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Ordinary Meeting of 19:00 hrs Monday 13th October 2025

**Minutes of above meeting of Magor with Undy Town Council
held at Magor Baptist Chapel and remotely via Zoom Meetings.**

Adopted at Ordinary meeting of 10th Nov 2025.

Magor with Undy Town Council	In attendance / Apologies-Absent
Mayor, Cllr Frances Taylor (Chair)	Online
Deputy Mayor, Cllr Paul Cawley	In Person
Cllr Penny Kirkham	In Person
Cllr Mike James	In Person
Cllr Donna James	In Person
Cllr Victoria Hammett-Johnson	In Person
Cllr Dr Mario Bisi	In Person
Cllr Mike Boyland	In Person
Cllr Zuzka Hilton	In Person
Vacant seat	
Officers	
William Lewis – Clerk/RFO	In Person
Rachel Jones – Business Support and Projects Officer	In Person
County Councillors	
John Crook	In Person
Angela Sandles	In Person
Public attendance	
In Person	9, as amended
Remotely via ZOOM	10

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Members of the public in attendance addressed the meeting where representations were made in respect of previous meetings Public Open Forum and online provisions, poor maintenance of paths, roads and hedgerows to which the Chair gave a brief response and advice.

Two members of the public made representation in respect of Item 6.1 of the agenda, summaries of which are annexed at Appendix A & B of these minutes.

7:14pm. Cllr Bisi questioned why someone had been removed from the virtual waiting room.

The Clerk explained that the person(s) present in the virtual waiting room had not requested invitation details as required by multi-location meeting Council protocol. Cllr Bisi argued and gave reason why the person had not followed protocol.

The Chair indicated that this was not for debate offering advice to Cllr Bisi, despite which members continued to raise argument despite having been reminded of the processes under the Council Protocol.

80 Chairs Announcements

80.1 To receive Councillor apologies for absence.
Full attendance- no apologies

80.2 To receive any update and feedback in respect of meetings, functions, events or matters arising. The Chair referred to installation of New Noticeboards.
The Chair requested Cllr representations to be succinct and courtesy extended by not speaking over each other as it makes it difficult for people to hear clearly. Referring to sound issues at the previous meeting she reminded the meeting that as Council do not have their own fixed venue some of the difficulties are outside of the control of Council and Council staff.

81 Declarations of Interest

81.1 To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
Cllr Kirkham – Agenda Items 9 and 11

7:19pm

Cllr Bisi proposed on grounds that time-sensitive matters, more important than item 6.1 to move item 6.1 to the end of the meeting, to ensure that Council have Christmas trees this year and that there would not be time get to those items.

Cllr Boyland seconded that proposal.

The Chair, stated that she was not disposed to amend the order of business of the agenda. That Standing Orders detailed that order of business may be changed at the discretion of the Chair.

Cllr Bisi, referring to Standing Order 10a and repeatedly challenged the Chair that his proposal which had been seconded by Cllr Boyland should be subject of a recorded vote.

The Chair, stated that under rules of debate at meetings, motions on the agenda shall be considered in the order that they appear, unless the order is changed at the discretion of the chair of the meeting.

She repeated her earlier decision that the order of business would not be changed.

Cllr Bisi continued his challenge requesting a recorded vote, with occasional supporting comment from Cllr Boyland. Cllr Bisi requested the Clerk to record in the minutes that the Chair was not following Standing Orders and was bringing the Council into disrepute.

7:25pm:

The Chair, reaffirmed her original decision that motions on the agenda shall be considered in the order they appear unless the order is changed at the discretion of the chair. (SO 1a) and The Chairs application of Standing Orders is final (SO 26d). The Chair stated the meeting should proceed without further discussion on the matter in order to complete all business on the agenda.

82 Correspondence

82.1 To note that that associated documents relative to agenda items has been served upon Council Members.

Associated document index (Appendix A)

83 Minutes of Previous meetings

- 83.1** To note that the draft minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 30th September 2025 had not been completed at the time of posting this agenda and shall be listed within the ordinary Meeting Agenda of 10th November 2025.

Noted and no representations were received.

84 Finances

- 84.1** To receive Microsoft Excel record of receipts & payments and reconciliation records in respect of Barclays Bank Accounts and CCLA/PSDF Investment Account:

- 01st to 30th September 2025
(Appendix B).

No representation or comment was received

- 84.2** To receive RBS Financial Software reconciliation reports for payments and receipts in respect of Barclays Bank Accounts and CCLA/PSDF Investment Account:

- 01st to 30th September 2025 (Associated Document 1)

Reports to be signed by RFO and Cllr M James as soon as reasonably practicable.

No representation or comment was received

85 MEMBERS ITEMS OF BUSINESS

85.1 7:28pm

MOTION: (Cllr Victoria Hammett-Johnson)

Now that the former Councillor has returned to Magor with Undy Council, in the interest of transparency, accountability and stewardship of Public Funds, this council agree an appropriate mechanism to resolve the outstanding repayment to this Council, of the unlawful payments made to the individual member, totalling £500.00.

As set out in the Wales Audit Public Interest Report 2018/2019 and Council Minutes dated 14.01.19, 11.02.19, 04.04.19, 08.04.19.

This is public money, and the council should do everything possible to recover the monies while recognising the Audit Wales Public Interest report made no recommendation or comment regarding recovery.

Prior to submission of her representation Council Hammett-Johnson stated and explained that in her motion paper she had erroneously used a comma where a full stop was meant to be. That the paragraph should read:

Audit Wales has stated that an unlawful payment has been made. This is public money, and the council should do everything possible to recover the monies.

The clerk confirmed that an amendment had been served correcting that error.

Cllr Hammett-Johnson, commenced with her representation in respect of her motion. Three minutes into this presentation she made a request of the chair to stop due to distraction caused by members of the public in the room.

This resulted in comment from a member of the public and Cllr Boyland.

The Chair, reminded the meeting of her earlier announcement of affording respect to the speaker without interruption.

Cllr Hammett-Johnson, resumed her representation concluded with the following:

My proposal is that Councillor Boyland return the amount owed to Council, as per the resolutions, by a deadline to be agreed, and that our residents are made aware when this debt has been returned so the matter can be closed.

Proposal was seconded by Cllr Kirkham, reserving the right to address the meeting later.

7:39pm

Councillor Boyland, declared an interest and in response to a question from the Chair confirmed that this was both a personal and prejudicial interest and would recuse himself from debate of this item.

The Chair, then invited response from Members.

Cllr Bisi, made a submission in respect of the minutes between Jan and April 2019 and the Wales Audit Office being of higher authority than the Council.

Further submission stating that the former clerk had been the author of the motion presented by Cllr Hammett-Johnson.

This was refuted by Cllr Hammett-Johnson.

Cllr Bisi, raised further question of the legality of the motion.

Cllr Kirkham, seconded the motion and provided clarification of the public minutes of January, February and April of 2019 and the resolutions that it was a decision of the council to reclaim the overpayment to the member. Cllr Kirkham explained that resolutions do not expire and that any outstanding resolution remains in effect until its implementation or if it is rescinded by Council. Cllr Kirkham added that it is the best interest of the Council that a resolution is agreed regarding the outstanding resolutions so that it be resolved to focus on delivery of services to the community.

Cllr Bisi, having previously spoken, raised a Point of Order and queried the absence of minutes of meetings of various committee meetings from the Town Council website and of confidential notes.

The Chair, informed Cllr Bisi that this matter was not a Point of Order and asked him to clarify the implication that these records had been purposely removed.

Cllr Bisi, stated that he had searched the website and was unable to find records.

The Clerk, added that he had also conducted searches and that the papers to which Cllr Bisi referred was not formal Council papers.

The Chair, advised Cllr Bisi that as no further information or amended resolution could be found, that Council were able only to rely on the resolutions of the Council that sit in the public domain.

Cllr Donna James, raised a point of order relating to the minutes of 04th April 2019.

The Chair, concluded that Cllr James had contributed a point of explanation, not a point of order.

Cllr Donna James, made a submission that the payment was a misinterpretation of the IRPW, that the Wales Auditor General had issued no repayment directive and that Financial Regulations at that time offered no specific instruction. That Council had no policy relating to such matters and that pursuit of this matter could expose the Council to risk of financial harm and that this should not be revisited.

Councillor Mike James, asked why this was being raised after more than six years and queried the amounts detailed by Cllr Hammett-Johnson.

The Chair, invited the Clerk to provide explanation in respect of different amounts.

The Chair, invited further contribution from members who had not spoken but only points of order.

Cllr Bisi, made a submission that the IRPW payments made in 2018 were erroneous interpretations of the former clerk of the IRPW directions and was uncomfortable as Wales Audit

Office had not included in their report the need to seek repayment of overpayments made in respect of IRPW.

Cllr Donna James, questioned whether Council had sought advice in respect of this matter.

The Clerk, informed the meeting that he had received advice in a telephone call to both Audit Wales and One Voice Wales informing the meeting that the advice received was that matters of repayment was for the determination of the Council. That whilst he did not have the verbatim advice, that One Voice Wales had not raised a concern or observation.

The Chair, afforded further opportunity to members to speak who had not participated in debate.

The Chair, invited Cllr Hammett-Johnson of her right to reply and sum up before moving to a vote on her motion.

Cllr Hammett-Johnson

- **Confirmed that she had brought the motion.**
- **Consequent to receipt of many enquiries from members of public, unhappy that this matter hasn't been resolved, following previous resolution of Council that detailed that a proportionate amount equating to 6 months is reclaimed from the Chair of Communication, the Community Liaison Committee, and the Parks and Open Spaces Committee in the total sum, £250 for each committee.**
- **That the resolution was not fulfilled and no repayment made to the public purse.**
- **The individual was aware of this amount and that was given incorrectly.**
- **I have said clearly in my statement.**
- **It wasn't the fault of the individual for receiving it.**
- **However, that £500 needs to be returned to the Council's purse as it was highlighted that it was incorrectly given, and the previous resolution deemed that it should be repaid.**
- **The proposal is that £500 is repaid to the Council by Cllr Boyland.**

Cllr Donna James, gave comment, wishing to propose an amendment to the motion.

The Chair, stated that no early verbal notice had been submitted (SO1g) that she was therefore not disposed to accept an amendment at this late stage and further reminded the meeting that all members had been afforded the opportunity for contribution several times during debate on this item and had received their responses.

That as Cllr Hammett-Johnson had concluded her summing up in respect of the motion, that it was fair to turn to the vote at this point.

Cllr Hilton, gave comment that as she was new to the Council, she wanted clarification and explanation as she felt she had not fully understood this order of business.

The Chair, clarified to Cllr Hilton that the Wales Audit report was not in question, that this motion was being debated in regard of unresolved resolutions of the Council in 2019 for the repayment of £500 as previously explained in this debate.

Cllr Hilton, spoke again of the controversial subject and of the advice received and was interrupted by Cllr Bisi stating that the easy answer was to defer the motion under SO 10a.

The Chair, reminded the meeting that a proposal and been made, significant debate had taken place, that she had already invited Cllr Hammett-Johnson to sum up before moving to a vote and that it was no longer appropriate to defer decision.

Cllr Bisi, responded thanking the Chair and making comment.'

The Chair, moved to a vote.

Cllr Bisi, requested noting in the minutes that the chair refused to abide with standing orders, and that he had no choice but to vote no, because the required information had not been provided to prove that this was a legal vote.

He further indicated that if his submission was not noted in the minutes, he would make sure of it being picked up by next time, repeating Standing Order 10a8.

The Chair, reminded Cllr Bisi that it was a decision for each councillor to decide whether they had all of the information to make a decision and could if they wished decline to take part or abstain from the vote.

Cllr Hilton, stated she did not understand and would abstain.

Members spoke over each other and Cllr Bisi was heard to have commented that abstaining was a no vote.

Proposal:

Councillor Boyland return the amount of £500 owed to Council, as per the resolutions, by a deadline to be agreed, and that our residents are made aware when this has been paid, so the matter can be closed.	
Votes For	Votes Against
Cllr Hammett- Johnson	Cllr Dr Mario Bisi
Cllr Penny Kirkham	Cllr D James
Cllr Frances Taylor	Cllr M James
Cllr Paul Cawley	Cllr Z Hilton
Under the provisions Local Government Act 1972 consequent to an equal number of votes received 'for' and 'against' Cllr Taylor (Chair) exercised her casting vote 'for' in favour of the proposal.	

Resolution:

Councillor Boyland shall repay the sum of £500.00 to Magor with Undy Town Council as detailed by resolution at Magor with Undy Community Council meetings of:

- a) 14th January 2019 (minute 169.1)
- b) 11th February 2019 (minute 203.2)
- c) 04th April 2019 (minute 233.1)
- d) 08th April 2019 (238.2)

8:15pm

Cllr Bisi, submitted a proposal to a vote of no confidence in the Chair in his belief that the previous item of business was illegal and on that basis the Chair should not have allowed it to take place. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Mike James.

The Chair, Informed Cllr Bisi that the Council constitution and Standing Orders made no provision for a vote of no confidence.

Councillor Boyland commented 'We'll let the ombudsman decide'.

Chair expressed that Councillor Boyland should keep his comments appropriate.

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Planters & Planting

86.1

To receive report relative to planting for Summer 2024 and Summer 2025 and associated invoicing and to note that there is a budget deficit of £2,644.00 and to agree to virement from Village Improvements (4800/150) to Plants and Planters (4465/150) of the requisite amount.

Clerk provided explanation supporting the additional paper relative to this item of business.

Resolution:

Council acknowledged the costings as provided by additional documents and agreed to the virement of £2,644 from Village Improvements budget to Plants and Planters

87 Common y Coed (deferred at Ordinary Meeting of 30/09/25).

87.1 To note that this Council and previous community and parish councils have stewarded Common Y Coed Plantation since circa 1983, with extensive works being undertaken by the Council between 2005 and 2020.

Cllr Cawley introduced the agenda item and stressed the need for maintenance work to be carried out.

Significant debate was conducted and it was noted that should council delay the works required there was likely to be significant cost implications.

Resolution:

Recorded at 87.2

87.2 To consider and agree quotations to resume maintenance of Common Y Coed Plantation since the boundary review in 2022.

Cllr D. James referred to resolution 210.1 of the 14th April meeting.

Cllr Bisi stated that Council were still within the six months of that resolution being made.

Resolution:

As proposed by Cllr D James and seconded by Cllr Cawley business was deferred for Council Meeting of 10th November 2025 in order for progress to be made in answer to lawful possession and registry of the land.

88 Christmas Trees 2025

88.1 To ratify the decision regarding the Purchase of Christmas Trees (Agenda item 9.2 of Ordinary Meeting 30/09/25) and to note that consequent to receipt of only two quotations, that under the provisions of Financial Regulation 5.15 this purchase may be authorised by the Clerk. Alternatively, to waive FR 5.8 and to approve purchase under FR 5.9.

The Clerk informed the meeting that since the previous meeting confirmation the Magor Brewery has agreed to pay for one of the three trees and therefore cost to Council shall be £600

Resolution: Decision of previous meeting ratified and agreement given on waiving Financial Regulations as above.

Power to spend: Section 144 Local Government Act 1972.

89 Norton Lane Field Gate (deferred at Ordinary Meeting of 30/09/25).

89.1 To note deferred Agenda item 7.1 of Ordinary Meeting 30/09/25.

Resolution: Requirement for the Council to purchase a new field gate was no longer necessary as the successful tender for grazing rights lease has confirmed that as detailed in the tender, they have obtained a new gate and posts to replace the old one.

90 MUTC Newsletter

90.1 To note that a bulletin is being prepared. As resolved at Ordinary Meeting of 30/09/25, to agree upon a donation to the Magor Churchman/Events Group.

8.48 pm: Cllr Kirkham subject to DOI left the room at 20:48 hrs.

8.51pm: Cllr Kirkham rejoined to meeting

Resolution:

To note that a bulletin is being prepared as resolved at Ordinary Meeting of 30/09/25, for distribution by Magor Churchman/Events Group who shall be donated with the sum of £200.00 from Newsletter Budget.

Power to spend: Local Gov Act 1972 s 142

91 Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

91.1 At 1900 hours Monday 10th November 2025 at Magor Baptist Church

The Chair concluded the meeting at 8.52pm

Appendix 1 – Summary of first representation made by member of the public

Referring to Agenda item 6.1

- expressed deep disappointment that council were once again debating an issue that that was opinionated as being unlawful in respect of the matter concerning the £500 payment to Councillor Mike Boyland, fully investigated by Audit Wales, years before.
- That, the Auditor-General for Wales made no finding of wrongdoing, no allegation of misconduct, no recommendation that the money must be recovered.
- That the Council met its duty under the Public Audit Wales Act of 2004, when it accepted that report in 2021 and resolved to move on.
- That reopening the matter had no lawful or public purpose, claiming that appeared instead to be a personal vendetta to discredit a councillor who has already been exonerated or cleared.
- That residents were aware of this history when they re-elected Councillor Boyland and that the democratic decision by the residents of Magor and Undy deserved acknowledgement and respect.
- That residents wanted a council focused on delivering real improvements and not time and public money wastage fighting old battles that had been settled years ago.
- That if past audit matters are to be revisited Council should be addressing far more serious findings from the audit report.
- The £15,000 of unlawful expenditure incurred between 2013 and 2017 under the former clerk, well before Councillor Boyland ever chaired any committee.
- That focus on a minor 7-year-old procedural point while ignoring earlier and far more significant governance failings looked less like good governance, and more like selective accountability driven by personal animosity.
- That Council should withdraw the motion, stop wasting our public money, and return to the real business of serving the residents of Magor with Undy.

Appendix 2 – Summary of second representation made by member of the public

Agenda Item 6.1 concerning the allowance paid to Councillor Boyland 2018-2019.

- This matter has already been fully reviewed by Audit Wales, accepted by Council in November 2021, following a period in which public comments were invited and formally noted, and was then formally closed. Reopening it now serves no lawful or public purpose.
- The background paper supporting this motion is inaccurate and misleading.
- Commented upon the Charitable donation mentioned in the motion wrongly suggesting that Councillor Boyland would have evidence of charitable donation.
- Suggested that minutes cited in support of this motion are not relevant, as they were already considered fully in the Audit Wales report.
- Referred to IRPW determination in force at that time stating that payments were lawful.
- Poor advice was given to Council. No unlawful action was committed by Councillor Boyland.
- Auditor General did not issue any directive for recovery of payment.

- Once Public Interest Report had been accepted and actioned, it could not be re-opened unless determined by the Auditor General.
- Attempt to recover this payment would now be time-barred under the Limitation Act of 1980.
- The clerk, as proper officer, has ruled that this motion can be debated.
- Council must identify the statutory power under which it believes it can revisit a concluded report and that the legal advice which supports that position, and evidence that such action complies with the determinations of Audit Wales and the IRPW determinations in place at that time.
- If the Council is again deemed to be acting unlawfully, it will be subject to investigation by the Ombudsman for Wales, and potentially judicial review. Without clear legal authority, this motion has no lawful foundation.
- Revisiting a matter closed more than 6 years ago is not good stewardship of public funds. The cost and time involved far outweigh the amount in question, and cannot possibly be justified to be in the public interest.
- Public confidence will only be restored by showing that this Council now operates under robust and lawful governance.
- The motion seems to represent a targeted campaign and continuation of personal vendettas aimed at discrediting Councillor Boyland not an effort to improve governance.
- Residents were well aware of this issue during the election, when it was raised publicly in order to undermine him and in re-electing him, they made it very clear that they do not wish to see public money, which is their money, wasted upon historic personal grievances.

Appendix 3 – Copy of the presentation made by Cllr Victoria-Hammett Johnson in support of her written Motion at the meeting of Magor with Undy Town Council on 13th October 2025.

I have sent my apologies to the Clerk, for putting a comma, where the full stop should have been on my motion. Please note, my Motion should read as follows: -

Audit Wales has stated that an unlawful payment has been made. This is public money, and the council should do everything possible to recover the monies.

What I'm about to say is readily available in the public domain.

This motion is brought in the public interest about an unresolved council matter, outstanding since 2018/19.

Many residents have expressed concern and would like to understand the underlying issue which, I believe, has mainly been discussed with the exclusion of the press and public, which has fostered suspicion amongst residents. I understand enquires have been made directly to the office and has been brought to the attention of other members of this council.

So, I was pleased to see Cllr Boyland's campaign poster prior to his recent election stating, and I quote, [PAUSE] 'I will advocate for clear reporting, open meetings accessible to all and published decisions so residents can hold the Town Council to account and have trust in the democratic process'. Cllr Boyland also stated, [PAUSE] 'Every

pound of public money should be spent wisely. I will scrutinise spending, challenge unnecessary costs and ensure resources are directed where they will make the most difference’.

Councillors are entitled to yearly remuneration set by The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW). At the council meeting on 25 June 2018, the Council resolved to adopt the allowances in the IRPW’s annual report for 2018-19 which sets out that all members may receive a payment of £150 per year towards costs and expenses.

The IRPW report also makes provision for an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities.

In the period 2018-2019, during Cllr Boyland’s previous term as a Magor with Undy Community Councillor he was both Chair of Parks and Open Spaces and Chair of Communication and Community Liaison. For this he received £500 for each extra responsibility, so a total of £1000.

The following are taken from documented resolutions recorded in minutes of MUCC meetings:

26th November 2018: [PAUSE] ‘To dissolve committees other than the Admin & Personnel committee with immediate effect’.

14TH January 2019: [PAUSE] ‘a proportionate amount equating to 6 months is reclaimed from the Chair of the Communication & Community Liaison Committee and the Parks & Open Spaces Committee in the total sum of £250 for each committee.’

11TH February 2019: that decision was ratified.

4th April 2019: [PAUSE] ‘That a letter be sent to the member setting out proposals for the repayment of the monies’

8th April 2019: that the minutes of 4th April 2019 be amended to, [PAUSE] ‘Members reached a decision regarding repayment’, ‘The proposal was put to the member. The Member agreed’.

In July 2019 – Councillor M Boyland resigned.

In October 2021, The Auditor General for Wales published their report of an audit on Magor with Undy Community Council conducted for the year 2018-2019.

The Auditor states, [PAUSE] ‘In my view, the IRPW Determination for 2018-19 is clear that individual members may only receive one specific responsibility payment of £500 even when they hold more than one specific responsibility. The determination states that up to 5 members may receive a payment of £500 to reflect additional responsibilities. It does not state that £500 is to be paid for each additional responsibility.’ [PAUSE], ‘Therefore, I conclude that this member has received £500 in excess of the allowances authorised by the IRPW.

Cllr Boyland was allowed to respond to the Auditor’s provisional findings but dismissed his response, including that he had stated that he gave his allowances to charity and concluded, [PAUSE] ‘Notwithstanding the response received to my provisional findings, in my view, in deciding to pay more than one senior role allowance to an individual member, the Council misinterpreted the IRPW determination and acted contrary to law, incurring expenditure that is unlawful.’

The Auditor also stated, [PAUSE] ‘It is important to note that I identified no evidence to suggest that individuals within the Council deliberately sought to circumvent proper arrangements.’

The Council made a mistake in their interpretation of the IRPW determination and although acknowledged as not intentional, the result was an overpayment of £500 to Cllr Boyland, declared unlawful by The Auditor General for Wales, a higher authority than Magor Undy Community Council.

However, in my opinion, it is Cllr Mike Boyland’s personal responsibility to return the monies he received, which were not owing to him.

The Council resolutions, as noted previously, (14.1.19, 11.02.19, 4.04.19, 8.04.19) clearly state the monies were to be repaid, for half the allowances for the committees.

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES ANNUAL REPORT FEBRUARY 2018 states

Part 4: Salaries, allowances or fees

Repayment of salaries, allowances or fees

33. An authority must require that such part of a salary, allowance or fee be repaid where payment has already been made in respect of any period during which the member or co-opted member concerned:

1- is suspended or partially suspended from that member's/co-opted member's duties or responsibilities in accordance with Part 3 of the 2000 Act or Regulations made under that Act.

2- ceases to be a member or co-opted member of the authority.

3- or in any way is not entitled to receive a salary, allowance or fee in respect of that period.

I believe the second and third point here, clearly applies. Therefore, the council MUST be repaid, if any of the points are applicable.

So, (PAUSE) there are 2 repayment amounts owed to the council, one from the dissolution in 2018 of the 2 committees chaired by Cllr Boyland, as the committees were disbanded, and another repayment from the unlawful overpayment as follows:

2018 – 19, in total, Cllr Mike Boyland was paid £1150

£150- Councillors statutory allowance

£500 – Parks and Open Spaces Chair

£500 – Communications and Community Liaison Chair

Accounting for the required repayment following dissolution of the 2 committees and that only one payment of £500 should have been made, Cllr Boyland should have been paid:

$£150 + £500 - £250 = £400$

£150 – Councillor Statutory Allowance

£500.00 – Total for all committees

Then with a return of

-£250.00 – due to relevant committees being disbanded, with under 6 months.

The amount owed to the council is, therefore, $£1150 - £400 = £750$.

Obviously, the amount owed is greater than the £500.00 on this motion, and I have explained the reasons why. To my knowledge, and that of the residents none of the monies have been repaid by Cllr Boyland.

This may just be an oversight by the Councillor. As is my opinion, if anyone was made aware of an overpayment they had received, and that is deemed as public funds, that the individual in question would make every effort to return said overpayment.

To be clear, I am not saying these payments were originally given or received deceptively. However, it was raised, many years ago, that these funds were outstanding, and therefore, should've been returned to the public purse. The fact that this still hasn't happened, is the cause of great concern for our community, and the reason why this subject matter is still being discussed today.

It is public monies, our residents' council tax money, and we need to ensure we have acted properly, in line with the audits, findings, and council resolutions. When public money has been overpaid, however much and howsoever caused, public bodies, e.g. the DWP and HMRC, endeavour to recoup that money from the public.

It is our job, as councillors, to ensure we show our residents that we do look after the public purse, and that we act with integrity, honesty, do the right thing and have Morale Fibre. Indeed, we should always strive to adhere to the Nolan principles, the bedrock of the values of Public Service. (Pause) Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty, Leadership.

My proposal is that Cllr Mike Boyland return the amount owed to the council, as per the resolutions, and policies, by a deadline to be agreed, and that our residents are made aware when this debt is returned, so that the matter can be closed.

We want to draw a line under this situation so that we can then move forward as a team, to work together for the wonderful residents of Magor with Undy.