



Lymington &
Pennington
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 6 September 2023 at 6.00pm**

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| <u>PRESENT:</u> | Councillors | Jack Davies (Mayor) Colm McCarthy (Deputy Mayor) Thomas Brindley Barry Dunning Jacqui England Sara Frost Martina Humber Ted Jearrad Jerry King Iestyn Lewis Ian Loveless Simon Morgan Hannah Phillips |
| | Officers | Louise Young, CEO/Town Clerk Lesley Way, Deputy Town Clerk |
| | Also Present | 5 Members of Public 1 Member of press |

58. Apologies for Absence

Received and approved from Cllr Penson and Cllr Gray.

59. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Humber and Cllr England both declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.

60. Public Participation

1 member of the public spoke about the need for a crossing outside Lymington Infant and Junior School.

1 member of the public spoke about the Governments Ecology Bill.

1 member of the public handed a letter to the Mayor, reference the old Police Station site.

61. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 26 July 2023.

Cllr Brindley spoke on behalf of Cllr Penson to request the wording of Item 52 be amended.

Proposed by Cllr Brindley, seconded by Cllr Dunning. 4 in favour, 7 against, 2 abstained. Amendment not carried.

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 26 July 2023 be signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Lewis. 10 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstained.

62. Sea Water Bath Treatment Costs

Councillors considered the report requesting an additional sum of £1,920 towards water treatment funds in line with the RPI increase. This was not allowed for in the 2023/24 budget.

Resolved: That the additional funds of £1,920 required to meet the indexed costs are allocated from the Sea Water Baths reserve.

Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Humber. All in favour.

63. Health and Safety Audit

Councillors considered the report requesting that funds be allocated for fire compartmentation in the roof to create separation between the café and changing rooms at Woodside Pavilion. These works are deemed essential for health and safety and would be taken from the building reserves.

Cllr Brindley recommended an amendment to increase the figure to a maximum amount of £6,500. This is to allow for any contingencies and overruns.

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

Resolved: That the funds of a maximum of £6,500 are allocated from the buildings reserves for the works highlighted in the Health and Safety audit for Woodside Pavilion.

Proposed by Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Loveless. All in favour.

64. Motion – Cllr Gray

Cllr Morgan proposed an amendment to the wording of the resolution as the Member of Parliament for New Forest West had already signed the petition since Cllr Gray first submitted the motion.

Proposed by Cllr Morgan, second by Cllr England.

Resolved: That the Town Clerk writes to the Member of Parliament for New Forest West.

“This Council opposes the closure of the ticket office and the reduction in staffing hours, and thanks the Member of Parliament for New Forest West for his existing demonstration of support and his signing of the petition to the Rail Delivery Group to reverse these plans.”

Proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Lewis. All in favour.

65. To receive verbal reports from Town Councillors

The Mayor reported he had recently attended 2 official engagements, including the opening of the New Forest Pride event and the British Legion Fete.

The Mayor informed Councillors that the informal consultation period for the Neighbourhood Plan is now open. The consultation will include two exhibitions to be held on:

- 30 September 2023 11am-1pm, Lymington Town Hall
- 7 October 2023 12.30-2.30pm, St Marks Church Hall, Pennington

Both exhibitions will be open for all residents to attend.

Cllr Humber reported that she had attended the investiture of Rev. Lee Thompson to St Thomas Church.

Cllr McCarthy reported that he had attended the recent Pennington Darts 24hour Marathon, which raised an amazing £2,700 for Cash for Kids and Oakhaven Hospice.

66. To receive a verbal report from the District Councillors

Cllr England reported that she had also attended the welcoming of the new Rev. Lee Thompson.

Cllr Dunning reported that good progress has been made with the Lawrence Boys Club and all relevant paperwork has been submitted, to hopefully get the funding they require.

67. To receive a verbal report from the County Councillor

Cllr Dunning reported that Hampshire County Council would be investing £7.5 million a year over the next 3 years on potholes. This is in addition to the £13.5 million a year currently being spent. In May and June alone, they fixed 19,697 potholes and repaired 33,671 square metres of road.

Cllr Dunning encouraged everyone to respond to the online consultation survey Hampshire County Council are launching on 4th September to consult on the future of care homes in Hampshire.

68. Forthcoming Meetings

- 13 September 2023, 6pm Planning
- 3 October 2023, 10.30am Policy and Resources
- 16 October 2023, 6pm Amenities

69. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 18:00pm on 25 October 2023.

Meeting concluded at 6.43pm.

Date: **Chairperson's Signature:**