

**Launch Meeting of Local Community Network (LCN)  
Donyatt, 15 June 2023**

REPORT FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 2023

Donyatt Village Hall welcomed some 50 People in person plus attendees on Teams to the first meeting of our LCN.

The Chair, Mike Best, and Vice Chair, Leanne Taylor, were elected unanimously and will stand for the 9 months leading up to the first annual general meeting scheduled for March 2024 (date and venue to be confirmed).

Somerset Council is recruiting several members of staff, including an LCN Support Officer whose role will be to provide administrative support.

Terms of Reference and a Handbook have been issued and copies are available on the SC website. A dedicated email address has been set up:

[LCN@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:LCN@somerset.gov.uk) as well as a customer contact point to assist residents and businesses (details in the meeting slides, to be circulated).

To recap here for Members:

“the purpose of the LCNs are to be the focus for community development, engagement and partnership working at a local level; improving outcomes for residents and establishing strong connections between the Council, our communities and our partners.”

*Terms of Reference, March 2023, Somerset Council.*

The meeting discussed what were felt to be some of the main issues impacting the communities of our LCN, some possible solutions and examples of good practice that might provide solutions.

Meeting may be bi-monthly, with working groups meeting in the meantime. The date and venue of the next meeting will be confirmed.

All notes and slides used in the meeting will be circulated and copies made available to Members by the office team.

Cllr Leanne Taylor, Mayor of Ilminster and LCN Vice Chair.