



NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2025 AT 64 HIGH STREET COMMENCING FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

Councillors Present: Cllrs. Vix Lowthion (Chair), Eric Esteban, Andrew Garratt, Ray Harrington-Vail, Martha Henson, Julie Jones-Evans (Vice-Chair), Terry Martin, Matthew Price, Stephen Rushbrook, Eva Shaw, Michael Smith and Tamsin Verrinder.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3528.	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ballington and Rippon.
3529.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u> Cllrs. Garratt, Jones-Evans and Price declared non-pecuniary interests in matters relating to the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) as Isle of Wight councillors. Cllr. Jones-Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to Newport Businesses as a member of Newport Business Association. No written requests for dispensation were received.
3530.	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u> The minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 7 th April 2025 were presented to members. <u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on 7th April 2025 be unanimously agreed and signed as an accurate record. <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> 3521. Clerks Report- The Clerk said that parties who he had previously reported had expressed an interest in the rental of the ground floor or shoplets at 64 High Street have chosen not to pursue the opportunity.
3531.	<u>HORSEBRIDGE HILL- ONE WAY</u> As several members shortly had to depart the meeting, it was agreed to bring item 8 up the agenda to allow for a more complete discussion.

	<p>Cllr. Garratt opened discussions on the item by providing a background of the works which are taking place and a summary of the diversions and associated impacts on local residents.</p> <p>Members were all in agreement that consultation and communication regarding the works had been inadequate and raised several areas of disruption which could have been handled better or avoided entirely, along with some potential solutions to ease residents and commuters' pain, should a line of communication be successfully opened.</p> <p>Members asked the Clerk to write to the IWC, Captiva Homes and Island Roads, expressing the unhappiness outlined in the motion by Cllr. Garratt, and also noting the other issues raised by members during the meetings discussion.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the Clerk communicate the unhappiness of Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council at the lack of consultation on the traffic management scheme, and to request a meeting with Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads to discuss how a comprehensive and coordinated approach can be developed for consultation on future works both on this route and any other in the Newport & Carisbrooke parish.</p> <p>Cllrs. Price and Verrinder left the meeting.</p>
3532.	<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Members were presented with payments made up to 30th April 2025 for approval.</p> <p>Members noted the payment made during April for Clatterford utilities was less than seen the previous month but would still like further information as to what caused this increase previously.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the accounts paid up to 30th April 2025 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the income and expenditure report to 30th April 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the income and expenditure reports to 30th April 2025 be noted.</p> <p>Members received the balance sheet up to the 30th April 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the balance sheet up to 30th April 2025 be noted.</p>
3533.	<p><u>STAFFING</u></p> <p>Following the inclusion of funds within the 2025/2026 budget to hire additional staff for the Pavilion, Victoria Recreation Ground, members were asked to consider the Clerks suggestion as to how these hours should be spread, across each week, for 2025/2026, to allow the Clerk to advertise and recruit for the position.</p>

	<p>The Clerk suggested that, with reasonable adjustment being made for the right applicant, the aspirational periods of coverage for the additional staff member be the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12pm-5pm Wednesday to Saturday 10am-3pm Sunday</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, The Clerks recommendation be supported and he will proceed to advertise the vacancy.</p>
3534.	<p><u>SHAPING NEWPORT</u> No meeting of Shaping Newport had taken place.</p>
3535.	<p><u>ASSETS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE</u> The Chair presented the minutes of the Assets & Facilities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the draft minutes of the Assets & facilities meeting held on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 be noted and agreed as an accurate record.</p>
3536.	<p><u>COST OF LIVING</u> Applications continue to be received into the Newport & Carisbrooke support fund.</p>
3537.	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> The Clerk provided members with an overview of the community councils current workshop and storage tenancy at Odessa Boatyard. The community Council has been approached, as longstanding good tenants, about an opportunity regarding an additional unit which is coming up alongside the existing workshop, which he is keen to try and negotiate a deal for, should the council support this. The councils assets and storage requirements have grown since the original rental was taken on, and this opportunity would be perfect for the new requirements, and likely at a much better rate than the council could find elsewhere, with landlords that a good relationship has been built with over the years.</p> <p>Members expressed their support for the Clerk in proceeding with negotiations, and that although not budgeted for within the current years budget, they would be supportive of trying to release funds from other budget lines to allow an offer to be made on the unit.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, The Clerk can proceed to negotiations over a deal for an additional rental unit at Odessa Boatyard, and the council endeavours to try its best to find the finances to secure the unit should a suitable deal be made.</p>
3538.	<p><u>REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES</u> No reports received.</p>
3539.	<p><u>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</u> As the Newport Safer neighbourhood Team were unable to attend the meeting, members asked if the Clerk can obtain a written summary of activity from the Newport & Carisbrooke Safer Neighbourhood team. The Clerk said he will request an up to date contact list from the police containing the officer details for each of the different wards, ready for the May meetings of the council.</p>

	The Clerk was asked if he can approach IWALC to enquire if they would be able to put on some Bullying & harassment training for members and staff, and if not, if he could seek external training providers for this purpose.
3540.	<u>HEALTH & SAFETY</u> The Clerk reported that the inclusive roundabout at Victoria Recreation ground is in the process of being removed due to recognized health and safety concerns, and that the equipment will be replaced by a tarmac surface and a ball sports basket.
3541.	<u>NEXT AGENDA</u> Residents flood views document.
3542.	<u>NEXT MEETING – DATE, TIME AND LOCATION</u> The next meeting of Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council will be held on Monday 9 th June, commencing at 6.00pm at 64 High Street.

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CHAIR