



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 26 January 2015 at 7.00pm at  
The Broadway Centre, Sandown**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Wright (Chairman), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Grandchamp,  
Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Teasdale and Cllr. Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk)  
1 member of the Public

Mrs Jean Orman, Secretary of the Forum spoke to Members saying "Before final decisions are taken this evening in connection with the precept, I hope that members of Sandown Town Council have ensured that the Isle of Wight Council itself will continue to comply with its obligations to the statutory regulations under the governance of the various Acts of Parliament at present in force"

**1080/15**

**To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Dupre, Patel and Young.

**1081/15**

**To receive declarations of interest**

Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward, as County Councillors, declared an interest in any business of the IOW Council.

**1082/15**

**To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 24 November 2014**

Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp, proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on the 27 October 2014.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true and correct record.

**1083/15**

**To receive a special resolution to rescind a previous decision**

**Special Resolution:** "That the decision contained in Minute 1026/14 of the Sandown Town Council meeting held on 01 September 2014 be rescinded"

On the proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Humby, to rescind Minute 1026/14, and by majority agreement

It was **RESOLVED** to rescind the decision thus allowing further discussion and decisions to be made in the light of updated information.

**1084/15**

**To receive the following motions from Cllr. Blezzard for consideration:-**

**a) Youth Provision in Sandown**

"Sandown Town Council welcomes the appointment of a partner to deliver youth provision in Sandown and pledges to work with the partner to help

deliver both senior and junior youth provision in the town. The Town Council further agrees to make available for youth provision as a minimum the level of revenue funding it provided for the junior youth club when it was located in Sandown Town Hall”

On the proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Ward, and by majority agreement

It was **RESOLVED** to work with the partner appointed, and to make available some funding.

**b) Public Convenience Provision**

“Sandown Town Council notes with dismay proposals set out in the Isle of Wight Council’s consultation on public convenience provision for the closure of all but five of the Island’s public conveniences and their replacement with a so called community scheme. The Town Council, whilst recognising the difficult financial position, calls on the Isle of Wight Council to look for an alternative solution in collaboration with Town & Parish Councils”

On the proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp, and by majority agreement

It was **RESOLVED** to engage in discussion and consultation with the Isle of Wight Council to provide an acceptable service in Sandown. **Action: Town Clerk**

**1085/15**

**To discuss Discretionary Services**

The various aspects of Public Convenience provision, Grounds maintenance and environmental services were discussed at length, especially the financial aspect and on a proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Humby and by majority agreement It was **RESOLVED** to ask for a meeting with the Isle of Wight Council to explore alternative avenues of provision, and also to arrange a meeting with Shanklin, Lake and Ryde Town Councils to explore the same. **Action: Town Clerk**

**1086/15**

**To approve the Town Clerk to start looking at quotes for Grounds Maintenance for Sandham Grounds and Battery Gardens in anticipation of taking the Lease with effect from 01 April 2015**

On a proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Wright

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should start looking for quotes from suitably qualified people/companies to carry out maintenance work. **Action: Town Clerk**

**1087/15**

**To approve the Town Clerk to look into the removal of the concrete flower troughs from around the Broadway Centre to more visible sights on the Broadway**

On a proposal by Cllr. Humby, seconded by Cllr. Cowley

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk should look at suitable sites and provide costs **Action: Town Clerk**

**1088/15**

**To receive a report from the Town Clerk on:**

**a) Business Rates**

A net amount of £7,724.40 had been received by this Council from the Isle of Wight Council in respect of Small business rate relief not claimed for the past 5 years.

**b) Armed Forces Day**

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on Saturday 20 June 2015 and in this the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE & VJ days there will be an Isle of Wight event at North Walk and Appley Park, Ryde.

On a proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Cowley

It was **RESOLVED** to donate £100 towards the cost of the event.

*Action: Town Clerk*

**c) Green Towns**

The Town Clerk reported on the first meeting of the Green Towns for Sandown where there was greater enthusiasm than numbers. A further meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 04 February at the Broadway Centre.

**d) Letter of Thanks from Help for Heroes**

A letter of thanks had been received in response to the donation of £190 raised at the Mayor's Coffee morning.

**e) Sandown Forum and room hire**

The Town Clerk was pleased to report that despite charges being made the Sandown Forum had chosen to continue to use the Broadway Centre

**f) Hurdy Gurdy piano**

The Town Clerk reported that an offer had been made for the Hurdy Gurdy of £500. Members wanted the Town Clerk to research the value of it, and to put an article in the forthcoming Chronicle to see what Sandown residents thought.

*Action: Town Clerk*

**1089/15**

**To receive the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12 January 2015**

The draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee were received and noted.

**1090/15**

**To note the appointment of a Maintenance Operative with effect from 01 February 2015**

Following the interviews which were held on Friday 16 January, Members noted the appointment of Mark Strange as Maintenance Operative who starts on 02 February.

**1091/15**

**To receive, discuss, and agree the proposed precept requirement and budget for 2015-2016**

Members received copies of the draft budget and precept requirement, and following lengthy discussion and several adjustments, and due to the uncertainty of the services that the Isle of Wight Council would not be sustaining and the Town Council would be required to take over or supplement increases were agreed.

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

IT was **RESOLVED** to set the precept for 2015/2016 at £220,976, making a Band D charge £93.88 per year

**1092/15**

**To discuss the possibility of removing the Committee system for Sandown Town Council and replacing with three-weekly Full Council meetings.**

Following discussion and on a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Ward

It was **RESOLVED** to maintain the status quo until such time as workloads from possible changes to come could be assessed.

- 1093/15**      **To receive reports from representatives to outside bodies**  
IWALC – Cllr. Wright reported on the meeting of 15 January making particular reference to a proposed hustings event, increase in affiliation fees, planning training, Councillor skills training, Spring Seminar on 16 March, New Year Honours list and the new Chairman of Health Watch.  
Police Liaison Community – Cllr. Cowley reported that a meeting would take place next month.  
Community Bus – Town Clerk was asked to send a letter explaining the devastating effect the loss of the Community Bus would have on the townspeople especially the elderly.  
**Action: Town Clerk**
- 1094/15**      **To receive and note reports from County Councillors**  
Attached reports were noted.
- 1095/15**      **Councillors Time to raise questions and share information**  
Cllr. Mereweather brought to the attention of fellow Councillors the fact that the Scanner used in the Health Centre, and subscribed to by the people of Sandown, was not fully utilised as there were not enough qualified operators available.

Signed

Chairman

Date 23 February 2015



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