

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026

Present

Chairman: Cllr P. Evans

Councillors: Cllr C. Aldridge, Cllr G. Caddy, Cllr S. Cockerell, Cllr M. Denney, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr D. Holland, Cllr P. May, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr A. Wood

Officers: A. Mullins (assistant town clerk), J. Wright (town clerk)

25/163/C Public Forum

The following people spoke in support of their applications:

G. Jones – Lyme Bay Chorale
F. Hulbert – KGV Trustees
J. Dean – Powder Monkeys Explorer Sea Scout Unit
J. Law – The Lyme Regis Sea School Trust
S. Smart – Lyme Regis Development Trust
K. Vernon – Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support

25/164/C Apologies for Absence

Cllr S. Larcombe – personal commitment
Cllr C. Reynolds – illness

25/165/C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr M. Ellis declared a non-pecuniary interest in the applications from Lyme Regis Community Support and the Over 70s Christmas Dinner Fund Committee as she was a volunteer for both. She also declared an interest in agenda item 6, Annual Meeting of Electors, as she was a trustee of the Woodmead Halls.

Cllr A. Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application from the Over 80s Christmas Dinner Fund Committee as he was a volunteer.

25/166/C Dispensations

There were none.

25/167/C Allocation of Community Grants 2026-27

Proposed by Cllr G. Turner and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £1,000 to Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support.

Proposed by Cllr G. Caddy and seconded by Cllr S. Cockerell, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £500 to Friends of Lyme Regis Museum.

Proposed by Cllr C. Aldridge and seconded by Cllr P. May, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £475 to Low Carb Lyme.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £1,000 to LymeArts Community Trust.

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr A. Wood, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £490 to Lyme Bay Chorale.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr C. Aldridge, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £500 to Lyme Morris.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr M. Ellis, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £70 to Lyme Regis/Barfleur Twinning Association to pay for membership of the Dorset Twinning Association.

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £378 to Lyme Regis Bowling Club.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £300 to Lyme Regis Community Support.

Proposed by Cllr S. Cockerell and seconded by Cllr C. Aldridge, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £437.93 to Lyme Regis Development Trust.

Proposed by Cllr A. Wood and seconded by Cllr D. Holland, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £500 to Lyme Regis Pantomime Society.

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr P. May, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £443 to Lyme Regis Pickleball Club.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr M. Denney, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £500 to Lyme Regis Skatepark Committee.

Proposed by Cllr G. Turner and seconded by Cllr N. Hampton-Rumbold, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £300 to Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club.

Proposed by Cllr G. Stammers and seconded by Cllr S. Cockerell, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £500 to Mosaic – Supporting Bereaved Children.

Proposed by Cllr M. Denney and seconded by Cllr G. Turner, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £500 to the Over 70s Christmas Dinner Fund Committee.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £500 to Powder Monkeys Explorer Sea Scout Unit.

Proposed by Cllr S. Cockerell and seconded by Cllr P. May, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £500 to Rosie Jackson Personal Trainer.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr C. Aldridge, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £1,000 to The Lyme Regis Sea School Trust.

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr N. Hampton-Rumbold, members **RESOLVED** to award a 2026-27 community grant of £444.99 to Uplyme and Lyme Regis Cricket Club.

Members discussed the application from Little Green Change as there was some uncertainty about the level of involvement from the Woodroffe School as it had its own green initiatives.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr S. Cockerell, members **RESOLVED** that subject to a letter from the Woodroffe School confirming their commitment to the projects, to award a 2026-27 community grant of £495 to Little Green Change.

Members discussed the late application from the KGV Trustees and noted that although the funding would support the council's Sporting Lyme initiative, approving a grant would set a precedent. It was noted a term grant application had previously been rejected for being late.

The mayor, Cllr P. Evans said he would like further discussions with the KGV Trustees about how he could support them and for that reason, he would suggest the application was rejected.

Proposed by Cllr P. Evans and seconded by Cllr M. Ellis, members **RESOLVED** to reject the late application from the KGV Trustees.

25/168/C Annual Meeting of Electors

Cllr M. Ellis left the meeting at 8.12pm in line with her interests.

Members took note of the comments but emphasised that the council would not allow the bar to be open during the meeting. It was suggested this could be clarified with the Woodmead Halls.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr S. Cockerell, members **RESOLVED** to endorse the town clerk's view that Annual Meetings of Electors should continue at Woodmead Halls.

Cllr M. Ellis returned to the meeting at 8.17pm.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.