

LANGSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Langstone Residents' Association Committee Meeting held on
7:30pm Tuesday 11 February 2025
at
Tidelands, courtesy of Carolyn Holland.

		Action
1	Persons Present Andy Lewis (AL) Chair Margaret Hellawell (MH) Treasurer & Secretary Carolyn Holland (CH) Sarah Maclennan (SM) Mike Combes (MC)	
2	Minutes of meeting on 14 January 25 were agreed as a correct record.	
3	Treasury Report Bank account £6885.40 including the £390.58 from LCG.	
4	Mailchimp AL & MH had met with AA, who was happy to assist with the wording of LRA mailings. MH presented the statistics of response to Mailchimp mailings to date. It was heartening to see around 70% of e mails were being opened. Agreed it was important to title and sub title correctly and keep to one topic per mailing, Mailchimp subscription is due for renewal in April and we expect it will go from around £12 per month to £15. Agreed to accept this increase when our introductory offer expires.	MH to action
5	Website The minutes of the January meeting had been posted on the website. Current minutes will be posted under News and older ones repositioned into Archive, Admin. Joanna Armitage has volunteered to monitor the website, checking that info is current, links work and no duplications etc.	MH to speak to Joanne.
6	Newsletters We have not done one since March 24, instead communication by e mail by topic. Agreed it would be desirable to produce a newsletter twice a year and aim to do one in April, prior to the AGM.	

7	<p>Langstone Conservation Group SM had e mailed Gillian Harris with regard to the lack of facilities for recycling glass. Her response was that Havant aim to have kerbside collections next year.</p> <p>MC to review article on website, and to create a piece that could be sent by mailchimp, advising residents of Litter picks and inviting people to volunteer.</p> <p>MC reported his team were disappointed that having cleared the rubbish on the footpath by the Langbrook stream it was as bad shortly after. He was in contact with HBC, Norse and Hampshire.</p> <p>MC reported that fixing the noticeboard was proving difficult and he would explore whether Havant Men's Shed could help. Zurich Public Liability insurance was in process.</p>	MC MC MC
8	<p>May 15 AGM MH reported she had tried contacting Langstone Sailing Club seeking room availability and would follow up. Suggestions for a speaker on environment/harbour/birds were discussed and could be included once the exact AGM date is finalised.</p>	MH
9	<p>LRA Way forward We considered how we could work constructively with the LVA to maximise our combined strengths, we need to identify strategic areas to address and then seek people with appropriate skills.</p>	AL & all
	<p>8.30 pm Chair of LVA (BF) joined us and a reciprocal arrangement was agreed. CH was delegated to attend the LVA Committee meeting on 24 February at 8.30 in the Chapel.</p>	CH
10	<p>Wade Lane / Mill Pond BF reported that the LVA were continuing to campaign for the restoration of the failing sea wall. With so many agencies involved she said nothing will happen quickly, adding the bridge idea appears to be losing favour. The LVA are talking to Phil Munday and Coastal Partners. AL suggested that as the new LRA Chair, he asks Gillian Harris for a separate update.</p>	BF AL
11	<p>11 Coastal Flood Defences AL reported on his recent meeting with Coastal Partners together with EN, the details of which had been circulated by LRA & LVA. The positive effect of both Associations working together was clear, as between us we represent around 400 households. We</p>	BF/AL

	need to ensure we interface with outside agencies in the most effective manner on issues affecting Langstone residents. BF advised there were proposals to make changes to some of the LVA subcommittees. She understood our concerns about diluting our effective voice and would update AL when any changes were clearer.	
12	Southmoor / King Charles III Way PO had a proposal to manage the sea water by means of culverts and tunnels which when these had been progressed, he would present to the LVA & LRA. The footpath was likely to run at the north end of the field near Langstone Park and be a raised path.	BF
13	Railway Cottages 59/61 Langstone Road LVA & LRA had written to Phil Munday as to whether there was a Section 215 in place. We need to keep pressing HBC on this issue. Noted that the site had been tidied up in recent weeks.	BF/AL
14	Southmere Field We don't know how the new building regulations will affect future planning applications. Advice is that the Covenant signed by HBC on behalf of the residents has some weight. It was agreed we need to think about organising a subcommittee to monitor and prepare.	ALL
15	Restructure of Local Government Noted that Hampshire was selected for fast track to become a new unitary authority. Hampshire, Isle of Wight together with Southampton & Portsmouth City Councils.	
16	LGN dates May 5 th , Family Fun afternoon July 19 th , Langstonbury in the evening Sept 26 th , Macmillan coffee morning	
17	Date of next meeting Tuesday 11 th March 7.30 at Tideland	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.30 pm	

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