



# NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT DOWNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMENCING AT 6.45PM.

Councillors Present: Andrew Garratt (Vice-Chair), Matthew Ambrosini, Joanne Ballington, Geoff Brodie, Julie Jones-Evans, Robin Jordan, Joe Lever, Vix Lowthion, Terry Martin, Martin Oliver, Matthew Price, Ray Redrup and Michael Smith.

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

### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

<b>3125.</b>	<u><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></u>  Apologies were received from Cllr. Smart.
<b>3126.</b>	<u><b>PARKHURST &amp; HUNNYHILL COUNCILLOR VACANCY</b></u> A selection process from 2 applicants had taken place ahead of the meeting, for the co-option of a councillor for the Parkhurst & Hunnyhill Ward. Robin Jordan was the unanimous choice for co-option. Cllr. Julie Jones-Evans was not present at the co-option meeting, although was present for the meeting of Full Council.  <b>RESOLVED: THAT, the co-option of Robin Jordan as a Councillor for Parkhurst &amp; Hunnyhill be confirmed.</b>  Cllr. Jordan signed the declaration of acceptance of office.  Cllr. Lowthion left the meeting at 18:49.
<b>3127.</b>	<u><b>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</b></u> Cllrs. Brodie, Garratt, Jones-Evans, Lever, Oliver, Price and Redrup declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) as Isle of Wight councillors.  Cllr. Ballington and Brodie declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Pan Together as a trustee of the charity.

	<p>Cllr. Jones-Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Newport Businesses as a member of Newport Business Association.</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>No written requests for dispensation were received.</p>
3128.	<p><b><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></b> The minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were presented to members.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> <b>THAT, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> February be agreed and signed as an accurate record.</b></p> <p><b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>3113. Road Safety- Cllr. Garratt informed members that he had received response from Cllr. Phil Jordan, IWC Cabinet member for Highways, offering a meeting to discuss the issues which members have identified regarding pedestrian safety in Newport. Cllr. Garratt extended this invitation to the two ward councillors, Cllrs. Jones-Evans and Lowthion, and Cllr. Smith who had raised the issue.</p>
3129.	<p><b><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></b> The finance lead, Cllr Brodie presented. Members were presented with payments made during February 2023 for approval.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> <b>THAT, the accounts paid in February 2023 be unanimously approved.</b></p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> <b>THAT, the income and expenditure reports to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be noted.</b></p> <p>Members received the balance sheet for February 2023.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> <b>THAT, the balance sheet for February 2023 be noted.</b></p> <p><b><u>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT BUDGET</u></b> Cllr. Jones-Evans provided a brief update on the plans for how the Youth Engagement budget is to be utilised.</p> <p>Platform One will be hosting a day of “Inside the Industry” seminars at Quay Arts Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> April. The seminars will be run by 6 experienced professionals, and will look to view, discuss, and debate the key factors of the modern music industry. Evening session also open to the public.</p>

	It was noted by members that the British Indie Rock Band “Wet Leg” were from Platform One.
<b>3130.</b>	<p><b><u>64 HIGH STREET</u></b></p> <p><b><u>PROGRESS REPORT</u></b> Members had before them a written update on the improvement and development works taking place at 64 High Street.</p> <p><b><u>CO-WORKING ENVIRONMENT</u></b> Members had before them a draft tenancy agreement between the Isle of Wight Council and NCCC, for 64 High Street to provide a co-working environment, as a spoke to Building 41, for a 6 month period. Members were asked to consider the agreement and indicate how they would like the clerk to proceed.</p> <p>Cllr. Jones-Evans abstained from the vote due to her involvement in Building 41 as IWC Cabinet Member for Regeneration.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> <b>THAT, the tenancy agreement is to be agreed for a 6-month period from the initial date of entry. The Clerk to finalise terms.</b></p> <p><b><u>FUTURE SHOPLET USEAGE AND MANAGEMENT</u></b> The lead member for 64 High Street summarised the item for members, who were then invited to share their views on what they wish to see occupy the shoplet units, so that potential tenants can be found and discussions held with a view to tenancy being offered.</p> <p>Members were forthcoming with their aspirations and a general consensus that they would like to see a mixture community/support organisations and start-up entrepreneurs occupying the spaces, with priority being given to the former.</p> <p>Cllr. Price suggested that one unit could be offered to the Newport Business Association for a short period.</p> <p>It was proposed that 3 members be nominated to be on a panel who would vet potential tenants, and a draft letting policy and suggested schedule of tenants be brought back to the April meeting of Full Council for approval.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> <b>THAT, A panel is formed consisting of Cllrs. Brodie, Garratt and Jones-Evans, to vet prospective tenants for the shoplets, and produce a 6-month schedule of tenants in time for the April meeting of Full Council for approval. The Clerk will circulate a draft lettings agreement following the meeting for members to make comment, ahead of this being presented to the April meeting of Full Council for consideration of approval.</b></p>
<b>3131.</b>	<b><u>COST OF LIVING</u></b>

	<p>Cllr. Jones-Evans provided an update to members on the opening of the new Community Pantry which has been opened at Newport Congregational Church.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie provided an update on the fantastic work being completed by Pan Together and the impact which their Community Larder has had on residents, including the need for the service which has been demonstrated. He provided figures that showed the growing need for the Community Larder.</p>
<b>3132.</b>	<p><b><u>SHAPING NEWPORT</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>It was reported that Newport Business Association have submitted an application to National Lottery Awards For All, to enable them to put on a Coronation event, with the support of Platform One.</p>
<b>3133.</b>	<p><b><u>ASSETS &amp; FACILITIES COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The chair of the committee, Cllr. Price presented the draft minutes of the committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.</p> <p>Cllr. Jones-Evans requested an amendment to the minutes as she had provided apologies for the meeting which were not recorded.</p> <p>Members discussed the Worsley Road playing field, which is a longstanding agenda item for the committee. Cllr. Price provided a brief update outlining his attempted conversations with Newport Grammar School Charity regarding the field. He reported that they are currently unwilling to enter any formal discussions over the use of the field. Cllr. Price will hold further discussions with the two ward members, Cllr. Garratt and the newly appointed Cllr. Jordan, over the field and consider the next steps as they consider the field to be an asset of community value. Members were concerned at how the Newport Grammar School Charity are fulfilling their charitable purpose in respect to how they are currently managing the unused space.</p> <p>Cllr. Garratt ensured that members were comfortable with him proceeding in these discussions given his general interest as a resident of Worsley Road opposite the field. Members confirmed that they were comfortable with his involvement.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the minutes of the Assets &amp; Facilities committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February be noted, with the inclusion of the apologies provided by Cllr. Jones-Evans.</b></p>
<b>3134.</b>	<p><b><u>PLANNING &amp; CONSULTATION COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The chair of the committee, Cllr. Lowthion, presented the draft minutes of the committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the minutes of the Planning &amp; Consultation committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February be noted.</b></p>

<b>3135.</b>	<b><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></b> The clerk said that he had been made aware of 3 large removal lorries at Dower House surgery, on 1 <sup>st</sup> March. The clerk has contacted the surgery, including the Operations Manager and Practice Manager, however is yet to receive a response. Cllr. Brodie offered to assist the Clerk in establishing contact and update from the surgery regarding the site.
<b>3136.</b>	<b><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u></b> No reports from outside organisations.
<b>3137.</b>	<b><u>MEMBER'S QUESTIONS</u></b> Cllr. Price asked if NCCC can invite Newport Business Association to 64 High Street once completed and potentially offer for them to hold one of their meetings at the property. A short presentation could also be provided to them to outline how the building will be used in the hope of getting their engagement. Cllr. Jones-Evans, a member of the association, will speak to them at their next meeting.
<b>3138.</b>	<b><u>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</u></b> The Clerk reported that a group of youths had been climbing onto the wall at Post Office Lane and walking on the roof of the adjacent properties, and into the service areas for both the public conveniences and substation. He has spoken to the owners of the properties and permission has been given to NCCC to apply anti-climb paint to try and deter this.
<b>3139.</b>	<b><u>NEXT AGENDA</u></b> 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.
<b>3140.</b>	<b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b>  The next Full Council meeting will be held on Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, commencing at 18:45 at The Pavilion, Newport Victoria Recreation Ground.

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