

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF NEYLAND TOWN COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May  
6.30PM AT NEYLAND COMMUNITY HUB**

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This meeting was audio recorded by agreement of all Councillors present.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr. P Hay (Mayor)

Cllr. A Phelan (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr. M Harry

Cllr. A Richards

Cllr. A Thomas

Cllr. S Hancock

*The Clerk being unable to attend the Meeting, Councillors agreed to continue with the meeting, and the Minutes would be constructed from an audio recording of the meeting.*

*Minutes have been completed by Cllr. Peter Hay.*

Meeting opened at 6.30pm

**APOLOGIES:** None received

**4668 - TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS REGARDING THE BUSINESS TO  
BE TRANSACTED**

| <b>Member:</b>  | <b>Interest:</b>                            | <b>Agenda Item:</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cllr. M Harry   | Personal;<br>Unpaid Director of Neyland CIC | N/A                 |
| Cllr. S Hancock | Personal;<br>County Councillor at PCC       | N/A                 |

**4669 – REPRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (limited to 15 minutes)**

Scout Oscar Small came to the meeting, with his mother, to thank the Town Council for the financial donation it has made towards his coming trip, as a Scout, to Poland. Several Councillors conversed with Oscar about the opportunity that has come his way. The Council thanked him for coming to express his gratitude and wished him well.

Mr Nick Wilson enquired if the Town Council would advertise a fund-raising Bingo evening on 5<sup>th</sup> June, in aid of local Scouts. Councillors agreed to do this by putting a poster, which Mr Wilson had brought, into our noticeboards and to add it to the Council's social media.

**Visit by Police Inspector Shaun Doble:**

Inspector Doble explained how the Policing structure, recently having been overhauled, related to Neyland. There are Officers and PCSO's who have had Neyland allocated to them as one of their primary locations. However, all Officers and PCSO's respond, when needed, right across the area covered by the Milford Haven Police Hub. The area is large, Marlos, Dale, St. Ishmal's, Broad Haven, Milford Haven, Neyland and all place in between. A term often used is 'the number of Police Officers'. Which at first glance can appear adequately large. But they are not all on duty at the same time. The actual 'working shift' is much smaller.

Inspector Doble was quite open in his comments about crime. Statistics don't highlight Neyland as an area of much crime, which is why police presence is limited.

This relates back to something the Town Council has been trying to advocate to Neyland residents for several years now. If crimes are not reported, then your area doesn't appear on Police records as somewhere that needs Policing.

There was a discussion about electric scooters. They are illegal, why don't the Police stop the riders and confiscate the scooters? Inspector Doble explained how complicated acting against electric scooters was.

The Council thanked Inspector Doble and hoped there will continue to be a good and open contact between all parties.

#### **4670 – TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 13.04.2026**

The Minutes were examined page by page. There are some same errors that should be corrected.

16/26 – (4647) Penultimate line of text. 'previous' should replace 'precious'.

17/26 – (4647) Last line of text. Should read 'committee meeting has taken place'.

18/26 – (4650) Item e. It's Neil McCarthy of PCC.

18/26 – (4650) Item g. 'meeting' misspelled.

18/26 – (4651) The text stating Hancock and Phelan left the chamber would be better placed beneath the heading of 4651.

18/26 – (4651) Mid-text, Mrs Elliot is the 'Chair' not secretary.

21/26 – (4659) Second paragraph, please add initial 'A' to Cllr Phelan and 'd' to the end of Neyland.

It was proposed the Minutes be accepted as accurate.

Proposed: by Cllr. M Harry    Seconded: by Cllr. A Richards

Councillors present unanimously voted '**for**' accepting the Minutes, with the above amendments.

#### **4671 – MATTERS ARISING**

With the Town Clerk not being available at the meeting, Councillors held a brief acknowledgement of most items. Recognising also, some items appeared latter on the meeting agenda.

**Impact Funding meeting** - We need to arrange a meeting, all Councillors asked to attend. Cllr Phelan will ensure everyone has access, the 'link', to the PCC documents relating to the Fund.

**Police Funding** - Cllr Hancock had circulated financial figures relating to the Neyland portion of 'Police funding'. There was some discussion on whether, for the amount of money Neyland provided, residents saw the level of Policing they expected. This discussion did crossover with the presence of Inspector Doble.

#### **4672 – ONGOING MATTERS**

**Public Toilets** - Not every Councillor had been able to open the document, attached to this meetings details, sent around by the Clerk. Cllr Hay will re-send the document, and we'll see if All can open it.

*The other items in the list were shelved. As without a Clerk there was no real update.*

**Agenda items 7. and 8. To be move to next meeting.**

**4673 – A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

APPLICATION FROM 'MUSIC AT LLANSTADWELL'

The Committee discussed the project application, which referred to a project intended to focus support to young musicians and to assist in their development. The project predominantly takes place in Llanstadwell and offered little benefit towards the residents of Neyland. Cllr. Hay felt that he would like to offer seed money towards a project that could grow into benefiting residents of Neyland in the future. Overall, the Committee felt that they would not wish to award a grant at this time.

Proposal: To offer a grant of £150.00

Proposed: Cllr. P Hay

Seconded: Cllr. A Thomas

2 in favour, 4 against.

Amended proposal: To not offer a grant at this time.

Proposed: Cllr. M Harry

Seconded: Cllr. A Richards

4 in favour, 2 against.

RESOLVED: 'MUSIC AT LLANSTADWELL' NOT TO BE AWARDED A GRANT.

APPLICATION FROM GIRL GUIDING PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY

Girl Guiding Pembrokeshire County had submitted an application for a grant towards an international trip to Switzerland to visit the oldest World Girl Guiding Centre and take part in their 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The application stipulated that there will be 7 Neyland residents attending the trip, including 1 Guide, 1 Ranger, 2 Young Leaders and 3 adult volunteers. The Committee agreed that they would be happy to support the project, but stipulated that the funds are allocated to the Neyland residents for the trip.

Proposal: To award a grant of £500 towards the Girl Guiding Pembrokeshire trip to Switzerland on the basis that the grant monies is awarded to the residents of Neyland attending the trip.

Proposed: Cllr. S Hancock

Seconded: Cllr. A Thomas

All in favour.

Amended proposal: To award a grant of £300 towards the Girl Guiding Pembrokeshire trip to Switzerland on the basis that the grant monies is awarded to the residents of Neyland attending the trip.

Proposed: Cllr. P Hay

The amendment was not seconded and therefore, was not voted upon.

RESOLVED: GIRL GUIDING UK TO BE AWARDED A GRANT OF £500 TOWRDS THEIR PROJECT.

APPLICATION FROM OSCAR SMALL

An application had been received from Neyland resident Oscar Small, applying for a grant to assist the funding of his trip to Poland, whereby he will be representing the Neyland Scouts at the Poland 2027 World Scouts 26<sup>th</sup> Jamboree. The committee noted the large amount of fundraising Mr. Small had already completed by himself. The committee also noted that this was a one-off event and that Mr. Small would be representing Neyland at the event.

Proposal: To offer Oscar Small a grant of £200 towards the Poland 2027 26<sup>th</sup> Jamboree.

Proposed: Cllr. P Hay

Seconded: Cllr. S Hancock

All in favour.

RESOLVED: OSCAR SMALL TO BE AWARDED A GRANT OF £200 TOWRDS HIS PROJECT.

**4674 – TO DISCUSS THE REPLACEMENT BENCH AT THE BRUNEL STATUE**

Councillors were asked to look at what has been offered by PCC and to consider where they may want our bench relocated to and report to the Council. At this meeting Council had no suggestions of what to do.

**4675 – PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED & FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Councillors noted the financial status and reconciliations documents.

The Payment to the Cricket Cub for our sign was brought up. It was accepted that we would continue with this form of financial support for this year, but it is to be reviewed on an annual basis in the future. It was proposed to approve payments.

Councillors present unanimously voted 'for' making payments.

**4676 – CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no Clerk, and no Clerk's report.

**4677 – MAYOR'S UPDATE**

No update.

**4678 – EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

The response to David Devauden's FOI request was discussed.

Councillors concluded the response would be that Mr Devauden's FOI request be rejected, and that Mr Devauden be told so by the Clerk.

Councillors and the Clerk have had mutual communication on this request over the last week or so.

All believe there are adequate grounds to reject Mr Devauden's FOI as 'vexatious intentions'.

**4679 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

Meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Signed: ..... (Mayor/Chair)

Signed: ..... (Clerk/Proper Officer)

Date: .....