

# **LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTATES AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN LYNTON TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2026 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:**                      **Councillors**  
L Logan            (Chair)  
A Hobbs  
T Manning  
J Patrinos  
B Peacock  
S Richards  
A Rodway  
L Wakeham

**Officers:**                      Town Clerk and Town Council Secretary

### **039/26            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

### **040/26            PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were 2 members of the public present.

### **041/26            DECLARATION OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Wakeham declared an interest (prior to the meeting) in item 6d, raft race railings as her husband is a director of the Sailing Club.

### **042/26            MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That minutes of Estates & Amenities Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2026, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

### **043/26            MATTERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

#### **Election of Vice Chair**

Councillor Hobbs proposed Councillor Manning to be Vice Chair, Councillor Richards Seconded, and after a unanimous show of hands it was

#### **RESOLVED**

Councillor Manning to be Vice Chair of Estates and Amenities for the ensuing municipal year.

### **044/26            MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

#### **a. Current Works Schedule**

Committee ratified prioritisation of works and associated costs.

There was further discussion on:

- Town Clerk meeting with Environment Agency
- Large stones in harbour removed (they were damaging bottom of boats)
- Councillor Hobbs spoke about a seat in Russell Gardens, to be placed on Works Schedule
- Councillor Peacock spoke about adhering to No Mow May in certain areas around the Parish
- Councillor Rodway spoke about tree guards and the gate at the allotments which needs re-hanging.

- Councillor Peacock would like to see the recent tree report as there is a tree on Snowball that possibly needs work.

**b. Rhododendron Management**

An invoice was submitted for the spot spraying of rhododendron regrowth, and committee discussed the contractor's suggestion that the frequency of spraying should take place every other year rather than annually. It was

**RECOMMENDED**

To accept the invoice and to agree to every other year spraying, however this would be checked after one year. This decision will also be revisited at budget setting time.

**c. Town Hall Stonework**

Committee have looked at the experts report on the necessary repairs to the stonework of the Town Hall and it was

**RECOMMENDED**

To agree the costs and to give the go ahead for these necessary works.

**d. Raft Race Railings**

Town Clerk read a communication from a Senior Building Control Inspector, which stated that as the railings are exempt to the Building Regulations, there are no requirements to comply with part K, as was suggested at a previous meeting.

*With Members permission Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow a Member of the public to speak*

P Minoli said as the part K regulations clearly do not apply as it is not a building, he would like to have the issue of a part of railing removed for the raft race and then reinstated, to be reconsidered.

*Chairman reinstated Standing Orders*

It was

**RECOMMENDED**

To give the go ahead, as long as during the event, these railing changes are covered by Sailing Club Risk assessment and insurance, and that after the event all is returned to its original, or better, state.

**e. Rubbish in Lynmouth**

This item was reported at Full Council. Rubbish bins are overflowing from evening use giving the workforce extra work. Town Clerk will liaise with local traders for them to provide extra bins. He will also liaise with North Devon Council Environment Team to obtain stickers for the dog bins, which state that normal bins can also be used.

**f. Toilet Meter Readings**

Committee was presented with a spreadsheet of toilet water meter readings, which will be used as a benchmark when the use of grey water is on trial.

**045/26      MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

**a. Planning Decisions:**

**EXM/26/062/FULL– White Rose Cottage, Queen Street, Lynton**

Proposed formation of roof garden on existing flat roof together with access hatch.

Retrospective

**APPLICATION REFUSED**

**EXM/26/019/FULL – Shelley’s 8 Watersmeet Road, Lynmouth**

Proposed reinstatement of retaining wall and stone wall. Retrospective

**APPLICATION APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**EXM/26/017/LBC – The Crown Hotel, Sinai Hill, Lynton**

Listed Building Consent for the proposed light refurbishment of existing pub & restaurant, full refurbishment of hotel lobby lounge, conversion of existing games/billiards room to 2 new hotel bedrooms, new wrought iron external gate, conversion of existing former library room to 1 new hotel room, full refurbishment of bedrooms 8 and 9, redecoration of hotel corridors and all bedrooms, re-fitting of all hotel bathrooms, external repairs and redecoration of building, conversion of externally-accessed store room into new bin store, new external signage, new exterior lighting and refurbishment of trade area WC’s.

**APPLICATION APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**EXM/26/078/LBC – 1 Stockhill, Barbrook, Lynton**

Listed building consent for the proposed replacement of 7 no. windows

**APPLICATION APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

**b. Defra Announcement on White-Tailed Eagle Release**

Natural England have approved the release of the White-Tailed Eagle in Exmoor National Park.

**c. Sea Sauna Update**

News has been received that the new Sea Sauna will arrive in around six weeks.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chairman