



# NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT 64 HIGH STREET COMMENCING AT 6.45PM.

Councillors Present: Cllrs. Martin Oliver (Chair), Matthew Ambrosini, Geoff Brodie, Vix Lowthion, Matthew Price, Terry Martin, Deborah Matthews and Sean Tiltman.

Clerk: Josh Tombleson  
Public: 0  
Outside Organisations: 0  
Press: 0  
Other: 0

### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

<b>3448.</b>	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ballington, Garratt, Jones-Evans, Rippon and Smith.
<b>3449.</b>	<u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u> Cllrs. Brodie, Oliver and Price 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.  Cllrs. Ambrosini and Martin declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to Gunville as a member of the Gunville Community Association.  No written requests for dispensation were received.
<b>3450.</b>	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u> The minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 were presented to members.  <b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b> <b>THAT, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> October be unanimously agreed and signed as an accurate record.</b>  <u>MATTERS ARISING</u>  None.
<b>3451.</b>	<u>COUNCILLOR VACANCIES</u>

	<p>The Clerk informed members that the advertising period had now closed for the councillor vacancy in the Newport West Ward, and that no applications had been received.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie said that he felt it would be a waste of taxpayer money to re-advertise the vacancy given the short period of time remaining before the elections and suggested that the council agree not to re-advertise.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, NCCC will not re-advertise the current vacancy in the Newport West ward.</b></p>
3452.	<p><b><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>Members were presented with payments made during October 2024 for approval.</p> <p>Cllr. Lowthion asked for more information regarding the large payment made to Scottish Power. Cllr. Brodie, lead member for finance, provided a summary of why this item had been under investigation and that a refund is shortly being provided by the company and readings corrected.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the accounts paid in October 2024 be noted.</b></p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the income and expenditure reports to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 be noted.</b></p> <p>Members received the balance sheet for October 2024.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the balance sheet for October 2024 be noted.</b></p>
3453.	<p><b><u>ASSETS &amp; FACILITIES COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The Chair of the Assets &amp; Facilities committee, Cllr. Matthews presented the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to members for noting.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie asked Cllr. Matthews for an update on the strategic plan and if a version will be in place to inform the 2025/2026 budget as hoped for. Cllr. Matthews provided a summary of work that has taken place to date and said that although consultation had taken place it was felt that the responses received were insufficient to enable to plan to be fully informed, therefore a postal survey will be sent to all residents in the Newport &amp; Carisbrooke area to try and get as wide a response as possible. However, this may not be received in time as the survey will be going out over the coming months.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the minutes of the meeting of the Assets &amp; Facilities committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October be noted.</b></p>
3454.	<p><b><u>SHAPING NEWPORT</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Lowthion provided a summary the meetings coming up relating to the Shaping Newport project and is unable to attend the next meeting, however as it</p>

	is important that the community council is represented, she will be sending round the meeting details in the hope that other members may be able to put themselves forward to attend in her place.
<b>3455.</b>	<p><b><u>COST OF LIVING</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Brodie provided an update on the good work which continues to be carried out by Pan Together and the success of some of their ongoing offerings such as the money management and employability projects, alongside the continued provision of the community larder. Pan Together also considered making a response to the Islands Anti-Poverty Strategy, but were disappointed at its content.</p> <p>Cllr. Lowthion provided an overview of the vouchers that had been provided to date and the amount remaining within the Councils Household Support Fund.</p>
<b>3456.</b>	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The team are working hard towards the Day of Christmas Event and any useful information will be sent to members in due course. However, the community council is experiencing individuals or organisations pretending to be part of the organisation of the event on social media, and as such comments will be turned off to protect social media users from potential scams which may occur as a result. Any enquiries will have to be sent to the council through alternative channels such as telephone and email.</p> <p>The Clerk provided an update on the work being carried out to re-open the Downside MUGA. Cllr. Brodie praised the hard work of the maintenance team to get the site to its current stage and is hopeful it will be opening for community use soon. He was also pleasantly surprised at the current costings to achieve this, as has come in below initial estimations which may hopefully allow for financial support being able to be put towards seeking further funding from other sources to support improvements to the surface in the future.</p>
<b>3457.</b>	<p><b><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u></b></p> <p>IWALC- As the IWALC representative, Cllr. Ambrosini, mentioned about a recent discussion which took place on the Isle of Wight Bus and Rail Users Group, where Southern Vectis had raised concerns about the anti-social behaviour being experienced on buses and around the bus station area. It had been suggested that Southern Vectis write directly to schools to try and gain support in tackling this. Cllr. Ambrosini said he felt the community council may be able to step in and assist and suggested that he take the lead on speaking with Southern Vectis to see what support they require. A brief discussion took place where members shared their varied opinions on the matter but were in support of Cllr. Ambrosini and Cllr. Price holding initial discussions with Southern Vectis how the issues can be tackled.</p> <p>Cllr. Brodie highlighted a separate email which had been shared by IWALC relating to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and the merger which is happening, and hopes that the Islands healthcare issues are addressed in the near future for the benefit of Island residents.</p>

	Cllr. Price provided an update on the activities and success of the Newport & Carisbrooke Heritage group, based at 64 High Street, this year. A written report will be circulated in the next month to support budget discussions.
<b>3458.</b>	<u>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</u> None.
<b>3459.</b>	<u>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</u> No items to report.
<b>3460.</b>	<u>NEXT AGENDA</u> To the Clerk in good time.
<b>3461.</b>	<u>NEXT MEETING – DATE, TIME AND LOCATION</u> The next meeting of full council will take place on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024, commencing 18:45 at 64 High Street.

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