

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers,
Claremont House,
Lydney on

Monday 19th January 2026 at 6.01pm

PRESENT: Councillors T Saunders (Chair), R Holmes, T Lindsay, P Johns (6.43pm),
M Jones and E Taylor

Also Louise Bendall - Deputy Clerk & Minute Taker

Present: Henry Sleeman – Business Administrator

Members of the Public: One member of the public was present

Cllr Saunders gave the usual housekeeping announcements.

OPEN FORUM

No items raised

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Harris and S Holmes.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To received Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. In accordance with Lydney Town Council's current Code of Conduct in respect of Members.

No declarations of interest were declared

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 20th October 2025

Chair proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Monday 20th October 2025 be accepted as read and correct.

Resolved: Majority Approved

4. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

To note the Town Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was received and noted

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To consider a response to any correspondence received

(a) Letter from Allotment resident regarding allotment waste

Following discussion, it was proposed and seconded for a response be sent to clarify, in accordance with clause 21 of the tenancy agreement, that allotment holders are responsible for the removal of their own allotment waste. The Council may, with prior approval, consider the removal of ad-hoc larger items. Copy of July 2025 Amenities Minutes to be included in the response.

Resolved: Unanimously Approved

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Cllr Saunders provided a verbal report following the illegal fireworks display held on the Mesne on New Year's Eve. It was noted that local residents were unaware of the display and that it was held without the appropriate permissions, licences, or insurance. Numerous complaints were received by councillors. Firework residue caused a bin to catch fire, resulting in the Fire Brigade being called out. An offer has been received for a donation to replace the damaged bin.

Cllr Saunders will speak with local PCSOs to explore whether the area could be policed in future. A response letter will be sent, and a copy of the Fire Brigade report will be sought.

6. **ENTRANCE TO THE MESNE**

To consider and approve the installation of either dropped bollards or a chain across the top entrance to the Mesne.

Following discussion, the Chair proposed that the installation of a number of dropped bollards be approved, at the discretion of the Grounds Team, up to a value of £1,500, across the top entrance of the Mesne.

Resolved: Unanimously Approved

7. **BLUE SALT BIN**

To consider and agree installing a council blue salt bin at top of Naas Lane. Committee members were advised that Highways confirmed that the road up to the golf club entrance falls under Highways Authority's remit. It was noted that the salt bins supplied by the council do not have lids, meaning the salt can deteriorate over time.

Chair proposed that the office liaise with Gloucestershire Highways at the next Highways meeting to request consideration of installing a grit bin on the road up to the golf club entrance, and that, in the interim, a temporary blue bin be installed at the site, either with a lid or supplied with a bag of unopened salt if available.

Resolved: Majority Approved

It is noted that Cllr Johns joined the meeting at 6.43pm

8. **DISPOSAL/SALE OF IGLOO**

To agree the process for the sale/disposal of the igloo, and to delegate authority to selected members of the Amenities Committee to agree the sale/disposal details.

It was proposed and seconded to delegate authority for management of the sale/disposal of the igloo to Chair and Vice-Chair of Committee (Cllrs S Holmes and Saunders)

Resolved: Unanimously Approved

Chair proposed that the sale/disposal of the igloo be subject to the following conditions:

- The igloo is sold or gifted to an organisation within the Forest area, ideally in Lydney if possible.
- Interested organisations submit a letter of bid outlining the community value the igloo will provide.

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- The igloo is retained for a minimum of two years and is not to be re-sold within this period; permission must be sought from the Council if it is sold within the two years.
- The organisation must advise the Council if the igloo is no longer fit for purpose within the two-year period.
- The igloo will be advertised on the Council's Facebook page, and a date will be agreed for organisations to view the inflated igloo.
- Letters of bid must be received by the end of March for consideration.

Resolved: Unanimously Approved

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 27th April 2026, time to be confirmed, at the Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney

Meeting ended at 6.58pm

Chair S Holmes.....

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