



Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEWPORT & CARISBROOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 64 HIGH STREET, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO30 1BA,
COMMENCING AT 6.00PM.**

Councillors Present: Cllr Michael Smith (Chair), Cllr Stephen Rushbrook, Cllr Ray Harrington-Vail, Cllr Martha Henson, Cllr Vix Lowthion, Tamsin Verrinder, Cllr Eva Shaw

Outside Organisations: 0

Press: 0

Clerk: Laura Jones

Members of Public: 0

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

N/A

P/2620	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Cllr Joanne Ballington and Cllr Julie Jones-Evans
P/2621	<u>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS</u> NONE
P/2622	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> Agreed and approved at previous Full Council meeting on 8th September 2025.
P/2623	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> NONE
P/2624	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS</u>

1. 25/01155/RVC**Newport Football Club, St Georges Way, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2QH*****Variation of condition 2 on 21/00682/FUL to amend the landscaping scheme***

Members are concerned with the St Georges development, and the potential for flooding due to the hard standing not being permeable. Recent flooding due to run-off at various locations, means that this should be a priority, but members understand that it is too late to comment on that.

The hedgerow to be planted has members support as it has native species and will function as a corridor and habitat for wildlife, although members would like to see Alder Buckthorn added into the mix, in the wetter area.

On the site itself, members would like to see wildlife friendly drought tolerant planting in raised beds. These could include lavender, sage, rosemary, marjoram, michaelmas daisy, wallflowers etc. These need minimum care and look attractive. They are also particularly good for butterflies and bees.

1. St Georges development has the potential for flooding due to the hard standing not being permeable. Recent flooding due to run-off at various locations means that this should be a priority. We urge the Isle of Wight Council to highlight this issue to the developers and seek assurances that flooding will not occur due to the measures they have undertaken.
2. The proposed native hedgerow has the support of members, as the species will function as a corridor and habitat for wildlife. We would ask that Alder Buckthorn be added into the mix, in the wetter areas.
3. On the site itself within the car park area, we would like to see wildlife friendly drought tolerant planting in raised beds. These could include lavender, sage, rosemary, marjoram, michaelmas daisy, wallflowers etc. These need minimum care and look attractive. These species would be beneficial to butterflies, bees, bats, and other species.
4. This application appears to propose replacing all with an "amenity grassland" mix, and the wildflower areas have been removed. Members would like to see a greater mix of planting, especially to keep some wildflower areas and to be more pollinator friendly overall (which would also up the BNG calculation, presumably). It would not necessarily be a higher cost especially as wildflower areas require less maintenance once established.

Members understand that under the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), this site has an area of designation that is an "Area That Could Become Important for Biodiversity" (ACB), and because of this, Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council recommend REFUSAL based on the adverse biodiversity impact – although members would

	have support for this application if the above suggestions could be adhered to.
P/2625	<u>ANY OTHER PLANNING RELATED MATTERS INCLUDING CONSULTATIONS</u> Members agreed to hold a Planning and Consultation Committee on 30 th October 2025 to discuss the upcoming Isle of Wight Council Annual Budget Consultation as well as the draft Island Transport Plan.
P/2626	<u>QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE RELATING TO PLANNING AND CONSULTATION MATTERS</u> None
P/2627	<u>CLOSE OF MEETING</u> 18:21

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