



# 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> MARCH 2024 AT 64 HIGH STREET COMMENCING AT 6.45PM.

Councillors Present: Andrew Garratt (Chair), Martin Oliver (Vice-Chair), Matthew Ambrosini, Joanne Ballington, Julie Jones-Evans, Vix Lowthion, Deborah Matthews, Matthew Price and Michael Smith.

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

### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Rudd, resident of Newport West, joined the meeting and reminded members of an issue he raised at the January 2023 meeting of full council where he asked for support in pursuing works to take place to the Lukely Brook in order to reduce the future risk of flooding. Mr Rudd provided members with an update on meetings he had tried to set up since he last raised the issue, all of which were unsuccessful. Mr Rudd asked the Council what had been done since, and what it intends to do going forward. Members took this opportunity to provide an update on action which had been taken and discussions which had been held following the most recent floods, with officers from both IWC and the Environment Agency. Members highlighted that the IWC are in the process of constructing several reports following the floods, and once issued there will be a clearer picture of what action is going to be taken and where shortfalls will be.

It was agreed by members that a further representation will be made to IWC to highlight a feeling of the lack of action taken, and encouraged Mr Rudd to make public representation at a meeting of the IWC in the same way he has done to the community council to seek further answers. The Clerk will also follow up with the local Environment Agency officer to get an update on progress made since the meeting with the community council.

<b>3327.</b>	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs. Brodie, Jordan, Lever, Martin and Smart.
<b>3328.</b>	<u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u> Cllrs. Garratt, Jones-Evans, Oliver and Price declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) as Isle of Wight councillors.

	<p>Cllr. Ballington declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Pan Together as trustees of the charity.</p> <p>Cllr. Jones-Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Newport businesses as a member and vice-chair of Newport Business Association.</p> <p>Cllr. Ambrosini 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>
3329.	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were presented to members.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> February be agreed and signed as an accurate record.</b></p> <p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>3314. Matters Arising- The Clerk informed members that the grant application he had submitted on behalf of the council to the Connect4Communities fund had been successful and NCCC has been awarded £17,500. This money will be used to support the issuing of food vouchers through the Household Support Fund as previously. However varying levels of award will now be given depending on the size of the household.</p>
3330.	<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Members were presented with payments made during February 2024 for approval.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the accounts paid in February 2024 be noted.</b></p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the income and expenditure reports to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be noted.</b></p> <p>Members received the balance sheet for February 2024.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED:</u></b>  <b>THAT, the balance sheet for February 2024 be noted.</b></p>
3331.	<p><u>NEWPORT PARKING PILOT</u></p> <p>The Chair summarised the item for members and provided some background on the pilot, which has now come to an end. This was an opportunity for members to reflect on the pilot and suggest any future ideas for parking within Newport.</p> <p>Members largely agreed that the pilot had been a success and had brought more people to Newport, though it would be useful to have more data available to see the impact it had on local businesses.</p>

Members were concerned about the tariff for additional hours following the free hour, and felt this was very high. The expectation of the council was that charges would start to be applied following the free hour, however the cost for the second and third hour were among the highest parking prices members had seen and this would have deterred users from having a longer dwell time.

Members asked for a report to be produced by the IWC which should include the data and spending to demonstrate what income was taken for the second hour of parking, which would ordinarily represent the first hour of paid parking. It was also asked for the Clerk to obtain figures relating to how much it costs for the parking enforcement function in Newport & Carisbrooke.

Some members expressed an interest in constructing a bid for the 2025/2026 budget to support car parking in Newport, however they will give this thought through the year as to what this could include.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT, NCCC recognise that there is an inequality in the free parking provision in Newport when compared to other Island towns, and although the free parking pilot was successful to a degree, further information will be obtained from the IWC, in the form of a report, to allow proper evaluation.**

**The following questions will be submitted to the officer for Shaping Newport, Pete Fellows, to follow up with IWC:**

- **How much income was taken by the IWC for any additional time on top of the free one hour?**
- **What is the cost for the parking enforcement function in Newport & Carisbrooke?**
- **A report from IWC as to what was looking to be achieved by the pilot, total income and expenditure during the trial period and what the suggested next steps are?**

Cllr. Lowthion arrived at 19:21.

**3332. NEWPORT FOOD BANK**

Since the food bank provision has been withdrawn from its former site, Church on the Roundabout, it has now been relocated to the Parish Centre. Members acknowledged the speed which this has moved at, altering the conversations required being reduced for the council.

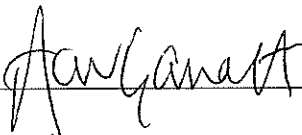
Cllr. Jones-Evans asked the council to consider still providing an element of funding to the Church on the Roundabout, to allow them to continue the other activities which they put on to supplement the foodbank opening times. The Clerk highlighted that he believes the funding currently allocated to the Church on the Roundabout as part of the annual donations budget is solely to support the foodbank aspect of the church, although appreciates as this donation was agreed some time ago before his post at the council, he is not familiar with the conversations which took place at the time. On this basis, he suggested that the item is carried forward to the April meeting of Full Council to allow a full discussion

	<p>to take place as to how much of the foodbank donation is passed over to the new location and if any can continue to being provided to the Church on the Roundabout. The Clerk provided members with the response of one of the local members, Cllr. Brodie, when approached by the Church on the Roundabout on the matter, and said that Cllr. Brodie would wish to be included on the discussion as he has expressed that he believes the full amount of the funding would be carried over to the next food bank site in Newport.</p>
3333.	<p><b><u>STRATEGIC PLAN</u></b></p> <p>Members had before them a paper which had been produced by Cllr. Jones-Evans, proposing a way forward to address and produce a new strategic plan for NCCC, with the aim of the council working on this through the summer, which would enable a public consultation to take place prior to the council's budget setting. It was noted that in order to achieve this effectively there may have to be an element of flexibility as to the usual budget setting timeline. The Chair shared some thoughts from the lead member for finance for consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Ambrosini said it is good to get things updated and also to have something in place for before the next elections so that new council has a good framework to work from.</p> <p>Cllr. Lowthion agreed and said would we be putting a date on it to run until.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Assets &amp; Facilities committee could start this process and include the strategic plan as a regular item on the agenda.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b>  <b>THAT, NCCC will construct a new strategic plan which will be in place to inform the 2025/2026 budget. The Assets &amp; Facilities committee will include the item on its agenda from March until its conclusion.</b></p>
3334.	<p><b><u>PLANNING &amp; CONSULTATION COMMITTEE</u></b></p> <p>The Chair of the Planning &amp; Consultation committee, Cllr Lowthion, presented the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February to members for noting.</p> <p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b>  <b>THAT, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning &amp; Consultation committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> March be noted.</b></p>
3335.	<p><b><u>SHAPING NEWPORT</u></b></p> <p>The NCCC representatives on the Shaping Newport steering group provided an update on activities relating to Shaping Newport.</p> <p>Members briefly reflected on the feelings of local businesses following the recent government award given to Ryde, and asked if the officer for Shaping Newport can look into if there is any upcoming levelling up funding becoming available and, if so, look for Shaping Newport to be the vehicle to enable Newport to apply so as to not be overlooked again.</p>
3336.	<p><b><u>HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE</u></b></p> <p>The NCCC representatives on the High Street Heritage Action Zone steering group provided a verbal update for members.</p>

	<p>The steering group was due to hold a meeting to sign off on the tender for the people first zone. However delays have been experienced which the HSHAZ officer, Fiona Capewell, is now seeking clarification for next steps.</p> <p>64 High Street will be hosting a High Street Heritage Action Zone celebration event on 25<sup>th</sup> March where the project will be reflected on by key stakeholders and local organisations/businesses.</p>
<b>3337.</b>	<p><u>64 HIGH STREET</u></p> <p>The Clerk provided members with a brief verbal update on activities relating to 64 High Street.</p> <p>Future IW CIC have now ended their tenancy at 64 High Street. Although Footprint Trust were included as part of this tenancy, the Clerk considers the presence of Footprint Trust to be beneficial and has therefore allowed them to remain free of charge until the end of March. They will be considering future tenancy in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The display being provided by Newport Carnival Association has not yet materialised. The Clerk wished to thank Shademakers for stepping in last minute to supply some items for display.</p> <p>The Clerk remains positive over conversations with the IW College over a future relationship which will enable a range of activities to take place in the building. He will update members when there is further information to share.</p> <p>64 High Street will be added to the agenda of the Assets &amp; Facilities committee as a standing item.</p>
<b>3338.</b>	<p><u>COST OF LIVING</u></p> <p>Cllrs. Ballington and Brodie recently attended the Pyle Street food pantry, located at Newport Congregational Church. Cllr. Ballington spoke about the good work they are doing, however she also noted that more information is still required to fully understand their broader plans for the pantry/food waste hub.</p>
<b>3339.</b>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No further update.</p>
<b>3340.</b>	<p><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>The Chair provided members who were unable to attend the recent meeting with Bob Seely MP and Hampshire Crime and Police Commissioner, Donna Jones, with an overview of what was discussed. Members felt this meeting was beneficial but also noted that it was unclear what concrete actions came out of it. Consideration would be given to a press release.</p> <p>Members of the Planning &amp; Consultation committee said that now that a relationship has been established with the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner, it may be worth asking for her support in getting local police to comment on important licensing applications.</p>
<b>3341.</b>	<p><u>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</u></p> <p>Cllr. Jones-Evans asked if members were aware that there is a Newport Heritage Day being held in September. Members said that they do not think they have seen any information on this at present.</p>
<b>3342.</b>	<p><u>HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</u></p>

	The Clerk informed members that he is working with the IWC to undertake a review of the drainage at Downside recreation ground. There is a large amount of water run off onto the surrounding footpaths used by school children and parents and it has been considered by the Clerk and local members for some time that the drainage is not operating as it should or expected.
<b>3343.</b>	<u>NEXT AGENDA</u>  Donation to Newport Food Bank and Church on the Roundabout
<b>3344.</b>	<u>NEXT MEETING – DATE, TIME AND LOCATION</u> The next Full Council meeting will be held on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024, commencing at 1845 at 64 High Street.

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