



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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### Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Tuesday 26 January 2016 at 7.00pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk)

Richard Lloyd and Heather Rowell from IOW Health spoke to Councillors concerning interviews for the new area local co-ordinator. The interviews will take place on 10 February and Cllr. Patel offered to attend 10.00am to 12.30pm and Cllr. Cowley offered to attend 12.30pm – 4.30pm.

#### 1253/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Stephenson and Wright (both unwell) Cllr. Ward (committed to another meeting).

#### 1254/16 To receive declarations of interest

Declaration of interest was received from Cllr. Blezzard in respect any items relating to the business of the Isle of Wight Council.

#### 1255/16 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 14 December 2015

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

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 14 December 2015 as a true and correct record.

*Cllr. Blezzard moved for the Police report to be moved forward in case the Officer was called away.*

#### 1257/16 To receive written/verbal reports from Councillors on outside bodies

##### b) Police Liaison

PCSO Chris Urry was attending in place of PCSO Cooke who was off duty. He reported that crime generally in Sandown was on the decrease, and the number of Anti-Social Behaviour calls had dramatically reduced.

He mentioned the robbery at Sandown Jewellers and said the Police was grateful for the help of the public in apprehending the offender. He updated Councillors on the logistics of revised Police personnel. PCSO's are designated to specific areas, and overall there are 15 officers, made up of PCSO's, Police officers and 2 sergeants. Crime reports are available on internet. PCSO Urry was thanked by the Chair for attending.

#### 1256/16 Mayoral Chain

The Mayoral chain has run out of space to have the current name engraved on it.

It was last updated with 2010-11 details. There is room for 11-12 and 12-13 to be completed, but a further 3 links and discs are required to bring it completely up to

date. A quote from Fattorini's, the original supplier, for a second strand and a completely new chain were discussed and on a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Cowley  
It was **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to get alternative quotes.

**1257/16**

**To receive written/verbal reports from Councillors on outside bodies**

**a) IWALC Meeting 21 January 2016**

Attended by Cllr. Blezzard on behalf of Cllrs. Humby and Wright who were both unable to attend. Report attached.

**b) Police Liaison**

See Police report on previous page. Cllr. Mereweather suggested that attendance at a Police Liaison meeting might be unnecessary if we were now able to get up to date information and occasional Police attendance at Council meetings. This will be brought up at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council

**c) Community Partnership**

Cllr. Teasdale reported that as a representative of the Partnership he had attended a meeting with the Coastal Community team and others at the Battery Gardens and the result of work there could be a major boost for Sandown. It would be nice to see the bricked up entrance opened up, with a metal gate so people could enter without having to go down via the manhole cover.

There was still great interest from Heritage Attractions in Sandham Gardens, but would hinge on discussions between them and the Isle of Wight Council and the employment of a Procurement officer.

Cllr. Mereweather added that the Honour Walk was now underway with the application form now being available from her, the Library or the Town Council.

Cllr. Humby added that she may be able to contact St. Pete Beach who might donate £200 towards costs as they had laid the first one back in May.

The Partnership were continuing with arrangements for a Skatepark Competition scheduled for 02 April.

**d) Any other**

There were no other meetings to be reported.

**1258/16**

**Discretionary Services Town & Parish Councils**

After discussion about the Public Conveniences, the state and the possible costs, and again making the comment that it is impossible to imagine how anyone can expect a tourist destination to not have public conveniences available, and to be financed only by those councils that had them within their boundaries, it was agreed that £50,000 would at least cover part of the service. On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Young

It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to apply for the freehold of all five sets of toilets.

*During this discussion Cllr. Dupre showed disrespect for the Clerk and his fellow Councillors and finally left the room with no further comment at 8.22pm. Councillors asked that this outburst was minuted.*

Contributions towards Planning Enforcement Staff was discussed and on a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard and seconded by Cllr. Mereweather

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the decision for 6 months to see what other Councils did and compare how they fared with Enforcement if they did contribute and if they did not.

**1259/16 To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting held on 11 January 2016**

The draft minutes were noted. On a proposal from Cllr. Mereweather seconded by Cllr. Humby,

It was **RESOLVED** to note the discussions on the proposals and agreement to be made reference the Budget in the next item

**1260/16 To discuss and make proposals for the budget for 2016/17 concerning especially**

**a) Public conveniences**

£50,000 to be included in the Budget

**b) Grounds maintenance**

It was **RESOLVED** to pay for the IOW Council to maintain the Cliff Path area only at a cost of £373.00. Other areas would be maintained with the help of youth groups and Green Town Volunteers.

**c) HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations**

It had been suggested that Sandown, Shanklin and Lake, join together for 'Bay' Celebrations with Sandown & Shanklin contributing £1500 each and Lake £1,000. A suggested programme was discussed. Cllr. Priest had offered to take the lead on the organisation of events, keeping all Councils fully informed and requesting help as and when needed. On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr.

Mereweather

It was **RESOLVED** to leave the allocated £1500 in the budget

**d) Cost of flags**

After discussion and on a proposal from Cllr. Mereweather, seconded by Cllr.

Blezzard

It was **RESOLVED** to not have flags at the Pier Street area.

**e) Chronicle advertising rates**

After discussion of the proposed rates suggested by the Clerk, Cllr. Grandchamp suggested a further increase for the back page advertising rate and on a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following charges with effect from the Summer 2016 issue:

Back page £120.00, full page inside £90.00, half page £50.00, quarter page £25.00 and eighth page £15.00.

**f) Room hire rates**

It was unanimously agreed there would be no increase in the room hire rates.

On a proposal from Cllr. Young seconded by Cllr. Blezzard

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the changes to the document presented to the Finance and General Purposes committee and would give a budget proposal totalling expenses of £242,299.

**1261/16 To note written/verbal reports from**

**a) County Councillors**

Report from Cllr. Blezzard was noted (copy attached) and discussed.

**b) Town Councillors**

The steps at the Royal Mail office in Beachfield Road were discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to them to ask them if they would repair them.

**1262/16 To note correspondence/information received by the Town Clerk**

The Post Office had responded in full to the Council letter expressing concerns over the perceived problems at the Spar shop. It said that all aspects of the trading would have been assessed prior to starting up the Post Office there, but everything is continuously monitored.

A new site to which the Noticeboard outside the old Post office was being looked at, and Island Roads will probably do the work when the site is decided upon. The possible new Town Square was being looked at.

**1263/16 To note the date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was noted – 22 February 2016

Signed  
Chairman

22 February 2016