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## **Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 5.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Ian Alexander, Cllr Paul Davies, Cllr Debbie Donovan, Cllr Nikki Fabry, Cllr Cathy Gallagher, Cllr Kiera Gordon-Garrett, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Aimee Harman, Cllr Amber Hart, Cllr Phil Mills, Cllr Sherral Wood, Cllr Max Rosser, Cllr Wendy Veck.

**Officers:** George Dyson (Town Clerk), Kevin Bray (Parks Officer).

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **C1576 MAYOR/CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair opened the meeting at 17:30, welcomed everyone, made a statement on Civility & Respect, briefly ran through the building fire procedures, asked that phones be put onto silent, advised that the meeting was being recorded, and reminded everyone of the 3-minute speaking rule.

Cllr Davies congratulated Cllr Gallagher for being elected Mayor of Telscombe and Cllr Fabry on being Vice-Chair of Lewes District Council. There was a round of applause for both.

### **C1577 PUBLIC SESSION. *Members of the public may ask questions on any relevant Council matter.***

There were no public questions.

### **C1578 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Campbell, Cllr Sharkey and Cllr Studd. Cllr Cheta was also absent.

### **C1579 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **C1580 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

**Proposed by:** Cllr Griffiths                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Mills  
The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were **agreed** and **adopted**.

### **C1581 TO AGREE TO SUBMIT A CIL BID FOR EPINAY PARK**

The Clerk introduced the item briefly, reiterating the process for the CIL bid.

Cllr Donovan spoke in support of the bid, that she had been through the papers and it seemed to all be in order.

Cllr Gallagher queried the different quotes being provided as part of the bid, the Parks Officer clarified the background to the different quotes.

It was proposed to submit the bid as read.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Donovan                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Griffiths  
Council **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal.

## **C1582 TO AGREE TO SUBMIT A CIL BID FOR PHASE 2 OF THE HUB PROJECT**

The Clerk summarised the work that has gone into the bid, thanking the members of the TFG, and ran through the proposed plan for the reconfigured Hub.

Cllr Gallagher spoke that there were some areas of the bid that she felt could still be strengthened, and gave examples of these, particularly noting that the appendices could be reduced to key sections, that relevant pages from the Neighbourhood Development plan be included, and that references to the documents be included in the bid.

It was proposed to proceed with the CIL bid, subject to Cllr Gallagher's amendments.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Veck                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Gordon-Garrett.  
Council **resolved to agree** to this proposal.

## **C1583 TO AGREE TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT UTILITY TASK VEHICLE**

Cllr Alexander raised concerns about this being progressed, and whether it is appropriate for the money to come from s.106.

The Parks Officer clarified the background to the vehicle, and why the proposal has come forward for replacement now.

Cllr Gallagher spoke about the future planned vehicle replacements, and needing to review the target replacement dates.

Cllr Davies asked for a full report to come to the next P&F meeting to consider additional options, such as repairing the current mule.

The Clerk summarised the process of this coming to Council, particularly highlighting that the item had already been agreed at Committee, and Council are being asked to ratify that decision.

This item will be **deferred** to the Policy & Finance Committee.

## **C1584 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ACTIONS RELATING TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION CONSULTATION**

The Clerk summarised the background to this item.

Cllr Gallagher spoke about the recent presentation from an ESCC Councillor at a Telscombe Town Council meeting.

Cllr Fabry suggested that any response should come from the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk spoke about the need for direction from Council on progressing this.

Cllr Veck agreed that the Clerk put together a response, based on previously agreed consultation response, and that this be circulated to Councillors by email prior to its submission.

Cllr Gallagher spoke about the need to listen to the Community at Friday's meeting before committing to a response.

It was proposed to formulate a response after Friday's meeting, which the Town Clerk will put together and circulate by email before submitting.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Fabry                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Veck.  
Council **resolved to agree** to this proposal.

**C1585 TO FORM A TFG TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Clerk introduced the report and background to this item.

Cllr Gallagher confirmed that the plan had been adopted by Lewes District Council last night (26<sup>th</sup> May 2026), so the plan is now made.

Cllr Gordon-Garett gave some additional background to this proposal.

Cllr Gallagher spoke about the Steering Group Terms of Reference giving some direction on what happens with the plan now that it is made.

It was proposed that Cllr Gordon-Garrett, Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Fabry, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Rosser form this TFG, which will put together a list of possible amendments to be presented to Full Council.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Wood                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Rosser  
Council **resolved to agree** to this proposal.

**C1586 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026 AT 7.30PM.**

The next meeting was confirmed as 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

*There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 18:29.*