



Lymington &
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Town Council

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting
of Lymington & Pennington Town Council
held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lymington
on 17 April 2024 at 10.30am**

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| <u>PRESENT:</u> | Councillors | Jack Davies (Mayor) Colm McCarthy (Deputy Mayor) Barry Dunning Jacqui England Simon Morgan Richard Gray Martina Humber Ted Jearrad Ian Loveless Alan Penson Jerry King |
| | Officers | Louise Young, CEO/Town Clerk Lesley Way, Deputy Town Clerk |
| | Also Present | 3 Members of Public |

125. Apologies for Absence

Received and approved from Cllr Brindley and Cllr Lewis and Cllr Phillips and Cllr Frost.

126. Declarations of Interest

None

127. Public Participation

None

128. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 21 February 2024

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 21 February 2024 be signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Loveless. 11 in favour, 3 abstained.

129. To receive verbal reports from Town Councillors

The Mayor reported that he attended:

24 March 2024 the Royal British Legion 100 Year Anniversary celebrations

27 March 2024 chaired the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

30 March 2024 attended and judged the model railway exhibition at the Community Centre

13 April 2024 St Marks Church Spring Fair

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The Mayor added that he had recently met with the Head of Priestlands School to discuss a recent uniform change. He also submitted a question to Full Council at New Forest District Council asking the portfolio holder to meet with Hampshire County Council regarding Solent Mead.

Cllr Gray reported he had attended an online Hurst Spit to Lymington briefing. He expressed his appreciation to the team for the briefing, which was very extensive, informative, and concerning for two reasons. Firstly, the consequences of doing nothing given the rising sea levels and how they would affect the Town over the course of the next few decades. Secondly potential costs of the schemes they have in place and the lack of clarity around who would pay for this.

Cllr Humber had also attended St Marks Spring Fair and reported that the Licensing Service for the new Priest-in-Charge, The Reverend Canon Michael Burson-Thomas, would be taking place on Wednesday 24 March at 7.30pm.

Cllr McCarthy had recently judged the Pennington Infant School Easter Bonnet Parade. He added that the Town Council's summer event, is called Woodside Picnic in the Park and will take place on 4 August 2024 at Woodside Park from 11am.

130. To receive a verbal report from the District Councillors

None.

131. To receive a verbal report from the County Councillor

Cllr Dunning gave an update on the Avenue Road crossing - HCC are developing the scheme and seeking funds. He also reported that the repairs to the damaged railings at bottom of High Street should take place before the holiday season starts.

132. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Meeting held at 18:00pm on Wednesday, 15 May 2024.

133. Exclusion of Press & Public

To resolve that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest for reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Gray. All in favour.

Members of Press and public left the meeting.

134. CEO/Town Clerk Recruitment

Cllr Gray thanked the current CEO/Town Clerk for agreeing to stay on to cover a further 3 months.

Cllr Dunning thanked the Town Clerk and wished her well in her future career. Both statements were echoed by all Councillors.

Resolved:

- i. That Sue Bailey is appointed as the CEO/Town Clerk.

- ii. That the staffing subcommittee has delegated authority to agree terms of contract for the new appointment.

Proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Dunning. All in favour.

Cllr Dunning expressed the thanks to the Senior Projects, Events and Marketing Manager for her work over the last few years.

Meeting concluded at 10.55am.

Date: **Chairperson's Signature:**

