



NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025 AT 64 HIGH STREET COMMENCING AT 6.45PM.

Councillors Present: Cllrs. Matthew Ambrosini (Vice-Chair), Geoff Brodie, Joanne Ballington, Andrew Garratt, Julie Jones-Evans, Vix Lowthion, Matthew Price, Terry Martin, Deborah Matthews and Sean Tiltman.

<u>Clerk:</u>	Josh Tombleson
<u>Public:</u>	2
<u>Outside Organisations:</u>	0
<u>Press:</u>	1
<u>Other:</u>	0

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members were joined by two residents of Hearn Street, within the Newport Central ward. The residents attended the meeting to ask for the council's support in addressing the dangerous parking and vehicle speeds within Hearn Street and adjoining roads. They explained to members that the police have been contacted and will not take any action, and although IWC parking services are supportive, attend the site and ticket vehicles accordingly, it has not deterred individuals from parking in the same manner and causing the road and junctions to become dangerous for both vehicles and pedestrians. Cllr. Jones-Evans provided a summary of progress which she has made, and is attempting to make, on the matter and that she will continue to be in dialogue with residents outside of the meeting to continue to progress towards further resolutions.

Cllr. Garratt arrived.

3477.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr. Oliver, Rippon and Smith. Vice-Chair, Cllr. Ambrosini, chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr. Oliver.</p> <p>Cllr. Garratt apologised for the late arrival.</p>
3478.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllrs. Brodie, Garratt, Jones-Evans and Price declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) as Isle of Wight councillors.</p> <p>Cllrs. Ballington and Brodie declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Pan Together as trustees of the charity.</p> <p>Cllrs. Ambrosini and Martin declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to Gunville as a member of the Gunville Community Association.</p>

	<p>Cllr. Jones-Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Newport businesses as Vice-Chair of Newport Business Association.</p> <p>No written requests for dispensation were received.</p>
3479.	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 3rd December 2024 were presented to members.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 3rd December be unanimously agreed and signed as an accurate record.</p> <p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>3469. Shaping Newport- Cllr. Lowthion said that she would be catching up with Cllrs. Matthews and Rippon regarding attendance at the Island Youth Conference later this month.</p>
3480.	<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Members were presented with payments made up to 31st December 2024 for approval.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the accounts paid in December 2024 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 31st December 2024.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the income and expenditure reports to 31st December 2024 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the balance sheet for December 2024.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the balance sheet for December 2024 be noted.</p>
3481.	<p><u>2025/2026 BUDGET</u></p> <p>Members received a paper, produced and presented by Cllr. Lowthion, which contained data to inform the upcoming 2025/2026 budget discussions.</p> <p>There was a long, productive, discussion amongst members, sharing their own personal views on both the councils current budget setting process, and indications as to what they may, and may not, support in the way of any increases in the precept for the forthcoming financial year.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie indicated that he would be submitting a 2025/2026 budget proposal, and it is expected that other proposals will be received from a combination of other members. These will all be submitted in time for full consideration at the February full council meeting, which will also allow for members to propose any amendments to be considered to any budget proposals which may be put forward.</p>
3482.	<p><u>SHAPING NEWPORT</u></p> <p>Cllr. Martin left the meeting.</p>

	<p>Members received an update on the Shaping Newport project from its representatives on the group.</p> <p><u>Creative Island Application to Arts Council England</u></p> <p>Members had before them a paper from Cllr. Jones-Evans, seeking NCCC to pledge £8000 from its allocated Shaping Newport budget, to support an application from Creative Island to Arts Council England for Place Partnership funding.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, NCCC pledge £8000 from its allocated Shaping Newport budget, to support an application from Creative Island to Arts Council England for Place Partnership funding.</p> <p>Cllr. Tiltman abstained.</p>
3483.	<p><u>2025 ELECTIONS</u></p> <p>Cllr. Brodie summarised the item and confirmed that an extension had been sought by the IW Council on behalf of town, parish and community councils, that elections are postponed until May 2026. This request was made to coincide with the IW Councils request to postpone its own elections, should it be successful in its expression of interest in response to the devolution white paper. Should town, parish and community council elections proceed on their own, it would cost a very large sum of taxpayer money to do so, and therefore it did not make financial sense for town, parish and community councils to proceed with their elections, if IW Councils are postponed. The council will know if it has been successful in its application by the end of January.</p> <p>Cllr. Jones-Evans requested that there be an agenda item at the February meeting of full council to look at the implications to members, specifically regarding the new councillor standards, should the devolution application be successful.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie said that if the elections are delayed until May 2026, then NCCC should endeavour to fill the co-option vacancy within Newport West. said about endeavouring to fill the co-option vacancy onto the Newport West vacancy once we have received confirmation from Government by the end of the month.</p>
3484.	<p><u>COST OF LIVING</u></p> <p>Cllr. Lowthion said that the Newport & Carisbrooke Community Support Fund continues to receive applications.</p>
3485.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No items to report.</p>
3486.	<p><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>No reports received.</p> <p>The Clerk noted that there is an upcoming IWALC meeting with the IW Council cabinet where the devolution white paper and the IW Councils application would be discussed. He asked if the NCCC representatives to IWALC would be attending. Cllr. Ambrosini confirmed that he would be attending.</p>
3487.	<p><u>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</u></p>

	<p>Cllr. Garratt declared an interest as a resident of the area and asked of the councils' interest in the supporting the adoption of an undefined path between Worsley Road and Blackthorne Close, as a public right of way. He suggested that NCCC extend their support to having this adopted as a right of way.</p> <p>Cllr. Price declared an interest as a user and resident of the local area.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, NCCC support the adoption of the path between Worsley Road and Blackthorne Close as a right of way.</p>
3488.	<p><u>HEALTH & SAFETY</u> No items to report.</p>
3489.	<p><u>NEXT AGENDA</u> Devolution and its impact on new Councillor standards</p>
3490.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING – DATE, TIME AND LOCATION</u> The next meeting of full council will take place on Monday 3rd February 2025, commencing 18:45 at 64 High Street.</p>

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CHAIR
