



NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2025 AT 64 HIGH STREET COMMENCING AT 6.45PM.

Councillors Present: Cllrs. Martin Oliver (Chair), Geoff Brodie, Joanne Ballington, Andrew Garratt, Julie Jones-Evans, Vix Lowthion, Terry Martin, Deborah Matthews, Michael Smith and Sean Tiltman.

<u>Clerk:</u>	Josh Tombleson
<u>Public:</u>	2
<u>Outside Organisations:</u>	0
<u>Press:</u>	0
<u>Other:</u>	0

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3477.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs Ambrosini and Price.
3478.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u> Cllrs. Brodie, Garratt, Jones-Evans and Oliver declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) as Isle of Wight councillors. Cllrs. Ballington and Brodie declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Pan Together as a trustee of the charity. Cllr. Martin declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to Gunville as a member of the Gunville Community Association. Cllr. Jones-Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Newport businesses as Vice-Chair of Newport Business Association. No written requests for dispensation were received.
3479.	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u> The minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 13 th January 2025 were presented to members. <u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 13th January 2025 be unanimously agreed and signed as an accurate record. <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> None

3480.	<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Members were presented with payments made up to 25th January 2025 for approval.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the accounts paid up to 25th January 2025 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 25th January 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the income and expenditure reports to 25th January 2025 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the balance sheet for January 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the balance sheet for January 2025 be noted.</p>
3481.	<p><u>2025/2026 BUDGET</u></p> <p>Members had before them two budget proposals with accompanying summary papers. One proposal from Cllrs. Lowthion, Jones-Evans and Matthews, and the other from Cllr. Brodie. Alongside these, members had received papers containing annual reports received from clubs and organisations who benefit from NCCC annual grants and donations. Both proposals were presented to members.</p> <p>Since the proposal had been submitted and circulated to members as part of the meetings papers, Cllr. Brodie had circulated a paper which contained proposed additions to his budget, which utilised savings in the current expenditure which had been identified by Cllrs. Lowthion, Jones-Evans and Matthews. These additions would not increase the precept beyond his original proposal of 5% but would allow more allocations to be made against both new and existing items. The Chair asked if members could recognise these additions as part of Cllr. Brodie's full budget proposal, to which they agreed.</p> <p>Members used the proposal from Cllr. Brodie as a starting point for discussions and then went on to consider a list of talking points on various items, which they were asked by Cllrs. Lowthion, Jones-Evans, and Matthews, to discuss and vote on if they would like to add each item and its associated expenditure to the final budget proposal. Cllr. Lowthion requested that a named vote be taken on each amendment item in turn.</p> <p>On each item, members held a short discussion where they each had the opportunity to share their views, for and against, on their possible inclusion in the final budget.</p> <p>1- Car Parking Subsidy- Adding an additional £20,309 to the proposed budget.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, NCCC will not include £20,309 for the proposed car parking subsidy</p> <p><u>FOR</u></p>

Cllr. Matthews
Cllr. Julie Jones-Evans
Cllr. Lowthion

AGAINST

Cllr. Brodie
Cllr. Oliver
Cllr. Tiltman
Cllr. Garratt

ABSTAINED

Cllr. Ballington
Cllr. Martin
Cllr. Smith

2- Shaping Newport- Adding an additional £5,000.

RESOLVED:

THAT, NCCC will not increase the funds allocated to the proposed Shaping Newport budget by a further £5,000.

FOR

Cllr. Matthews
Cllr. Smith
Cllr. Jones-Evans
Cllr. Lowthion

AGAINST

Cllr. Brodie
Cllr. Ballington
Cllr. Martin
Cllr. Oliver
Cllr. Garratt

ABSTAINED

Cllr. Tiltman

3- Donations to Community Groups- Adding an additional £100 to the annual grant proposed to be given to Newport Carnival, £200 to Riverfest and £250 to Newport Street Pastors

RESOLVED:

THAT, NCCC will increase the proposed donations being given to the following organisations by the amounts specified.

Newport Carnival- Additional £100
Riverfest- Additional £200
Newport Street Pastors- Additional £250

FOR

Cllr. Ballington
Cllr. Matthews
Cllr. Smith
Cllr. Jones-Evans
Cllr. Lowthion
Cllr. Garratt

AGAINST

Cllr. Martin
Cllr. Oliver

ABSTAINED

Cllr. Tiltman

DID NOT VOTE

Cllr. Brodie

4- Community Engagement Officer- Adding an additional £21,500

RESOLVED:

THAT, NCCC will not add £21,500 to the proposed budget for the purpose of hiring a Community Engagement Officer.

FOR

Cllr. Matthews
Cllr. Jones-Evans
Cllr. Lowthion

AGAINST

Cllr. Brodie
Cllr. Ballington
Cllr. Martin
Cllr. Oliver
Cllr. Smith
Cllr. Tiltman
Cllr. Garratt

5- Victoria Recreation Ground Car Park Resurfacing- Adding an additional £18,600

RESOLVED:

THAT, NCCC will not add £18,600 to the proposed budget for the purpose of resurfacing the car park at Victoria Recreation Ground.

FOR

Cllr. Matthews
Cllr. Jones-Evans
Cllr. Lowthion
Cllr. Garratt

AGAINST

Cllr. Brodie
 Cllr. Ballington
 Cllr. Martin
 Cllr. Oliver
 Cllr. Smith
 Cllr. Tiltman

- 6- Cooper Road Car Park and Greenwood Walk Signage- To consider leaving in the proposed budget, the £2,250 allocated to these bids as part of the budget proposal.

Cllr. Martin left the meeting during discussions and therefore did not vote on the item.

RESOLVED:

THAT, NCCC will continue to include within proposed budget £2,000 towards Cooper Road car park and £250 towards the Greenwood Walk signage.

FOR

Cllr. Brodie
 Cllr. Ballington
 Cllr. Oliver
 Cllr. Smith
 Cllr. Tiltman
 Cllr. Garratt

AGAINST

Cllr. Matthews
 Cllr. Jones-Evans
 Cllr. Lowthion

A named vote was then taken on the budget proposal from Cllr. Brodie, including the agreed additional amounts for Newport Carnival, Riverfest and Newport Street Pastors.

RESOLVED:

THAT, NCCC agree the full 2025/2026 budget proposal from Cllr. Brodie, including his subsequent agreed amendments. In addition to the original proposal, the agreed additional amounts for Newport Carnival, Riverfest and Newport Street Pastors will be included, resulting in total precept request for 2025/2026 of £840,346.

FOR

Cllr. Brodie
 Cllr. Ballington
 Cllr. Oliver
 Cllr. Smith
 Cllr. Tiltman

	<p>Cllr. Garratt</p> <p><u>AGAINST</u> Cllr. Matthews Cllr. Jones-Evans Cllr. Lowthion</p>
3482.	<p><u>SHAPING NEWPORT</u> Members received an update on the Shaping Newport project from its representatives on the group.</p> <p><u>Church Litten- Request to spend £500 from the Shaping Newport</u></p> <p>Cllr. Jones-Evans informed members that the Weeping Willow within Church Litten is needing to be removed due to the health of the tree. She is working with Ventnor Botanical Garden, who are going to graft from the tree and are hoping to get up to 50 beech trees from it.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, £500 will be spent from the Shaping Newport budget to work with Ventnor Botanical Gardens on grafting from this tree before it is removed.</p>
3483.	<p><u>DEVOLUTION WHITE PAPER</u> Cllr. Jones-Evans summarised the item, which was primarily to notify members of the government's open consultation on "Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England".</p> <p>It was suggested that the item be placed on the agenda of the upcoming Planning & Consultation committee meeting, to formulate a full response to the consultation on behalf of the council. Members were also encouraged to respond to the consultation in their own capacity alongside this.</p> <p>Members confirmed that their had been no further news on the application submitted by the IWC in response to the devolution white paper, but it is anticipated we will hear in the coming days and know the implications that any outcome will have on the 2025 elections.</p>
3484.	<p><u>ASSETS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE</u> The Chair of the Assets & Facilities Committee, Cllr. Matthews, presented the minutes of the committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the draft minutes of the Assets & facilities meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 be noted.</p> <p>The Chair, Cllr. Oliver, requested that members consider a 10 minute extension to the meeting to allow the remaining business to be transacted.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the meeting be extended by a further 10 minutes.</p>
3485.	<p><u>COST OF LIVING</u></p>

	<p>In the absence of the Vice-Chair and with other members' consent. Cllr. Garratt took over as Chair whilst Cllr. Oliver temporarily left the room.</p> <p>Cllr. Lowthion said that applications continue to be received to the NCCC Community Support Fund, though only a few are being seen each week at present.</p>
3486.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Clerk notified members of the resignation received from Cllr. Rippon and outlined next steps.</p> <p>Cllr. Oliver returned to the meeting and took over once again as Chair of the meeting from Cllr. Garratt.</p>
3487.	<p><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>Cllr. Garratt has deputised at the last two meetings arranged by IWALC, on behalf of NCCC, and provided a brief verbal update for members.</p>
3488.	<p><u>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3489.	<p><u>HEALTH & SAFETY</u></p> <p>The Clerk informed members that a small number of cases continue to be seen where individuals are unable to open the door of some of the cubicles of the Post Office Lane toilets, meaning assistance is required to exit. The locks on the cubicles continue to be looked at, though in many instances no fault can be found which has caused this. The doors will continue to be inspected, and Danfo contacted to see if this occurs at other sites.</p>
3490.	<p><u>NEXT AGENDA</u></p> <p>To the Clerk in good time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staffing - Finance Committee
3491.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING – DATE, TIME AND LOCATION</u></p> <p>The next meeting of full council will take place on Monday 3rd March 2025, commencing 18:45 at 64 High Street.</p>

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CHAIR
