



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 13 December 2023 at 6.00pm**

PRESENT: **Councillors** Jack Davies (Mayor)
Colm McCarthy (Deputy Mayor)
Jacqui England
Sara Frost
Richard Gray
Martina Humber
Ted Jearrad
Jerry King
Ian Loveless
Hannah Phillips

Officers Lesley Way, Deputy Town Clerk
C Lodwidge, Committee Manager

Also Present 31 Members of Public

87. Apologies for Absence

Received and approved from Cllr Lewis and Cllr Penson, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Brindley and Cllr Dunning.

88. Declarations of Interest

None

89. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 December 2023

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 5 December 2023 be signed as a correct record.

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

90. 2023/24 Grant Aid

The Mayor informed all present of the 2023 Town Council grants awarded to organisations. Grant recipients each spoke of their organisations' work and what the grant, received this month, will be used for.

- All Saints Luncheon Club received a grant of £600.
- Honeypot received a grant of £1000.
- Lymington Armes Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club received a grant of £1000.
- Lymington Dementia received a grant of £350.

- Lymington Players received a grant of £750.
- Lymington International Twinning Association received a grant of £250.
- Parkinson's New Forest received a grant of £750.
- Pennington Community Hub received a grant of £1000.
- Scarf received a grant of £1500.
- Silverlinks received a grant of £250.
- St Barbes Museum received a grant of £1000.
- Victim Support received a grant of £400.
- New Forest Basic Bank received a grant of £1000.
- Solent Mead Day Care received a grant of £750.

91. Citizen of the Year Award

The Lymington and Pennington Citizen of the Year Award for 2023 went to Stephen Green for his work with the New Forest Litter Pickers.

A special mention to the other nominees Carole Nash, Tracy Robertson and Fiona Anderson for their work in the Community too.

92. To receive verbal reports from Town Councillors

The Mayor reported that for Remembrance he had attended the unveiling of the Lymington Soldier at St Thomas Church and also attended the laying of a wreath and parade. He had been a judge at the Strictly Lymington event held at the Community Centre. He also attended a drop in at NFDC on Coastal Strategy, decorated a tree at St Thomas Church for the Christmas Tree Festival, took part in a workshop in the Chamber with School Council Members from Lymington Junior School and attended The Twinning Association reception along with other Councillors for the visit from our friends in Almansa.

Cllr Humber commented that the new Christmas Lights in Pennington looked lovely, and the people of Pennington were especially pleased with them. Cllr Humber had also attended the Lymington Town Band Christmas Concert alongside Cllr McCarthy.

Cllr McCarthy reported that he had attended the GCSE Awards evening at Priestlands School and it was a credit to Priestlands that so many students were getting top awards.

Cllr Gray thanked the Lymington Community Centre Manager for inviting Councillors to visit the Community Centre. He had also attended an inaugural meeting with a group of residents about improvements for the town.

Cllr Jerrard was pleased to report that NFDC had granted the Lawrence Boys Club a new 25 year lease on the building.

93. To receive a verbal report from the District Councillors

Cllr England reported that there would be another meeting with the local Police in the Council Chamber on Friday 12 January 2024 6-8pm, where there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions.

Cllr McCarthy reported that he had sat on the NFDC Community Grant Committee

94. To receive a verbal report from the County Councillor

None.

95. Forthcoming Meetings

17 January 2024, Planning 6pm
30 January 2024, Policy and Resources 10.30am
5 February 2024, Amenities 6pm

96. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 18:00pm on 10 January 2024.

Meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

Date: Chairperson's Signature:

