



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 23 January 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

Ms Debbie Andre asked about the Council's Tender process. The Clerk answered on behalf of the Mayor, saying that for Contracts over £50,000 the Contract would be advertised and on receiving any sealed bids, they would be opened in the presence of the number of Councillors as laid down in Standing Orders, and a decision would be made.

Eric Lawson spoke about the Broadway Centre quoting figures from 2007, and expressing concern that the project would cost £500,000. As the period of time for questions was running out he was asked to put any questions in writing so that they could be answered.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Patel, (Chair), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Dupre, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Ward and Cllr. Wright.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 5 Members of the Public and a reporter from the County Press

*Cllr. Blezzard asked the Chair if he would start the meeting with a minute's silence out of respect for two Members of the Isle of Wight Council, Cllr. Morris Barton and Cllr. Colin Richards who had both very recently passed away.*

*Councillors and those in attendance all stood to observe the silence.*

- 1405/17 To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Teasdale (unwell) and Young (away from home).
- 1406/17 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.
- 1407/17 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 24 October and 28 November 2016**  
On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather  
It was **RESOLVED** to agree and approve both sets of 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. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £10,075.19. There were no payments due for Sandham Grounds.

*With the full agreement of Council, the Chair suspended the meeting on the arrival of PCSO Kevin Cook. He spoke about the relatively low crime levels in Sandown, the recent assault in Perowne Way, which was being dealt with by Newport Police, and a case of shoplifting in Avenue Road. This was brought up as the Shopkeeper had not received a visit from the Police. He explained that due to lack of resources procedures were changing. If someone went into a shop and 'shoplifted' the Shopkeeper should ask the offender to replace the item. If they do not comply the Shopkeeper should 'phone the Police and report it. The offence will be graded by the Criminal – calm, threatening, abusive, young, old, big, small, and the CCTV, which the Shopkeeper is encouraged to install, will be sent to a resolution centre to see if the Offender can be identified. Shopkeepers do not seem to be happy with the time this takes.*

*PC Renshaw and PCSO Burfitt joined the meeting, and PCSO Kevin Cooke left.*

**1409/17**

**To discuss and progress the work needed for**

**a) Broadway Centre**

The tender notice had been advertised in the County Press, and several requests for documents had been received. The closing date is the 17 February.

The Clerk to confirm that there will be no restriction on being able to hire the Hall out for evening functions.

After discussion Cllr. Blezzard proposed and was seconded by Cllr. Humby that no irrevocable decision be made with regard to the building of the new Broadway Centre before the election of a new Council in May. A named vote was requested.

In favour of the proposal – Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Stephenson

Against the proposal – Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Dupre, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr.

Mereweather, Cllr. Ward

Abstaining – Cllr. Wright, Cllr. Patel.

**b) Sandham Gardens**

The Lease for Sandham Gardens is with Solicitors and Councillors and the Clerk have a meeting with the Isle of Wight Council who wish to go through the lease with this Council to ensure that there are no loopholes later on.

The Clerk had received a request from a Skatepark user to use a graffiti artist to work with the Children to brighten up the black structures. Council discussed and asked the Clerk to look into the costs etc.

**1410/17**

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

As indicated to Councillors by e-mail, the Solicitors used by Ryde own Council Warner Goodman were happy to take on our work and indicated that costs would be approx. £600 per set of toilets. As this Council would be receiving £1000 for each set transferred from the Isle of Wight Council, it was decided that this would incur no extra expense, but could save in the long term if there was anything unforeseen were to happen.

**1411/17**

**At the request of Cllr. Dupre, to discuss the Old Lifeguard Hut, Esplanade, Sandown and make any necessary decision.**

Cllr. Dupre knew of someone who was interested in taking on the Old Lifeguard Hut and would be prepared to connect electricity et. The Clerk, who had received a similar request last year, said that the Isle of Wight Council had said the Lease would have to go back to them for them to put it out to Tender, and therefore receive the income.

As nothing had happened since then, the Clerk was asked to approach the IOW Council again and report back.

**1412/17**

**Motion for Consideration received from Cllr. Blezzard :**

Sandown Town Council notes that the Isle of Wight Council's current "Youth Offer" will end in March 2017 and is being replaced by a less well funded scheme. It is also noted that negotiations are ongoing between the Central Eltham Youth Project (CEYP) and the Isle of Wight Council regarding the future use of Sandown Town Hall.

In order to sustain future youth service provision in Sandown including the possibility of the reinstatement of the junior youth club Sandown Town Council agrees the following actions:

1. To open discussions with CEYP with a view to forming a partnership to run youth service provision in Sandown and;
2. To make a commitment in the 2017/18 budget of £10,000 as the Town Council's contribution to the partnership.

Cllr. Blezzard spoke to the motion and on a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard seconded by Cllr. Humby

It was **RESOLVED** to

- a) instruct the Clerk to put in a bid for a Youth grant Offer for the coming year
- b) open discussions with CEYP with a view to forming a partnership to run youth service provision in Sandown
- c) consider a budget provision of £10,000 (of which £6,000 would be carried forward from 16/17) with a caveat that this partnership would also look to use of further rooms at the Town Hall by the Council after consideration of any health & safety issues.

It was noted that Cllr. Dupre was not satisfied with the Fire Risk Assessment from 2014 which had not been actioned.

**1413/17**

**To discuss proposed 'Table Top' sale at Broadway Centre**

The Clerk asked Members to consider holding a 'Table Top' sale at the Broadway Centre to dispose of any unwanted items prior to the demolition of the building. This was arranged for 09 and 10 March, 11.00am – 3.00pm with Charity groups being invited to view on the first day.

**1414/17**

**To note and approve the recommendations in the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 09 January 2017**

The draft minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting were noted and approved.

**1415/17**

**To discuss the 2017/18 Budget and make any decision**

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

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the setting of the Budget for 17/18 until the next meeting as the Clerk had not received the information in time to provide the required information.

**1416/17**

**To consider the Proposed Revised Affordable Housing Contributions Draft Consultation**

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors should make individual responses to the Consultation.

**1417/17**

**To receive verbal reports from Town Councillors**

Cllr. Stephenson reported that she was trying to design a skatepark area for the smaller children.

A suggestion was made that a noticeboard outside the Perowne Way shop could be considered as part of our Budget.

The Clerk was asked if she would get our Maintenance man to look at the CP noticeboard in the centre of Town.

The Mayor gave thanks to the Business Association for organising another successful Fun Day. He had attended Christmas celebrations at the Bay Primary and the Lights of Love Service at the Baptist Church.

**1418/17 To note written reports from County Councillors**

The reports from Cllrs. Blezzard (Sandown North Ward) and Ward (Sandown South Ward) were circulated and discussed.

**1419/17 To receive information from the Town Clerk**

- a) St. Mary's Hospital Restaurant - as the Clerk had been able to ascertain from the Administrator at the Hospital that St. Mary's Restaurant would not be closing, but that a review was underway, she had not contacted the other Parish & Town Councils as requested.
- b) Benefits of NALC Membership- this document had been circulated as we would soon be receiving our invoices for the coming year's subscription.
- c) Freedom of Information Request – the Clerk reported that a Freedom of Information request had been received from Ms. Debbie Andre, and had been answered within the required number of days. Copies of the request and the answers were issued to Members.
- d) The Clerk reported that Mr. Strange, the Council Maintenance employee had been bitten by a dog whilst delivering the Sandown Chronicle on 01 December. It had resulted in a very hasty visit to the Sandown Health Centre, who responded very quickly on arrival, and a couple of doctors' visits for Mark for a check-up and a booster tetanus injection. The Police had been informed and this resulted, it was understood, in an Anti Social Behaviour action on the dog and owner.
- e) A change in printer for the Sandown Chronicle. There would be no over budget costs. Claire Speight, who had designed the Chronicle for the last two years for us free of charge, quite rightly found herself unable to carry on for free, and appreciated that we could get this done as a package by the Printer. Thanks were given to Claire for all her help.
- f) A letter of thanks had been received from the Carnival Association for the Council's help in the year.
- g) The Clerk had continued a correspondence with Lloyds Bank, and further letters had passed between IWALC and the Banks, but probably to no avail.
- h) Councillors had previously been concerned about the state of the Old Post Office steps in Beachfield Road. After much prompting the Clerk had received information from the IOW Council that in conjunction with Telereal Trillium (who owns the Post Office) the steps would be repaired. The Clerk has asked for it to be done soon, before Easter and the start of the season.

**1404/16 To note date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was arranged for 20 February 2017, so that Full Council would be able agree the Budget and set the precept.

Signed  
Chairman

Date 20 February 2017