

LYNTON & LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2026 AT 7PM.

PRESENT: **Councillors:**
A Hobbs Mayor
J Atherton
M Care
J Patrinos
B Peacock
V Pugsley
S Richards
A Rodway

ABSENT: L Logan

OFFICERS: Town Clerk, Town Council Secretary

338/25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were questions regarding the Manor House, and these would be sent in to Council for more comprehensive answers.

Several people came to ask Council about the Tors Road parking query, and why it was going to be brought up for official review with Devon County Council again. The 4 residents of Tors Road, each gave an impassioned speech as to why this residents parking was necessary for them.

339/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Manning and Wakeham, County Councillor Davis and PC Elliott.

340/25 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations received prior to the meeting.

341/25 MINUTES

RESOLVED

Minutes of Full Council held on 26 March 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Mayor.

342/25 POLICE REPORT

PC Elliott sent in apologies, but submitted his report which is attached to these minutes.

343/25 COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Upcoming Works, Cross Street Car Park** – notice of repair works to Cross Street Car Park parapet wall 11 May – 5 June 2026
- b. **Devon Air Ambulance** – annual survey of landing site (Holman Park) has taken place.
- c. **Devon County Council Draft Order.** Disabled parking and Control of waiting proposed order 43/6275

344/25 COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED

To receive the reports of the following Committees:

Estates and Amenities Committee**8 April 2026**

Minutes 321/25 – 327/25

Personnel Committee**15 April 2026**

Minutes 328/25 – 330/25

Policy and Finance Committee**15 April 2026**

Minutes 331/25 – 337/25

345/25 TOILET UPDATE

Town Clerk updated Members on the purchase of Lower Lyndale Toilets which is now complete.

346/25 CIVIC SERVICE/HARVEST FESTIVAL

Lyn Valley Mission sent through some dates of their availability for the combined Civic Service and Harvest Festival, and after discussion, it was

RESOLVED

This will take place on Sunday 4 October 2026.

347/25 PAYROLL SOFTWARE

Information item: the Payroll software has been updated and has saved a considerable sum over the year. It does not affect any of the other accounting systems.

348/25 MANOR HOUSE

Town Clerk had spoken to the tenants and will update Members further regarding rent arrears in part 2. He also pointed out the guardian of the property is going to tidy the gardens and dispose of the rubble.

349/25 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councillor Rodway reported on the recent harbour sub-committee meeting, and the minutes are attached to these minutes.

Councillor Patrinos and Town Clerk attended a remote meeting about parish clustering, which could become a reality due to the future local council reorganisation (LGR).

350/25 MOTIONS

There were none

351/25 NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Councillor Patrinos submitted his report which is attached to these minutes.

Questions:

Councillor Peacock asked about Lynbridge Car Park. This will be an agenda item on the next Estates and Amenities.

352/25 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Davis sent in apologies but sent in her report which is attached to these minutes.

Questions:

Councillor Rodway asked about the proposed bus shelter in Lower Lyndale car park.

Town Clerk informed Members the plans are with a contractor but a bin would need to be re-sited.

353/25 REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk worked through his report (attached)

Questions

Councillor Peacock asked whether there had been correspondence from Pleasuredome regarding the performances in the Valley of Rocks this summer.

Councillor Atherton had questions regarding the resignation of the Marketing and Communications Officer. These will be answered in Part 2.

354/25 QUESTIONS:

No further questions

After part 2, the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman

Lynton and Lynmouth Parish Council Meeting – 30/04/2026

Police Report:

April 2026 (Report from 25/03/2026 29/04/2026)

April 2026:

Domestic incident – Incident included counter allegations – Under investigation/Safeguarding.

Theft – Items taken by opportunist thief – Under investigation.

Please can the Parish residents be made aware that since the oil price spike it is worth mentioning to the community the increased risk of fuel theft. This includes diesel tanks, heating oil and even theft of fuel from farm machinery. There has been a marked increase in reported incidents, predominantly on A&S patch of Exmoor. Parishioners should consider making sure that heating oil tanks are alarmed or have locks covering filler holes, farm gates are kept closed and preferably locked during the hours of darkness and that farm machinery is kept in secure yards as opposed to being left at the roadside or unattended fields.

Kind Regards.

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Lynton and Lynmouth Town Council
County Councillor's Report
April 2026

As there are elections in Exeter we are in a pre election period

Library Consultation

Thank you to everyone who responded. There has been an overwhelming response with over 25,000 responses, some limited feedback from officers at DCC, the special scrutiny meeting was yesterday, there were some recommendations made for cabinet but as we hadn't been given the results of the consultation it was a pretty meaningless exercise. At cabinet on May 21st hopefully the members will be furnished with the results of the consultation. At that meeting we were told that the cabinet will also decide on a long term vision for libraries in Devon.

It remains that I do not see the point of this exercise when DCC will cease to exist and the new authority (ies) will be responsible for library services.

Highway Defects and road closures

Road closures can be seen at [Causeway one.network](#)

[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

Andrea

North Devon Council News

13th April 2026

The Iran war has driven up energy prices, especially for those with oil heating, which are mainly in rural areas like ours. If you are in a low-income household you might be able to get financial support through North Devon Council's Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF). This fund runs from April 2026 to the end of March next year and has been introduced to provide immediate crisis support for people who have suffered a financial shock, such as the doubling of heating oil costs. It isn't available to everyone, just those that meet the criteria, but it might well be you.

This is part of a national shift toward cash-first assistance, improved accessibility, and partnerships with local organisations to better support residents in hardship. Residents will be able to receive support from the CRF in other areas in addition to heating oil:

- Crisis Payments
- Housing Payments
- Resilience Services
- Oil/LPG Heating payments

To find out more ring the Council on 01271 388870.

North Devon Council has launched a renewed crackdown on dog fouling as part of its Clear Messages initiative - another attempt to address the environmental issues that matter most to residents. Dog fouling continues to be one of the most frequently reported problems received by the council's Environmental Health team. Beyond being unpleasant, dog mess poses health risks, particularly to children, impacts play areas and parks, and can cause tension between neighbours.

However, attention is mainly directed at the areas that report most! I know there are often problems in our area but they aren't reported to NDC frequently enough to get us the attention we deserve, instead it goes to Ilfracombe and Barnstaple. So please report any and all dog fouling to NDC providing photographs, locations and other details such as descriptions or vehicle registrations where it is safe to do so. If possible, this can also include a photo of the dog and its owner, but only if it can be done without putting yourself at risk. Evidence from the public is vital in helping NDC identify repeat offenders and issue penalties.

As usual, councillor's surgeries continue to be on the first Saturday of each month. Next is 2nd May. They are in the Jubilee Room at Lynton Town Hall. I'll be there from 11am to 1pm, while Mayor Adrian Hobbs of L&L will be there from 10am to midday. Please come and talk to us.

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TOWN CLERKS REPORT

April 2026



AGENCY UPDATE

- **Harbour** – Workforce replaced corroded shackle identified by Z (14/4/26). All papers ready for review/adoption at May Harbour Board what has become a significant portfolio. Minor Spill Pollution Kit ordered to arrive prior to opening Safety Boathouse. Q4 Harbour Safety Audit completed with NDC Officers
- **Staff Appraisals** – Quarter 1 reviews completed and to be written up.
- **Car Parks** – Both CEO's have new Body Worn Video Cameras ready for training after an intense Easter with aggressive behaviours experienced from customers. Lining and posts protecting wall corners to be done Lower Lyndale.
- **Water Quality** – New signage provided by NDC was installed by Agency Workforce with advice/guidance on pollution incidents at Blacklands Beach. Volunteers have been found to place Environment Agency Warning signs in the board when LTC not operating

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Second Asset inspection for year 2025/26 completed by Chair of Estates and Town Clerk – Report will be submitted to Estates & Amenities Committee in May

Surveyor completed Rent review for 3 LTC Manor area properties with site visit 8 April - reports awaited

Three insurers now engaged in tendering for Council Insurance for June 2026 renewal
Advert for new Comms & Marketing Officer closed at noon – 14 applicants

COUNCIL PROPERTY

- **Toilets** – Lower Lyndale freehold transfer complete. Requested new switches as present ones faulty. Bins in Bottom Meadow need fixing to wall and spare toilet rolls Town Hall relocated as being used to prop doors open, stopping access payments. New Hand Driers to be installed Bottom Meadow.
- **Putting Greens** – Green specialists engaged have brought area back to good standard using approved techniques
- **Manor House** – Town Clerk working with tenants on future business planning

Events: Saturday 2 May – Maverick Trail Running Event start & Finish – Caffyns Farm via Manor Green and Watersmeet. **Sunday 3rd May** – Classic & Custom Motorcycle event: Lynmouth 1pm – 4pm

Emergency works/spending this month:

Green Specialists treat Putting area to regain quality

Kevin A Harris – Town Clerk – April 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HARBOUR SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT LYNTON TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026 AT 5.00PM

Present

Councillors

A Hobbs (Chairman)
A Rodway

Absent

L Logan

Officers

Harbour Master
Harbour Board Independent Member – P Minoli
Town Clerk, Town Council Secretary

Also in attendance:

W Bartlett
W Bowden
A Browning

1. APOLOGIES for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Patrinos, and harbour users J Gubb-Fradgley, B Dyer, A Glover, R Perry, N Davey

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 28 January 2026 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed as such by the Chair

4. NDC HARBOUR BOARD

Harbour Board minutes of 10 February 2026 are available on North Devon Council website(link below)

<https://democracy.northdevon.gov.uk/documents/g3099/Printed%20minutes%2010th-Feb-2026%2014.00%20Harbour%20Board.pdf?T=1>

Next meeting of the Harbour Board will be on 12 May 2026 in Bath Hotel, Lynmouth

5. MOORINGS ALLOCATION

There was nothing to report.

6. HARBOUR SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

The Marine Risk Assessment was shared with harbour users. Harbour Master gave an explanation of the scoring of risk factors to those present at the meeting. She also informed the users SL audit will be going to the board at its next meeting.

7. HARBOUR MAINTENANCE

- Town Clerk reported the workforce have completed re-pointing work on the inner wal of the harbour. The external face will be addressed at the end of the se

8. USERS WORKING GROUP

- P Minoli updated those present about the document on harbour etiquette and good working practice. He hopes to get this document underway once some of the papers have been brought to the Harbour board meeting for a decision.
- Harbour Master has asked that 'towage' is included in this document (limits, capabilities etc). W. Bowden will put something together.,

9. SAILING CLUB

- The Official opening of the boathouse will be on Sunday 10 May 2026, all welcome
- Raft Race will be held on the bank holiday weekend in August. Sailing Club will submit a proposal to Council regarding making a gate/break in the fence alongside Manor Green to allow easier access to the river by the rafts. This will be placed on the Estates and Amenities agenda (13 May 2026).

10. NEXT MEETING

Will be held on ***Wednesday 19 August 2026 at 6pm in Lynton Town Hall.***

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm

Chairman