



NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL ASSETS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER 2025, AT 64 HIGH STREET, COMMENCED AT 6pm

Councillors Present: Cllrs Joanne Ballington (Chair), Terry Martin (Vice Chair), Martha Henson, Julie Jones-Evans, Vix Lowthion, Stephen Rushbrook

Deputy Clerk: Lucinda Bradley

Also attending: Cllr Ray Harrington-Vail, Leah Tosdevin (Newport Craft Market)

725.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr Michael Smith.</p>
726.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</u></p> <p>Cllr Ballington, declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Pan Together.</p> <p>Cllr Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Gunville Community Association.</p> <p>Cllr Jones-Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Isle of Wight Council (IWC).</p> <p>There were no written requests for dispensation.</p>
727.	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on 22nd July 2025 were presented.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u></p> <p>Cllr Rushbrook reported that the bollard advertisements that he had reported via FixMyStreet had been removed.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the minutes were agreed as accurate.</p>
728.	<p><u>NEWPORT CRAFT MARKET</u></p> <p>Leah Tosdevin (LT) was invited to discuss how the market is progressing using 64 High St. LT reported they have struggled with footfall. Their previous location outside Morrisons had a lot of passing trade including coaches. LT was seeking advice. Members suggested included inviting Vectis Radio to interview traders, utilising the window of 64 High Street the</p>

	<p>week of the market, a board which could advertise upcoming events, selling refreshments, inviting food stalls and holding craft workshops.</p> <p>LT said the space is fully booked now for additional activities such as workshops but will consider suggestions next year if they remain at 64 High St.</p> <p>LT reported the market have raised a lot of money for their chosen charity this year, Newport Carnival. Cllr Jones-Evans suggested that Mountbatten could be a good charity for them to support in future as they have a high profile.</p>
729.	<p><u>CLATTERFORD RECREATION GROUND</u></p> <p>Cllr Lowthion sought clarification on the purpose of the site and what it was becoming. Cllr Harrington-Vail said the site is for “casual recreation”. Cllr Henson felt the Council could go further with the plan. Some members felt that the fruiting trees would affect the possibility of football being played and therefore affect the designation of the site.</p> <p>Cllr Harrington Vail explained that the IWC Tree officer was involved in the plan and the reasoning behind each element being in its location, for example trees requiring light and utilising the naturally boggy area at the bottom of the field.</p> <p>It was suggested that Awards for All may not be most appropriate fund to apply to and there are other funding sources available that are specific to nature.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> THAT, the project moves forward with the plan sent to IWC for permission with the fruit trees removed from the plan and considered as part of a second phase. The Deputy Clerk will liaise with Sport England if necessary and Cllr Jones-Evans will contact Lee Matthews at Isle of Wight Council to ascertain whether the designation will need to be changed. Cllr Lowthion will consult with residents whose properties back onto Clatterford Recreation Ground.</p>
730.	<p><u>NEXT AGENDA ITEMS & MEMBER'S QUESTIONS</u></p> <p><u>None</u></p>
731.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>21st October 2025, 6pm at 64 High Street</p>

CHAIRMAN