LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN MANAGEMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026

Present

Chairman: Cllr M. Ellis

Members: Cllr G. Caddy, Cllr S. Cockerell, Cllr P. Evans, Cllr D. Holland, Cllr S. Larcombe, Cllr P. May, Cllr G. Stammers, Cllr G. Turner, Cllr A. Wood

Officers: A. Mullins (assistant town clerk), S. O'Connell (operations manager)

26/01/TMH Apologies

Cllr C. Aldridge – holiday
Cllr N. Hampton-Rumbold – personal commitment
Cllr C. Reynolds – illness

26/02/TMH Minutes

Proposed by Cllr D. Holland and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 February 2026 were **ADOPTED**.

26/03/TMH Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr G. Stammers declared an interest in Bell Cliff steps as her daughter was employed at the Bell Cliff Café.

26/04/TMH Dispensations

There were none.

26/05/TMH Matters arising from the minutes of the Town Management and Highways Committee meeting held on 25 February 2026

No Dogs on the Beach Signs

A member asked if the exclusion of dogs from the beach would be policed.

The operations manager said the council's town rangers, as well as himself and the operations supervisor, would be undergoing Community Safety Accreditation Scheme training, which would allow them to deal with these kinds of issues.

26/06/TMH Update Report

Members noted the report.

26/07/TMH Town Management and Highways Committee – Objectives

Members noted the report.

26/08/TMH Dorset Council Dog-Related Public Space Protection Order – Consultation

It was agreed the council should submit a response as an organisation but members were encouraged to also respond individually.

It was noted however, that the consultation didn't give an option that was in line with this council's policy on dogs on the beach; respondents could only comment on Dorset Council's (DC) existing policy so the scope to change it was very limited. It was noted there was space at the end of the consultation to add comments, so this council's views could perhaps be added there.

Cllrs S. Larcombe, M. Ellis and D. Holland agreed to work with officers to formulate the council's response.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr A. Wood, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to delegate authority to officers to respond to the Dorset Council consultation on the Dog-Related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), in consultation with Cllrs S. Larcombe, M. Ellis and D. Holland.

26/09/TMH Travel and Transport Working Group

It was noted the working group had done a lot of work and helped this committee form policy, but until proposals were put forward by DC for the Cobb area and Broad Street, the working group didn't have anything to consider.

It was suggested if there was a big issue that required consideration, the working group could be reconvened.

Proposed by Cllr A. Wood and seconded by Cllr P. May, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to discontinue the Travel and Transport Working Group, with any future transport-related matters to continue to be managed through the Town Management and Highways Committee, as currently.

26/10/TMH Candles on the Cobb Pavilion Toilets – Operations and Anti-Social Behaviour

The operations manager confirmed all incidents of anti-social behaviour were being logged with Dorset Police, who had advised the council to call 999 when incidents were in progress. The town rangers would also increase patrols in the area and would be wearing body cams so there would be video evidence if they witnessed any incidents. However, they would only approach and challenge people if they felt comfortable to do so, and otherwise report incidents using the police radio they would be issued with.

The operations manager suggested members considered further CCTV on the Candles on the Cobb Pavilion.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr P. May, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to look into costings for additional CCTV at Anning Road Playing Field.

26/11/TMH Community Mural Proposal – Marine Parade Shelters

Members agreed a mural would brighten up the shelters and it was a good way to involve the community, but there were concerns it would attract graffiti.

Members agreed this was a risk worth taking.

Proposed by Cllr G. Stammers and seconded by Cllr S. Larcombe, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to support, in principle, discussions regarding a community mural project within the Marine Parade Shelters.

26/12/TMH Boundary Issues at 50 King's Way

The operations manager said although it would be preferable not to fell a healthy tree, there was a risk it would fall or that the council would be liable for stability issues to the adjoining property. He said an arborist had agreed it was a problem and should be felled. If it was felled, the council would need to consider planting another tree and consideration would need to be given to the type of tree and its location.

It was proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr D. Holland to delegate authority to the chairman of the Town Management and Highways Committee and the operations manager to find a suitable way forward regarding the ongoing boundary issue at 50 King's Way, specifically the issue of the fir tree.

It was suggested this was extended to the vice-chairman of this committee; this amendment was accepted.

Proposed by Cllr P. May and seconded by Cllr D. Holland, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** to delegate authority to the chairman and vice-chairman of the Town Management and Highways Committee and the operations manager to find a suitable way forward regarding the ongoing boundary issue at 50 King's Way, specifically the issue of the fir tree.

26/13/TMH Community Emergency Response Plans (CERPs) – Survey

Cllrs A. Wood, M. Ellis, P. May and S.Cockerell agreed to work with the operations manager to prepare a response to the survey.

Proposed by Cllr M. Ellis and seconded by Cllr G. Stammers, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that Cllrs A. Wood, M. Ellis, P. May and S.Cockerell work with the operations manager to prepare a response to the Dorset Council and DAPTC survey regarding Community Emergency Response Plans (CERPs).

It was noted the survey deadline was 30 June 2026 so the recommendation would be retrospectively considered by the Full Council.

26/14/TMH Lyme Regis Beach Management Plan

Members noted the report.

26/15/TMH Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) – Access, Security and Anti-Social Behaviour

The operations manager said the issues at the MUGA were connected to the issues in the Candles on the Cobb Pavilion toilets. He recommended the gate to the MUGA continued to be locked at dusk, there continued to be engagement with Dorset Police, more signage was put up to discourage entry when it was locked, and more patrols were carried out by the town rangers when they are also monitoring the toilets.

The alternatives were to not lock the gate, but this would encourage more use in the evenings and more disruption to residents, or to increase the height of the fence, which could create greater risk if people tried to climb over.

Members supported the operations manager's recommendations.

26/16/TMH Cleaning Services Contract (LRTC/CLS/2026–2027) – Procurement Outcome

Members noted the report.

26/17/TMH Complaints, Incidents and Compliments

A member asked for clarification on the situation with Marine Parade, following a complaint the barrier was left unlocked and vehicles were using the parade.

The operations manager said DC had now confirmed it was happy for the town council to lock the barriers and control vehicle access until further discussions had taken place about the future management of Marine Parade. This confirmation had been given in writing and had been agreed for public safety.

The operations manager was aware there were still some vehicles driving on the parade, which the town council couldn't enforce, but he was trying to work with local traders to manage this.

It was noted some traders were unlocking the gates but the council's external works team had been instructed to lock the barriers and would continue to do so.

The meeting closed at 8pm.