



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 9.30am at The Town Hall, Grafton Street, Sandown

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 5 Members of the Public

Eric Lawson said that over the time of attending meetings his respect for the Council had grown with his understanding of what a time consuming and difficult task it was for unpaid Members. Nonetheless he feels that this has not been an open and straightforward process. Does the borrowing plus interest of £800,000 represent good value for all residents? He would like Members to consider making a decision conditional on ratification by the incoming Council.

Debbie Andre endorsed what Eric Lawson had said adding that there had been lots of good decisions made but not over the Broadway Centre. She was supportive of demolition but not of re-building.

Sharon Merrick suggested the Town Hall could provide a good building for the Community, referring to the work done by the Trust for the Shanklin Theatre.

Carolyn Corbett said that it was a huge debt placed onto the people of Sandown when other buildings and hotels had rooms to let.

1438/17 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Ward and received and accepted from Cllr. Wright.

Cllr. Teasdale voiced the feelings of the majority of the Council that it was outrageous that, except for those who had work to consider, there were Members not in attendance on such an important occasion.

1439/17 To receive declarations of interest

Declaration of interest was made by Cllr. Blezzard as Chair of Planning and a Member of the Isle of Wight Council in anything pertaining to that Council.

1440/17 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)

Cllr. Blezzard asked for a named vote to exclude the press and public from the meeting.

For:- Cllrs. Cowley, Grandchamp, Mereweather and Young

Against:- Cllrs. Blezzard and Teasdale

Abstaining:- Cllr. Dupre

The Public left the room, and the meeting continued in closed session.

Signed
Chairman

Date 08 March 2017