

Minutes of a meeting of Lynemouth Parish Council held in Lynemouth Welfare Pavilion, Park Road, Lynemouth, Northumberland, NE61 5XL on Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors L. Dunn (in the Chair); K. Hindmarsh; T Dunn; B Smith; G Thompson;; J Hardesty; H Allport; K Pelley. J. Say and P Bingham

IN ATTENDANCE: G Popay (Parish Clerk); two members of the public

<p>a</p>	<p>Police Report: No report – ACTION Clerk to send future invitations to Sgt Kath Smith – kath.smith@northumbria.police.uk and Ashington.npt@northumbria.police.uk</p>
<p>b</p>	<p>Public Forum: None.</p>
<p>1310</p>	<p>Apologies for absence: Cllrs C Johnson and D Cotton gave apologies that were accepted</p>
<p>1311</p>	<p>Declarations of interest: Cllr G Thompson – item 5 c – Lynemouth Day Centre donation</p>
<p>1312</p>	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2025: Proposed by Cllr K Pelley as a true record. Seconded by Cllr G Thompson All in agreement – Cllr J Say & P Bingham not present so abstained</p>
<p>1313</p>	<p>Matters arising: The Clerk contacted the Police re the missing Police report, the airgun incident and the bus shelter damage – he had not received a reply. ACTION – Clerk to follow up ACTION - Clerk to contact the design company re the bus shelter repair</p>
<p>1314</p> <p>a</p> <p>b</p> <p>c</p>	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>The Clerk talked through the monthly schedule and budget reports Monthly schedule of expenditure – including any commitments was circulated and discussed</p> <p>Cllr G Thompson proposed that these payments are made - Seconded by Cllr K Pelley All in agreement – resolved to pay Invoices were presented and cheques signed.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should settle the full water bill before Christmas ACTION Clerk to present water bill at next PC</p> <p>The monthly budget monitoring statement was discussed.</p> <p>Cllr K Hindmarsh proposed that this was accepted. Seconded by Cllr T Dunn All agreed</p> <p>Grants and Donations –</p>

	<p>Cllr L Dunn proposed that the Parish Council agreed in principle the funding request from Lynemouth Day Centre for £15,000 using funding from the Scottish Power monies, the grant would be conditional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a positive reply from Scottish Power that will allow the donation • and sight of the Lynemouth Day Centres last financial years accounts <p>Seconded by Cllr J Say All agreed – Cllr G Thompson abstained and declared a PI. ACTION – Clerk to request accounts from LDC</p>
1315	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>Proposed changes to Council Tax Support Scheme The Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme provides a council tax reduction for people on a low income. It can cover part or all of your council tax bill and is available to both working and unemployed individuals. NCC is looking to change to a “banded scheme”, and Cabinet, after looking at 3 different schemes, approved going out to consultation deciding on Option 3 as presented in papers. Consultation will end on 26 November, with the final proposed scheme going back to cabinet on 9 December and then to full council on 15 January. If approved, a new Scheme will take effect from 1 April 2026. Preliminary modelling of the preferred option provides a £2million reduction against the current forecast cost of the 2025-26 CTS scheme. It is proposed that the new Scheme will contain provisions to protect claimants who experience exceptional hardship as a result of receiving less support. A new hardship scheme will be created, with funds available of £1m in 2026-27. Claimants likely to experience exceptional hardship, will be encouraged to apply for an exceptional hardship payment under the Scheme, with all cases considered on an individual basis.</p> <p>New measures for Northumberland poultry keepers New mandatory measures have been introduced in Northumberland to protect poultry and captive birds from Avian Influenza. The rules apply to keepers of more than 50 birds and any sellers of poultry products and will be in place until further notice. It is now a legal requirement for all bird keepers across Northumberland with a flock of 50 birds of any species to keep their birds housed. If you have any number of poultry which are kept to give away or sell eggs, poultry products or live birds you will also have to house your birds. You will not have to house your birds if you keep less than 50 birds and their eggs or poultry products are for your own use only. The risk of Avian Influenza is seasonally very high due to migrating birds and last week there were confirmed cases in commercial flocks in Cumbria and North Yorkshire. Bird keepers are also required to keep existing strict biosecurity measures in place to help limit the spread of the disease and keep flocks safe. This includes regularly cleaning and disinfecting equipment, clothing and vehicles when entering or exiting sites and limiting access to non-essential workers or visitors. Northumberland County Council’s animal health inspectors have been out giving advice to poultry keepers and educating members of the public by placing information signage all along the east coast of Northumberland, country parks and areas that have reported positive cases of Avian Flu in wild birds.</p> <p>Castle Morpeth Community Partnership - Monday, 17th November, 2025 6.00 pm Corn Exchange, Morpeth Town Hall, Market Place, Morpeth. NE61 1LZ Woodhorn Narrow Gauge Railway</p>

	<p>Cabinet has approved the spend of £0.018 million in 2025-26 to contribute to the Woodhorn Narrow Gauge Railway Group for the restoration of the narrow gauge railway at Woodhorn Museum. This spend will be funded from the existing Parks Enhancement project in the capital programme. The rail line, which closed in 2018, has been undergoing reconstruction following the formation of a new management group, the Woodhorn Narrow Gauge Railway Group, a not-for-profit Community Interest Company (CIC). The reconstruction works are underway and once complete should return a much-loved visitor attraction to Southeast Northumberland.</p> <p>Local issues</p> <p>Footpath repairs will be carried out on Dalton Avenue from 10 November to 28 November (weather permitting). Access for residents will be maintained as far as reasonably practicable, and residents are asked not to park vehicles on the carriageway whilst works are carried out.</p> <p>Site issues should be directed to Alex Greenhaugh on 07966323662</p> <p>The Cabin @ William Leech</p> <p>The SSB (Specialist Support Base) will deliver specialist teaching and support exclusively for children with EHCPs.</p> <p>Th planning application is now recommended for approval under delegated powers. Work to the inside of the building is progressing well and on course for a January opening, with the appointment of a Head of School having been made last month.</p> <p>Anti Social Behaviour</p> <p>Report a crime Northumbria Police</p> <p>You can also email the Neighbourhood Police Team: Ashington.npt@northumbria.police.co.uk</p> <p>NCC's website has links to report anti-social behaviour and to the relevant complaints form. Use this to log incidents of anti-social behaviour which worry or concern you and which effect the neighbourhood – it does not need to be an actual crime</p> <p>Young Citizen Report</p> <p>Cllr Kevin Hindmarsh – Beyond Youth. A meeting will be held on 4th December a funding request would be then be prepared for the February Parish Council meeting.</p>
1316	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>CAN News NALC Enews NALC AGM</p>
1317	<p>Christmas Lights:</p> <p>Several designs had been received and Rebecca Blakes design was chosen as this year's winner. This was now with the designers. The installation is booked in and NCC are lined up on Thursday 11th December to connect and switch on</p>
1318	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>none</p>
1319	<p>Asset Management</p> <p>Barron Walk steps:</p> <p>A quote for £850 had been received from Steve Common to remove the steps along Barrons Walk and make good the bank as discussed at last month's parish council meeting</p>

	<p>Cllr L Dunn proposed that we accept the quote Seconded by T Dunn All agreed</p> <p>Additional Grass Cut Cllr L Dunn proposed that we should have one extra cut as the grass is still growing and if we don't then it will be a mess and difficult to manage by spring 2027. Seconded by Cllr H Allport All agreed</p>
1320	<p>Remembrance day Parade All in hand</p>
1321	<p>NALC Website The clerk had contacted HugoFox and had started the process.</p>
1322	<p>Date and time of next meeting. Confirmed as Tuesday 2nd December 2026 at 7:00pm</p>
1323	<p>Any other business. None - The meeting closed at 8:05pm</p>