

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2026

Present

Chairman: Cllr P. Evans

Councillors: Cllr G. Caddy, Cllr S. Cockerell, Cllr M. Denney, Cllr M. Ellis, Cllr N Hampton-Rumbold, Cllr D. Holland, Cllr P. May, Cllr C. Reynolds, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr A. Wood

Officers: N. Cleal (finance manager), A. Mullins (assistant town clerk), J. Wright (town clerk)

25/182/C Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

25/183/C Apologies for Absence

Cllr C. Aldridge – holiday
Cllr S. Larcombe

25/184/C Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none.

25/185/C Dispensations

There were none.

25/186/C Reimbursement of Outside Seating Charges

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr P. May, members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business as it included confidential matters relating to relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person within the meaning of paragraphs 1 and 8 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (see Section 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985), as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

25/187/C Exempt Business

a) Reimbursement of Outside Seating Charges

The town clerk said since drafting the report, another settlement agreement with one of the affected businesses had been signed.

The town clerk updated members on the current situation with Dorset Council (DC) and any claim against them. He said officers had agreed with DC some principles for the future management of Marine Parade but there were still a lot of outstanding issues to resolve.

A member asked what this meant for the status of the Tripartite Agreement with DC and whether the conditions within it still applied.

The town clerk said one part of the Tripartite Agreement was deemed unlawful and this related to the Marine Parade, but DC officers had assured him and the deputy town clerk that other areas in the town where there was outside seating did not have highway status. He was still awaiting confirmation of the extent of the highway on Marine Parade; this had been expedited. He said he had made it clear to DC that until some of the outstanding issues had been resolved, there were a lot of things the town council would not continue to do, such as management of the barriers on the seafront.

The town clerk said he intended to escalate this to director level at DC as officers were not responding.

Members discussed the proposed offer to Largigi in respect of its claim.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr P. May, members **RESOLVED** to make a full and final settlement offer to Largigi for the recommended sum.

The town clerk stressed the confidential nature of the matter and said the offer would be made through the council's solicitors.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm.