

Comment from member of the public regarding item 39.2biii

*Having recently discovered the council meeting was available on Youtube I would like to request you continue to livestream and post these meetings as even as you return to face to face meetings people may be reluctant or unable to attend, many of your constituents may be vulnerable or shielding. In general, I think it would be a good idea to continue with this practice to help with transparency, accessibility and to be honest publicity. I would guess few in Lowestoft know what the Lowestoft council is actually responsible for or even that it exists.*

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Comment from member of the public regarding item 39.2b

*May I make a public comment regarding the Full Council Meeting to be held on 23rd June 2020 at 19.30 regarding Agenda item 39.2b*

*Firstly I would like to congratulate the council on its policy of retaining recordings of video meetings on YouTube for 1 year. I note the current recordings on the Town Council's YouTube channel have been viewed 226 times which is excellent.*

*I would like to affirm my support to the motion at 39.2b which proposes recording face-to-face meetings, once these resume, and make recordings publicly available for a civic year. I feel this is an important, positive and beneficial way to demonstrate the good works the council does. I also believe it will encourage more members the public to engage with the council and this has to be good for the town and democracy in general. Thank you.*

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Comment from member of the public regarding item 39.2

*I would like to make a comment re item 39.2 concerning recording and streaming council meetings once councillors return to Hamilton House.*

*As one of the very few people who attended council meetings as a member of the public, I have welcomed the streaming of council meetings during the Covid 19 pandemic. Hamilton House has extremely poor acoustics and as a member of the public much of the councillors' discussions could not be heard properly even with the introduction of microphones as councillors frequently forget to turn them on. The building itself, in the evening, is locked to the public after the meeting has started, which again deters people from attending. I think to continue streaming to the public and retaining the recordings can only be a plus for democracy and community involvement, many are working or busy at the meeting times, therefore I urge you to retain it. I am unsure what 32.2bii means. If it means councillors themselves when Meetings are resumed at Hamilton House can participate by phone, I am against this proposal.*

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