



Local Community Network

Minehead and Watchet Area

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16 July 2025

**Minehead Community Centre,
Alexandra Road, Minehead
Somerset TA24 5DW**

With grateful thanks to Minehead Town Council for hosting.

Commencing at 6:30pm

Meeting will end at 8:30pm

Please note:

This meeting will be in-person only.

Parking is available free of charge after 6:00pm at the Community Centre car park.

We want everybody to have the opportunity to take part in the LCN meetings - fully and comfortably - and have booked appropriate venues with accessibility requirements in mind.

If you've specific access needs, and are at all concerned, please contact us so we can provide reassurance, or seek solutions beforehand:

mineheadandwatchetlcn@somerset.gov.uk



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Agenda

1. Introductions and Apologies

2. Election of Chairperson

Only members of the core membership are eligible to be nominated as the Chair. Either the Chair or Vice-Chair of the LCN shall be a Somerset Councillor.

Only voting members can make nominations. The nomination must be seconded to be valid.

3. Election of Vice Chairperson

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4. Update from Avon and Somerset Police

The local neighbourhood beat team will be present from 6:00pm to address any concerns that attendees wish to raise privately.

5. Guest Speaker: John Buttivant, Coastal Engineer (Environment Agency)

John is/was the Chair of the Severn Estuary Coastal Group, and a coastal flood risk management specialist.

6. Guest Speaker: James Divall, Head of Service: Climate & Natural Environment (Somerset Council)

James oversees various functions related to climate strategy, flood and water management, resilience and adaptation, green estates, ecology, national landscapes, and nature recovery/wellbeing.

7. Approve the minutes of the last meeting

The notes from the meeting held on Thursday 10 April 2025, were circulated with the agenda pack

8. Matters arising (not part of later agenda items)

9. Update on the Highways Working Group

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 June at Beckett House were circulated with the agenda pack.

Action: – To diarise quarterly meetings of the Minehead and Watchet Highways group for the coming year.

10. To consider the Local Community Network Annual Report for 2024-25

The draft annual report was circulated with the agenda pack.

11. To determine the priorities and areas of focus for the LCN in the next 12 months:-

Some suggestions already received include:-

- Coastal Protection Working Group;
- Community Resilience and Emergency Planning;
- The No28 Bus Service and public transport;
- An Active Travel Working Group;
- Young Persons Mental Health and Wellbeing.

12. Dates of future LCN meetings

Proposed Minehead and Watchet LCN Dates Venues to be confirmed	Highways Sub-Group Dates Dunster Meeting Room West Somerset House
	Friday 12 September 10am – 1pm
Thursday 16 October 2025 at 6.30pm	Friday 14 November 10am – 1pm
Thursday 8 January 2026 at 6.30pm	Wednesday 4 February 10am – 1pm
Thursday 9 April 2026 at 7pm	Wednesday 13 May 10am – 1pm
Thursday 16 July 2026 at 7pm (AGM)	

13. The meeting will close at 8:30pm latest.

There will be an opportunity for networking as the Minehead Football Club bar will be open from 8:30pm.