amendments need to be made.

272/25 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- a. Council Bankers**
Notice has been sent regarding changes to their fees and charges.
- b. ENPA Development Management Update**
Exmoor National Park have sent information and statistics on their performance regarding planning and enforcement cases for 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Chairman