



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 25 July 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), 3 members of the public, 2 police officers

Eric Lawson asked questions about the publishing of minutes, which had already been answered by the Clerk, and the future of the Broadway Centre. As Chair of the Building Working party, Cllr. Ward answered by explaining that originally the costs of building the Community Centre would have been paid for by the developing of 5 houses on part of the site, this was now not a viable proposition. He explained that the new build would have to be funded from reserves and a loan to bridge the gap. As the Council had been unable to find suitable premises to invest in, as a temporary measure, and with due regard to the welfare of Staff at the Broadway Centre, the Council Office would likely move to the Town Hall at Grafton Street.

1339/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Teasdale (wife unwell), Cllr. Young (Away from home)

1340/16 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.

Cllrs Blezzard & Wright declared personal interests in item 1342/16 as they have close ties with people from mainland Europe. Cllr. Grandchamp also declared an interest in this part of 1342/16.

Cllrs. Humby, Ward and Patel declared interest in groups awarded grants in item 1343/16.

By unanimous agreement the meeting was suspended to give the Police the opportunity to speak

Acting Sgt. Lucy Critchlow introduced herself as the temporary replacement for Sgt. Kevin Parry who had sustained broken elbows in an accident. She was accompanied by PCSO Kevin Cooke.

Acting Sgt Critchlow referred to reports received about boy racers in Yaverland car park. Although the boys had been spoken to, the Police were never there at the right time to witness the offences. Consideration was being given to having the gates closed.

The Brexit vote had raised concerns about xenophobic attacks, but at that time the Police had received no reports of any incidences in Sandown.

She was asked if she would like to re-start the Liaison group meetings that used to take place, and she said she would be quite happy to attend them. The Clerk reminded

Councillors they had discontinued this group, but would bring it back to the next meeting.

The Mayor thanked Acting Sgt Critchlow and PCSO Kevin Cooke for attending and maintaining the links.

1341/16 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 20 June 2016

On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, and agreed unanimously

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 20 June 2016 as a true and correct record.

1342/16 To receive the following motions put forward by Cllr. Blezzard

SUBJECT: EU MIGRANTS LIVING IN THE UK

“Following the EU Referendum result Council notes with concern the uncertainty caused to European nationals living in the UK and specifically the Isle of Wight where local industries depend on migrant labour. Council notes the mixed messages on this matter coming from within the newly formed Government.

Council therefore agrees to write urgently to the Prime Minister, the Island MP and the Home Secretary strongly urging the Government to give an early guarantee of indefinite leave to remain in the UK for European nationals living in the UK and allowed to be in the UK by reason of the free movement of people in the EU and the European Economic Area.”

Cllr. Blezzard requested that he be allowed to re-phrase the motion to:-

“Following the EU Referendum result Council notes with concern the uncertainty about future residency right being caused to European nationals living in the UK and specifically the Isle of Wight where local industries and services depend on migrant labour.

Council therefore agrees to write urgently to the Prime Minister, and the Home Secretary with a copy the Island MP strongly urging the Government to give an early guarantee of indefinite leave to remain in the UK for European nationals living in the UK and allowed to be here by reason of the free movement of people in the EU and the European Economic Area.”

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

It was **RESOLVED** to approve this motion and request the Clerk to write the appropriate letters.

SUBJECT: YOUTH OFFER

“Council notes with concern that the Isle of Wight Council’s funding for youth service provision known as the “Youth Offer” and delivered in Sandown by the CEYP is scheduled to end in 2017. Council further notes that the CEYP service provided at Sandown Town Hall is one of the most effective services on the Island. Council therefore resolves to write to the Isle of Wight Council Leader and Executive Member for Children’s Services, Councillor Bacon and the Chair of the Children’s Services Committee, Councillor Gauntlett impressing on them the importance of Youth Service provision and the need to extend the “Youth Offer funding beyond 2017.”

It was noted that Community Action Isle of Wight was setting up a group looking for funding, and that IWALC was also taking this on board saying that it would be a shame for past work to be lost.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to approve this motion and request the Clerk to write to Jonathan Bacon urging them to continue with the Youth schemes and their funding.

- 1343/16 To note the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 11 July, and ratify the recommendations made therein.** (Appendix 1)
Cllr. Humby referred to item 203/16 and asked if the grant to the Watoto Choir could be increased. Council agreed the performance had been extremely good but discussion had taken place and the amount offered was in keeping with other grants awarded. Cllr. Humby agreed and withdrew the request.
Cllr. Blezzard said that he had asked for the Sponsorship for the children at Bay Primary School who would be taking part in a writing competition to be put on the agenda and asked that it was considered now. Sponsorship was £2.00 per head, and suggested that a year group was sponsored totalling no more than £200.00. Cllr. Grandchamp said a year group was 60 children making our donation £120.00.
On a proposal from Cllr. Ward seconded by Cllr. Cowley
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and to sponsor the Bay School writing competition in the sum of £120.00
- 1344/16 To discuss and make a decision on whether or not the Town Council will contribute to the cost of the Bay School Crossing Patrol** (Appendix 2)
Cllr. Ward reported that he and Cllr. Blezzard had attended a meeting with the Headmaster of the Bay School to discuss the situation of the Crossing patrol funding.
On a proposal from Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp
It was **RESOLVED** to put aside £1000 to assist in funding the patrol, should the Isle of Wight Council proceed with its resolution to not fund patrols.
- 1345/16 To receive and approve the schedule of payments.**
The schedules and invoices were examined by Cllrs. Cowley and Mereweather and on a proposal from Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Cowley
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £8,583.26 and for Sandham Grounds in the sum of £484.86
- 1346/16 To discuss the progress of**
- a) Broadway Centre**
On a proposal from Cllr. Humby, seconded by Cllr. Cowley
It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate the Building Working Party under the chairmanship of Cllr. Ward with all Councillors being invited to attend and participate.
The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Duncan Gayler, the original Architect involved in the original planning permission, in week commencing 08 August if possible.
 - b) Relocation of office**
On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard seconded by Cllr. Humby
It was **RESOLVED** to re-locate the office from the Broadway Centre to the Town Hall on a temporary basis
On a proposal from Cllr. Grandchamp seconded by Cllr. Mereweather
It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should proceed with obtaining quotes for the work that would need doing to make the rooms usable e.g. Kitchen, IT & 'phones etc.
 - c) Sandham Gardens redevelopment** (Appendix 3)
Councillors noted the Heads of Terms issued to Heritage attractions which would form the basis of any agreement between the parties for the re-development of Sandham Grounds.

On a proposal from Cllr. Cowley, seconded by Cllr. Blezzard
It was **RESOLVED** that the Heads of Terms were progressed.

1347/16

To discuss and make, as appropriate, any decision on Los Altos Park

The Clerk had received a Tenancy at Will for Los Altos park which she had not signed as it included responsibility for the trees. After discussion with Isle of Wight Council Staff the offer is

1. Leasehold transfer of the Asset, to include responsibility for the trees, and to include the ability to potentially use the land for other recreational uses e.g. football pitches, allotments.
2. Tenancy at Will with no responsibility for trees and no ability to use the land for other purposes.

On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp, to take the Lease and accept responsibility for the trees the vote was 3 member for and 5 against.

On a proposal from Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Humby, to take the Tenancy at Will with no responsibility for the trees the vote was 5 members for and 3 against.

It was **RESOLVED** therefore to proceed with the Tenancy at Will.

1348/16

To receive an update on Public Toilets and discuss the Freehold Asset transfers now on offer.

(Appendix 4)

(Appendix 5)

The Building survey on the toilets was noted and will be referred to at a later date when hopefully the toilets will be transferred to this Council.

Public toilets were discussed and overall the cleaning was considered good. The pigeons are an ongoing issue but steps to deter their return were continuing.

The Freehold transfer document for Yaverland toilets had been received but was a far cry from the Freehold transfer with no ties that had been agreed by Isle of Wight Council. The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting between Councillors and Cllr. Paul Fuller and an Officer from the IOW Council. No other documents had been received. Councillors noted that as the cleanliness & hygiene of the toilets at Yaverland could not be maintained during Funfair time, the toilets would be closed at 5.00pm. This was based on advice received. Having received complaints Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward said they would speak with the owners of Matthews Funfair to see if there was any compromise to be had.

1349/16

To decide on the date for the Sandown in Bloom presentations

Councillors decided on 29 September 2016 for the presentations.

1350/16

To note:

a) verbal reports from Town Councillors

Cllr. Humby asked if this Council was doing anything for IOW Day on 24 September. The Clerk to consult with Shanklin TC and ask if they had plans.

The Mayor reported that he had attended the opening of the new playground equipment event at Bay Primary School, and the performance given by the Watoto Choir, in Sandown.

Cllr. Mereweather reported that the Gaslight Café at the Station was re-opening. Councillors mentioned pungent smells from what has been suggested could be tankers discharging into the Bay always seemingly around 5 – 6 pm on a Sunday evening. Clerk to write to Maritime Agency .

Cllr. Stephenson had visited the beach and seen the Lifeguards in action and said they interacted well with the public.

b) reports from Councillors attending meetings on outside bodies

Cllr. Humby reported that Sandown Forum was in recess until 05 September

Cllr. Wright reported on the IWALC AGM that she had attended (report attached)

1351/16

To note:

a) written reports from County Councillors

Reports from Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward were noted (copies attached)

Cllr. Humby asked if either Councillor knew what was happening to the Old Post office as the steps at the side were still an eyesore.

She also repeated her requests to the IOW councillors for something to be done about extending the yellow lines in Old Reservoir Lane to prevent any accidents happening.

b) a verbal report on the talk given to prospective teaching students at Sandown Academy

The Town Council had been asked if the Mayor would attend an open day for prospective Student teachers visiting the Island and give them a talk on Sandown. In the event this was attended by Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward who met with the Students and took them round Sandown showing them and answering questions the highs and lows of the Town. Overall they felt the Students were quite impressed.

1352/16

To note information from the Town Clerk

All information had been passed on elsewhere in the meeting.

1353/16

To note the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted – 15 August 2016

Signed
Chairman

15 August 2016