



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held at the Broadway Centre, Sandown, Isle of Wight on Monday 13 April 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Dupre, Cllr. Grandhchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Patel, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Teasdale, Cllr. Young and 8 members of the Public.

In attendance: Mrs M Cook (Town Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received by Cllr. Wright

2. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 14 April 2014

On a proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, and with no objections the minutes of the previous year's meeting were accepted.

3. To receive the Annual Report from the Town Mayor

The Mayor Cllr. Gary Young gave a report on the year's activities including the events at which he had represented the Town Council. These included being present at the opening of new hotels and businesses, events to which the Children were the centre of activities, judging at the Carnival and Regatta, as well as business meetings with other Councils and the Isle of Wight Council.

4. To receive the Report from the Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee.

Cllr. Raj Patel gave a report on the activities of the Planning & Environment Committee. Some 21 meetings had been held, discussing approximately 43 applications.

5. To receive the Report from the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Ian Ward gave a report on the meetings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee. 6 meetings had been held during the year at which the Budget and financial reports prepared by the Town Clerk were discussed and recommendations made to Full Council.

6. Open session for the Electorate of Sandown

A member of the public Mr Alan Jones, expressed concerns over whether Battery Gardens would remain as a communal area if it was still owned by the IOW Council. The Clerk and the Mayor responded that until such time as this was leased to the Town Council the IOW Council would make the decisions. Another question was asked about the increase in the Budget and reasons for the increase were explained.

7. 'Just a minute' - time for representatives of local organisations to tell those present of their activities during the past year, and future plans

Cllr. Humby spoke on behalf of Sandown Forum with a resume of past activities.

Cllr. Teasdale spoke on behalf of the Community Partnership and expressing concerns that the removal of equipment at Sandham Gardens was moving slowly, but this was in the hands of the IOW Council. Cllr. Mereweather as Secretary of the Community Partnership continued by explaining the 'Honour Walk' that would stretch from the Pier to Eastern Gardens. Pavers costing £30 each, plus £2 per letter, could be purchased and then laid along the Esplanade in remembrance of loved ones or an anniversary or just with a name on.

Tammy Vincent, on behalf of Sandown Carnival Committee reminded those present about the Children's Carnival on 24 July, the Main Carnival on the 25 July and the Illuminated on the 26 August.

Signed
Town Mayor

23 May 2016