



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 20 February 2017 at 7.00pm at The Town Hall, Grafton Street, Sandown

15 minutes is allocated for the Residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town matters

Mrs Jeanne Jones asked questions concerning any restrictions on the night time use of the Broadway Centre, and about the detail of the loan. The Mayor said the Clerk would give a written answer. Mr Eric Lawson asked if the loan were not used for the Broadway Centre, could it be used for any other purpose. He also requested that the answers were published on the website.

Police Sgt Richard Hindle introduced himself to the people present as the new sergeant for our area. Although he and his team were based in Ventnor they wanted the Public to realise that they were there for the whole area, and people should feel free to call on them. The team were pro-actively looking to support those people who do not necessarily come forward with problems involving less obvious crimes e.g. cyber-crime. They would also be promoting the benefits of the Crime Stopper scheme.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Patel, (Chair), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Dupre, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Teasdale, Cllr. Ward and Cllr. Young.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 7 Members of the Public, Reporter from the County Press, and Sgt. Richard Hindle.

- 1421/17 To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Wright as this was the day of her Mother's funeral.
- 1422/17 To receive declarations of interest**
Declarations of interest were made by Cllrs. Blezzard & Ward in anything involving the work of the Isle of Wight Council.
- 1423/17 To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2017**
After some discussion it was agreed to add to the resolution at Minute no. 1412/17 part c) to include the words `It was noted that Cllr. Dupre was not satisfied with the Fire Risk Assessment from 2014 which had not been actioned.`
On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather
It was **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes.
- 1408/17 To approve the schedules of payments**
Payment schedules were circulated prior to the meeting, and checked by Cllrs. Cowley & Mereweather to the invoices and on a proposal from Cllr. Mereweather, seconded by Cllr. Ward

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £6,290.69. There were no payments due for Sandham Grounds.

1425/17

To discuss and progress the work needed for

a) Broadway Centre

The Clerk confirmed the tenders had been received and were due to be discussed as indicated at agenda item 1437/17. Cllr. Blezzard queried why this was being held in private and not in public.

A show of hands indicated that 5 Councillors were in favour of, and 3 against, a delay whilst the Clerk sought confirmation that holding it in private was not illegal. It was agreed that agenda item 1437/17 would be subject of a special meeting as soon as confirmation was received and the meeting could be re-arranged.

b) Sandham Gardens

Cllrs. Mereweather, Teasdale, Young and Ward having attended a meeting with IOW Council and Heritage UK between them explained that the Council Executive has to agree the change to the Town Council lease, and prove best value for the Unitary Council.

The meeting would be on 09 March.

1426/17

To receive an update on Public Toilets Freehold Asset transfers from IOW Council and make decisions where necessary

The Town Council Solicitors were still negotiating with the IOW Council.

1427/17

To report on the Old Lifeguard Hut, Esplanade, Sandown, making decisions where necessary.

The Clerk had received confirmation from the IOW Council that the only way the permitted use on the Old Lifeguard Hut would be allowed was if the Lease was handed back to the IOW Council, they put it out to Tender, and they offered it to someone. This would give any income to the IOW Council, and may result in a `50/50 deal` that would only go as far as refunding the money the Town Council had spent on it. The Heritage Trail Board would need to be re-sited.

1428/17

To discuss Sand levels on the Beach

After discussion which agreed that this was a Bay issue and needed co-operation between Sandown, Shanklin and Lake, Cllr. Dupre was asked to lead on this and make contact with Mr. Arthur Dunkley. The Clerk would furnish Cllr. Dupre with all the information she had.

1429/17

Motion for Consideration received from Cllr. Blezzard:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

1. SO 3 h. Public Speaking: Add the following text:

“The Chairman of the meeting and no other member shall initially respond to the question. The Chairman may at his/her discretion invite an officer, committee chair or another member with a particular involvement in the matter in question to provide an answer.”

2. SO 12(e) Draft Minutes Replace the current text with the following:

“Approved minutes of council and committee meetings shall be posted on the Council’s website and be open to public inspection. Prior to that draft minutes shall as soon as practicable after drafting be posted on the Council’s website and be

clearly marked **Draft Awaiting Approval**. Once approved the draft minutes shall be replaced with the approved version.

Part 1. On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Humby

It was **RESOLVED** on the basis of clarification of the existing standing order, that this be inserted into Standing Orders as an addition at SO 3 (h)

Part 2. On proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Humby and after asking for a named vote

It was **RESOLVED** to not replace the current text in Standing Orders SO 12(e) with the proposed amendment

For the motion: Cllrs. Blezzard, Humby and Ward

Against the motion: Cllrs. Cowley, Dupre, Grandchamp, Mereweather and Young

Not voting: Cllrs. Teasdale and Patel

1430/17 To consider employing the services of an Environmental Officer.

The Clerk presented an offer from the IOW Council to employ the services of an Environmental Officer at £10 per hour.

It was decided that this service would not be worth the cost to the Town, and it would not be taken up.

1431/17 To consider brightening up the Skatepark by using a Graffiti Artist.

The Clerk had spoken to local Graffiti artist Tony Trowbridge who had offered to brighten up the sides of the ramps in the Skatepark with designed graffiti. The Clerk will involve the schoolchildren and Mr Trowbridge will interpret the designs onto the ramps. He will give his labour free of charge, charging £300 for materials. On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Young

It was **RESOLVED** to take up this offer. The Clerk will ascertain the materials to be used are compatible with being used on the ramps in a seaside environment.

1432/17 To discuss the 2017/18 Budget and set the precept.

Figures provided by the Clerk following an informal Budget meeting were discussed and on a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp

It was **RESOLVED** that the budget for 2017/18 be set at £265,680 and the precept for 2017/18 be set at £240,139.

The Clerk clarified that the budget amount (£4000 + £6,000 unused from 16/17) for Youth Services would be in addition to any monies forthcoming from the youth grant offer applied for from the IOW Council.

1433/17 To receive:

a) verbal reports from Town Councillors

Cllr. Teasdale had spoken to Kevin Smith at the Chamber of Commerce who had agreed that the percentage the Town Council could make from the sale of IW Lottery tickets would be 40%. Clerk to pursue this with the Chamber.

Cllr. Grandchamp queried the provision of lights in the Skatepark. The Clerk said that although these were not the best of lights, recent outages had been due to power failures.

Cllr. Cowley said that the owners of the shop in Perowne Way would be happy to have a noticeboard outside the shop.

b) reports from Councillors attending meetings on outside bodies

Cllr. Humby reported that she had, along with the Clerk, attended an interesting presentation by the Planning Development Hub at Briddlesford. The Clerk mentioned that she had asked if a Neighbourhood Plan was still a viable

alternatives as the Bay Area Action plan seemed so far behind. She was advised it was a good route to explore. Councillors suggested it was referred to the New Council in May.

1434/17

To note written reports from County Councillors

County Councillor Blezzard presented his report (copy attached) and answered questions. County Councillor Ward gave his report verbally. He mentioned:-

Resurfacing of High Street/Beachfield Road where lines had been repainted incorrectly, and would now be re-done.

Sandham School for which invitations to tender had just been advertised for Sheltered Housing projects.

CLlr. Dupre asked that cars for sale, parked in the Town, with the same telephone number in the advertisement, be investigated.

1435/17

To receive information from the Town Clerk

The Clerk reminded Councillors about the meeting with the IOW Council Regeneration team on 06 March at 9.30am, at the Town Hall.

1436/17

To note date of next meeting – 27 March 2017

1437/17

To exclude the press and public

That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw. (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act)

To consider the tenders for the demolition and re-building of the Broadway Centre and award the contract.

As already agreed in Minute 1425/17, this meeting to be deferred to a date as soon as possible.

The Meeting closed at 21.10hrs

Signed
Chairman

Date 08 March 2017