



NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023 AT 64 HIGH STREET, NEWPORT, COMMENCING FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

Councillors Present: Cllrs. Andrew Garratt (Chair), 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>	1
<u>Other:</u>	1

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3157.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ambrosini, Ballington and Smart.
3158.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</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. Brodie declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Pan Together as a trustee of the charity. Cllr. Jones-Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Newport Businesses as a member of Newport Business Association. Cllr. Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Gunville as members of the Gunville Community Association. No written requests for dispensation were received.
3159.	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u> The minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 3 rd April 2023 were presented to members. <u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 3rd April 2023 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.

	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>3143. Dower House Surgery- Cllr. Brodie said that a positive meeting had been held between members and Sarah Judge, Business Manager for Newport Health Centre. Regular meetings will continue going forward.</p> <p>3151. Meetings with the police- It was noted that the clerk has set up regular meetings with the police starting on 5th June.</p>
3160.	<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Members were presented with payments made during April 2023 for approval.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the accounts paid in April 2023 be unanimously approved.</p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 30th April 2023.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the income and expenditure reports to 30th April 2023 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the balance sheet for April 2023.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the balance sheet for April 2023 be noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie, lead member for finance, noted the new format for the balance sheet, which will be signed off by the Chair following the meeting each month, alongside the RFO. Cllr. Brodie also made members aware that the annual insurance premium has increased to £8,372.69.</p> <p><u>GRANT APPLICATION</u></p> <p>Members had before them a grant application from Xtreme Explorer Scout Unit for £500 to support the costs of an expedition trip to the Cotswolds. Cllr. Brodie provided a summary of the funds available in the monthly donations budget and that it would equate to £400 per month being awarded. He would advise against awarding more than this each month.</p> <p>Cllr. Smith proposed that £400 be awarded to Xtreme Explorer Scout Unit.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, £400 be awarded to Xtreme Explorer Scout Unit.</p> <p>Cllr. Oliver, Vice-Chair, requested that applicants provide a summary during the year as to how the funds were spent and any success stories which come about as a result of the grant.</p> <p><u>Bike2Work</u></p> <p>Members had before them a paper which had been produced by the clerk, summarising the Bike2Work scheme, requesting that members consider opting NCCC into the scheme.</p>

	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, that Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council opt into the Bike2Work scheme, set a quotation limit of £2000 and that employees become eligible to participate in the scheme after completing 12 months of permanent, continuous employment.</p>
3161.	<p><u>64 HIGH STREET</u> The Clerk provided a brief verbal update on the move to 64 High Street and the activities which are taking place to get the building in a position to open. Members thanked the staff and key members who had been involved in the project for all of their hard work to date and look forward to the future of the building.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie, lead member for finance, said that a financial report will be produced and be made available over the coming months once he has had an opportunity to review it with the RFO.</p>
3162.	<p><u>COST OF LIVING</u> Cllr. Smith noted that applications into the Newport & Carisbrooke Community Support Fund had reduced. Cllr. Brodie noted that Pan Together had seen a general increase week on week since the community larder opened.</p> <p>Newport Congregational Church have now opened their community pantry.</p>
3163.	<p><u>HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE</u> Members received a verbal update from Martin Gibson, Project Manager for The Highstreet Heritage Action Zone as part of the preceding Annual Parish Meeting. No further comments were made on the item from the HSHAZ representatives.</p>
3164.	<p><u>SHAPING NEWPORT</u> No meeting of the Shaping Newport group has been held since the last meeting. NCCC was thanked for letting the Shaping Newport survey go out with the newsletter produced by the community council. The deadline to receive responses from the survey will be extended to allow for more people to get their comments in.</p> <p><u>NEWPORT FREE PARKING</u> The Newport Car Parking Working Group recently met to discuss potential next steps for the free parking pilot, which is due to finish on 21st May 2023. NCCC representatives made it clear during this meeting that the continued funding by the community council was dependent on the IW Council continuing their contribution, and that any alternative proposals would need to be in place by the pilot end date.</p> <p>It was identified during the working group meeting that in order to make a fully informed decision, more data should be collected from local business to identify the full impact of the pilot, and also to allow for additional income data to be collected from the IW Council car parks, following a loophole which had been closed. The IW Council have requested that the community council continue to</p>

	<p>contribute to the free parking pilot until the end of September, alongside their own contribution, to allow this data to be collected.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, NCCC continue its contribution into the free parking pilot until the end of September to allow for additional data to be collected.</p>
3165.	<p><u>ASSETS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE</u> The chair of the committee, Cllr. Price presented the draft minutes of the committee held on 18th April 2023.</p> <p>Cllr. Price provided an overview of progress that had been made with the consultation for Victoria Recreation Ground which the committee hopes will inform any decisions over its future use.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the Assets & Facilities committee meeting held on 18th April 2023 be noted.</p>
3166.	<p><u>PLANNING & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE</u> The chair of the committee, Cllr. Lowthion, noted that the incomplete, and therefore incorrect, minutes had been circulated with the meeting papers and therefore cannot be noted.</p>
3167.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> The clerk informed members that due to an injury which has prevented the maintenance apprentice being in work, a meeting had been held between all parties (the clerk, apprentice and the IW College) and a progress review showed that it would be unrealistic for her to finish the apprenticeship by the end date, 10th August 2023. Therefore, it had been agreed by all parties that the apprenticeship should come to an end.</p>
3168.	<p><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u> The IWALC representative, Cllr. Smith, provided members with a brief overview of the most recent topic meeting. Cllr. Brodie asked when the IWALC annual general meeting was, as he is disappointed with some of the representation from individuals nominated to represent IWALC at IW Council meetings and committees. Cllr. Smith will find the date and inform members accordingly.</p>
3169.	<p><u>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</u> Cllr. Jones-Evans was asked to give an update on the IW Council (IWC) leisure centres following some recent press. Cllr. Jones-Evans said that the membership is now back up to 87% of the membership that they had been at pre-covid, which is the last time that the service had returned a profit, which had been used to support council services. There is a delay to the report on the leisure centres as they need to further review some of the cost saving measures which had been installed to the leisure centres to fully understand the energy savings that had been made. Cllr. Jones-Evans understands why the public had been concerned, however IWC did not wish to make any decisions without being fully informed.</p>

	Cllr. Martin made members aware that the Clerk is still chasing a motif that has gone missing in Carisbrooke. The Clerk confirmed this is still the case.
3170.	<u>HEALTH & SAFETY</u> No items to report.
3171.	<u>NEXT AGENDA</u> 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.
3172.	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of Full Council will take place on Monday 5 th June, commencing 18:45 at 64 High Street, Newport.
3173.	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</u> Due to the sensitive nature of the item to be discussed, members were asked to consider the exclusion of the press and public.</p> <p>Several members raised concerns that they had been provided with little information as to why it was necessary to move into public session and could not support it on that basis. The Clerk apologised for the lack of information; however, it would become apparent once members are able to speak more openly on the topic.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie requested a named vote be taken. Votes were as follows:</p> <p>Cllr. Garratt- For Cllr. Oliver- For Cllr. Smith- For Cllr. Lowthion- For Cllr. Lever- For Cllr. Jones-Evans- For Cllr. Redrup- For Cllr. Brodie- Against Cllr. Price- For Cllr. Jordan- For Cllr. Martin- Against</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the requirements of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Standing Order 63.</p>
3174.	<p><u>NATIONAL GALLERY</u> Members had before them a paper which had been provided by the National Gallery, which provided information on an opportunity to partner on an upcoming touring exhibition.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, NCCC will partner with the National Gallery on an upcoming touring exhibition.</p>

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