



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 20 June 2016 at 7.00pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Patel (Chair), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby,
Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Ward, Cllr. Young

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 7 members of the public

Councillors and attendees stood for one minute's silence out of respect for Jo Cox, the Labour MP murdered during the EU referendum campaign.

Stephen Parkes who is organising a Jazz Weekend 01-04 September 2016, spoke about the arrangements that needed to be made and was offered space in the Sandown Chronicle to provide an article on the event.

Kevin Newton and a colleague from The Bus Shelter gave a presentation to the Council outlining plans to replace the IOW Night Shelter that has been closed, with a converted double decker bus to provide safe accommodation for the homeless on the Island. During the day medical, financial and housing services will be provided. Councillors were asked to consider being able to make a donation to the work of this organisation. More details can be found at www.thebusshelteriow.co.uk Members asked question which were answered by Kevin, and space in the Sandown Chronicle was offered.

- 1323/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr. Dupre (another meeting), Cllr. Teasdale (unwell), Cllr. Wright (work commitments)
- 1324/16 To receive declarations of interest**
Declaration of interest was received from Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward in respect of any items relating to the business of the Isle of Wight Council.
Cllr. Humby declared an interest in item 1329/16 as she is Chairman of the Forum.
- 1325/16 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 20 June 2016**
On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 20 June 2016 as a true and correct record.
- 1326/16 To make a statement on the Town Council's position in relation to comments made by individual Councillors**
Equality Act 2010
Sandown Town Council supports and is fully compliant with its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 which exists to protect persons against discrimination on the

grounds of : age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation (the protected characteristics under the Act).

In particular, Sandown Town Council is aware of its obligations under s149 of the Act which states inter alia:

“A Public Authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- c) Foster good relations between person who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to-

- a) Tackle prejudice and
- b) Promote understanding”

Sandown Town Council recognises that a comment made by one of its Members at the meeting held on 23 May 2016 was inappropriate and unacceptable given its obligations under the Act and wishes to apologise for the hurt caused and place on record that the comment does not represent the views of the Town Council.

Sandown Town Council further resolves to update its Equal Opportunities Policy to fully reflect its obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

On a proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, and agreed unanimously

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt this statement, and ensure that all such policies were up to date and noted by all Councillors and Staff

**1327/16 To adopt the revised Standing Orders (copies given meeting of 25 April 2016).
(Item deferred from meeting 23 May 2016)**

Standing Orders having been studied by Members, and on a proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather, and with only one Member against
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised standing orders forthwith.

**1328/16 To discuss formation of Working Parties and Committees
(Item deferred from meeting 23 May 2016)**

Cllr. Humby spoke on this item suggesting that working parties or committees were not necessarily required, but two or three members working together to ‘look after’ areas, reporting the good or the bad to the Clerk for action. Cllr. Blezzard these could be termed ‘Lead members’, with Cllr. Humby taking Beaches, Cllr. Young Parks & Gardens, Cllrs. Cowley & Ward taking Public Toilets, Cllr. Stephenson taking the Skatepark.

**1329/16 To discuss the response to the letter from the Sandown Forum urging the use of the
Town Hall as a community hub.**

(Statement read out at the meeting 23 May 2016 and response deferred to this meeting) Copy attached

The contents of the letter were noted.

Cllr. Ward said he was trying to have a full survey of the building carried out. There was obviously lots of work to be done, but it did not have to all be done immediately. He will ask Ian Boyd of the Coastal Community team if the Town Hall is something that could come under this sort of funding.

1330/16 Motion to rescind a decision taken on 23 May 2016

Minute no 1319/16

That the motion to take no action with regard to the pigeons in Eastern Gardens Toilets be rescinded and that discussion takes place to decide the best way forward.” (Motion signed by Cllrs. Blezzard, Grandchamp, Mereweather and Wright)

On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Ward

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to rescind this motion to allow work to be carried out to discourage the pigeons from returning once the chicks have fledged.

1331/16 To discuss the Master Plan for the Bay Area (copy enclosed)

The Master Plan for the Bay Area is similar to the one for the Ryde Area. It is led by the Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the Bay Area IOW Councillors. It is Business driven as opposed to the AAP (Area Action Plan) which is a Planning document.

On a proposal from Cllr. Humby. Seconded by Cllr. Young

It was **RESOLVED** to support the Councillors working with the Chamber of Commerce

1332/16 To discuss and make a decision on the IWALC document Discretionary Support Proposal – IOW Council Planning Enforcement (copy enclosed)

After discussion of this document and on a proposal from Cllr. Cowley, seconded by Cllr. Young

It was **RESOLVED** to not contribute to the costs of providing Planning enforcement
Cllr. Blezzard abstained from the vote.

1333/16 To receive an update on the D bid proposal

Council was reminded that the closing date of the vote for this proposal was Tuesday 12 July. On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Ward

It was **RESOLVED** that this Council would vote yes to the BID proposal.

1334/16 To discuss the progress of

a) Broadway Centre

Christopher Scott is currently preparing the documentation for the new Planning Application for the Broadway Centre. The planning application requires information about where the money from the sale of the Broadway would be invested. The Clerk had spoken to Phil at Christopher Scotts about the loss of rooms hired out at the Broadway and completed a form about other venues that are available

b) Relocation of office

Cllr. Grandchamp reminded Councillors that there was only about 8 weeks left to decide what to do about the relocation of the Office to prevent Staff spending another winter at the Broadway. The Clerk was asked to organise a visit to the Town Hall, so that Councillors could see what was on offer in the way of rooms.

The Clerk reported that she had visited two hotel properties in Sandown, but neither

- 1335/16 To note verbal reports from Town Councillors and reports from attendance on outside bodies**
Sandown Community Partnership - Quiz Night & Curry on 24 June at Sandown Conservative Club in aid of Bowls Club. Another Quiz is planned for the future in aid of Equipment for the Doctor's Surgery
Sandown Forum – in recess until 05 September
The Mayor reported he had attended a function at the Football Club, and the opening of a Restaurant in Newport.
- 1336/16 To note written reports from County Councillors**
Written reports were noted, and questions answered. Cllr. Ward spoke about the possibility of a funding stream via the Coastal Community team for a survey on the Town Hall.
Cllr. Blezzard asked for Members to particularly note the Story Writing Competition and asked if this could be put for consideration by the Finance Committee when considering grants.
- 1337/16 To note information from the Town Clerk**
Toilets:-
Eastern Gardens – pigeons have almost left , and the nests have been pulled down as soon as they leave to encourage them not to come back.
Extra cleaning has been done. In the Ladies an old electrical unit that probably hasn't worked since it was installed, will be removed to get rid of the nesting ledge. To save spending on deterrent spikes at a cost of £35.94 for a 5 metre length we will make our own.
As an extension to the current contract Council has been asked to pay for an extra visit to restock loo rolls, and deal with any emergency cleaning required between the two scheduled visits, for the high season 6 week period. This will cost us £50 per day, £350 per week, £2,100 for the period.
- 1338/16 To note the date of the next meeting**
The date of the next meeting was noted – 25 July 2016

Signed
Chairman

25 July 2016