



NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023 AT 64 HIGH STREET, NEWPORT, COMMENCING 6.45PM.

Councillors Present: Cllrs. Andrew Garratt (Chair), Joanne Ballington, Geoff Brodie, Vix Lowthion, Terry Martin, Joe Lever, Martin Oliver, Matthew Price and Michael Smith.

<u>Clerk:</u>	Joshua Tombleson
<u>Public:</u>	0
<u>Outside Organisations:</u>	5
<u>Press:</u>	0
<u>Other:</u>	0

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3195.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs. Jones-Evans, Jordan, Price, Redrup and Smart.</p> <p>The Chair had received a letter from Cllr. Smart, which requested that members approve her apologies for absence and consider agreeing a leave of absence of 3 months to allow her recovery.</p> <p>It was noted by members that it had been previously agreed by the council that apologies would be noted, not approved, and therefore this request would be treated the same. Members were supportive of approving the leave of absence requested.</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u> THAT, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Smarts request for a 3 month leave of absence, to the 3rd of October 2023, be agreed.</p>
3196.	<p><u>VECTIS WOMBLES</u></p> <p>Members were joined by members of Vectis Wombles, an established Island wide litter picking group. Wendy Marshall, Vectis Wombles, provided an overview of how the group was established, where they operate, and a brief summary of the work carried out by the organisation. Wendy also took this opportunity to thank the community council for its support over recent times and for the donations of equipment which it has made to the group.</p>

	<p>The Chair thanked Vectis Wombles for the work they do and presented a certificate of appreciation to the organisation on behalf of NCCC.</p>
3197.	<p><u>64 HIGH STREET TENANTS</u></p> <p>Members were joined by Trevor Nicholas, Living Well and Early Help Service, and Vince Ward, Future Isle of Wight CIC. These are representatives from the two organisations which currently occupy the rentable units within the community council's premises, 64 High Street. The organisations took turns to provide an overview of their activities, and what they are looking to achieve during their time at 64 High Street.</p> <p>As Future IW CIC are not yet in place within the building, Cllr. Brodie asked Trevor, LWEH, how they had been finding the venue so far. Trevor said that it had been going well and they were seeing a decent, but not overwhelming, footfall. They had already had important crisis conversations with visitors. He said it was important that they offer this face-to-face service and not just provide telephone/online support.</p>
3198.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllrs. Brodie, Garratt, Lever and Oliver 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 a trustee of the charity.</p> <p>Cllrs. Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Gunville as members of the Gunville Community Association.</p> <p>No written requests for dispensation were received.</p>
3199.	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting Full Council held on 5th June 2023 were presented to members.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 5th June 2023 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.</p> <p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3200.	<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Members were presented with payments made during June 2023 for approval.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the accounts paid in June 2023 be unanimously approved.</p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 30th June 2023.</p>

	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the income and expenditure reports to 30th June 2023 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the balance sheet for June 2023.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the balance sheet for June 2023 be noted and signed by the Chair.</p>
3201.	<p><u>LONE WORKING POLICY</u></p> <p>Members had before them an updated version of the Lone Working Policy for consideration and adoption.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the updated Lone Working Policy is adopted.</p>
3202.	<p><u>64 HIGH STREET</u></p> <p>Members received a verbal update on 64 High Street from the Clerk, which included observations regarding the general footfall, positive comments received from members of the public, and expressions of interest in the remaining rentable unit. The Clerk has also been holding meetings with Island based cultural organisations who may be able to assist with future exhibitions, exhibits and workshops. It is hoped that a follow up meeting will be held in the near future to discuss any ideas which they may have.</p> <p>An update on the co-working space, in partnership with Building 41, was requested. The Clerk said that he was still waiting on signage and advertising from the project officer. He had also attended a meeting with the other spokes where feedback on the project so far was shared, and spokes were asked if there was interest in continuing beyond the end of September. This discussion will be followed up closer to the end date.</p>
3203.	<p><u>COST OF LIVING</u></p> <p>Cllr. Brodie informed members that Pan Together had been successful in their application to have transferred across to themselves the remaining unspent funds for debt advice work, which the Law Centre had received from the Community Lottery Fund. This will allow Pan Together to provide some of the debt advice and support which has been missing since the Law Centre closed on 31st March 2023. Some of the main support services they will provide will be assisting housing tenants to apply for debt relief orders.</p> <p>The initial funding will allow them to provide these services for 6 months, but they are hopeful that they will be able to access different funding streams beyond this date to allow their important work to continue. They have employed a former Law Centre employee to carry out the work, and by August they should be able provide the same offering as what was previously provided by the Law Centre. Initially support will only be able to be provided to the residents of Newport and Carisbrooke, however they are training up more people so that they can in time open the service to people Island wide.</p>

	<p>Cllr. Brodie said that the Community Larder, managed by Pan Together, continues to be massively needed, but also received praise from the IW Council for the way it is being run as a model example.</p> <p>Cllr. Price arrived at 19:37 and declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to the IW Council as an IW Councillor.</p>
3204.	<p><u>HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE</u></p> <p>Next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 19th July; therefore, members will receive an update from its representatives following the meeting.</p>
3205.	<p><u>SHAPING NEWPORT</u></p> <p>Cllr. Brodie and Cllr. Smith had attended the latest Shaping Newport Forum. Cllr. Brodie said that the forum was poorly attended, and it had made him wonder what the partnership would achieve if it wasn't for the funds which NCCC contribute each year, and reminded members that this is sizeable in comparison to the council budget. The focus of the meeting was to reflect on the outcomes of the most recent survey. More information will come out in due course from the project officer.</p> <p>The Clerk told members that as part of Shaping Newport's attempt to gather further data into the impact of the Newport free parking pilot, a draft survey had been constructed by the project officer, which will be sent to Newport businesses soon. Newport Business Association had requested that the project officer remove one of the questions, which asked businesses if they would consider contributing to the continued provision of the scheme in the future. They felt that this would deter businesses from responding. The Clerk said to members that he had shared his thoughts on this to the project manager and felt this should be left in as businesses are the main beneficiaries and this would provide valuable information for future assessments by the council prior to committing further funds. The Clerk asked members if this was a view that they were supportive of. Members confirmed that this information would be useful and that the clerk should indicate this view was also shared by members.</p>
3206.	<p><u>ASSETS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>The chair of the committee, Cllr. Price, presented the draft minutes of the committee held on 20th June 2023.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the Assets & Facilities committee meeting held on 20th June 2023 be noted.</p>
3207.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No items to report.</p>
3208.	<p><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>Cllr. Price recently attended a meeting of the trustees of Carisbrooke Castle Museum. He was pleased with how the meeting went and that the other attendees were an enthusiastic group of people. He feels this engagement will be useful going forward from a heritage perspective.</p>

	<p>IWALC- Cllr. Garratt attended the recent IWALC AGM. He provided an overview of some of the discussions which took place, however as this was an AGM there was a formal agenda and election of officials and representatives took place. He made members aware of some of the individuals who were appointed to key positions of interest but said that full notes will follow once available. Cllr. Garratt is keen to work with IWALC to see how it can operate more strategically and collectively going forward.</p>
3209.	<p><u>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</u></p> <p>Cllr. Price spoke about lack of publicity for NCCC during the recent National gallery visit, and although a joint press release had gone out from IW Council, little was said about the contribution NCCC made by hosting the event at 64 High Street. Members agreed that this was disappointing. Cllr. Brodie followed this up by indicating that publicity is an area which the community council needs to see improvement and put himself forward to support with press releases.</p>
3210.	<p><u>HEALTH & SAFETY</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3211.	<p><u>NEXT AGENDA</u></p> <p>Any items which members wish to be included as part of the next full council agenda should be sent to the clerk in good time in the usual way.</p>
3212.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Full Council will take place at 64 High Street on Monday 4th September 2023, commencing at 6.45pm.</p>

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CHAIR
