

Local Community Network

Minehead and Watchet Area

Thursday 8 January 2026

ONLINE ONLY

Commencing at 6:30pm

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Meeting ID: 380 781 181 603 7

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Agenda

- 1. Introductions and apologies.**
- 2. Update from Avon and Somerset Police.**
- 3. Dunster Steep Traffic Light Upgrade Scheme – Syed Shah, Public Liaison Officer, Somerset Council.**
- 4. Exmoor Rural Housing Enabler – Colin McDonald, Somerset Council.**
- 5. West Somerset Food Cupboard – Chair of Trustees, Katrina Midgely.**
- 6. To receive the Minehead and Watchet LCN, End of 2025 Yearly Report - attached**
- 7. Agree the Notes/Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2025 at West Somerset House are attached.
- 8. Matters arising (not part of later agenda items)**
- 9. Update from Highways Working Group**

The Minutes from the meeting held on Friday 14 November are attached.

10. Update from Transport and Active Travel Working Group.

The draft Minutes from the meetings held on Tuesday 18 November and Thursday 18 December are attached.

Recommendations to the Minehead and Watchet LCN Meeting

a) To adopt the Terms of Reference as drafted; These are attached.

b) To focus on 4 key areas of work within the subgroup:

- Improved bus route communication, including QR codes and real-time information boards at stops.
- Addressing the Bridgwater bus service, including timetable optimisation and collaboration with Hinkley.
- Enhancing hospital and diagnostic centre transport links, especially connections to Taunton and Bridgwater.
- Implementing bus stop announcements with “alight here for...” information to support visitors and accessibility.

11. Parish Matters – Community News

A chance for towns/parishes and community groups to share information: including good news stories; calls to action; funding successes and grant offers; requests for help and assistance.

12. Dates of future LCN meetings

Proposed Minehead and Watchet LCN meeting Dates Dunster Meeting Room (TBC) West Somerset House	Highways Sub-Group Dates Dunster Meeting Room West Somerset House
Thursday 8 January 2026 at 6.30pm – ONLINE ONLY	Wednesday 4 February 10am – 1pm
Thursday 9 April 2026 at 7pm	Wednesday 13 May 10am – 1pm
Thursday 16 July 2026 at 7pm (AGM)	

To take place at West Somerset House unless otherwise advised.