



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 22 June 2015 at 7.00pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Patel, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Ward and Cllr. Young.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

In the absence of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Patel took the Chair.

- 1161/15 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Dupre, Teasdale and Wright.
- 1162/15 To receive declarations of interest**
Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward as County Councillors declared an interest in any business of the IOW Council.
- 1163/15 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 08 June 2015**
On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather,
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 08 June 2015 as a true and correct record
- 1164/15 To receive the Internal Audit report for the year ending 31 March 2015**
The Internal Audit report was noted. There were two recommendations
1. That the total of local taxation grant and net precept be detailed in future minutes
2. That VAT be reclaimed from HMRC for the 2014-15 financial year.
In respect of 1. those figures are £21,240 grant and £131,909 net precept and in respect of 2. the VAT records were in the process of being finalised. On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the report.
- 1165/15 To appoint the Internal Auditor for the ensuing year**
After discussion and presentation of a quote from another firm, it was proposed by Cllr. Blezzard that the Council re-appoint Gareth Hughes as Auditor. An amendment, was proposed. The vote was taken on the amendment which was carried by 5 votes to 3, with one abstention. Cllr. Blezzard accepted the amendment and seconded by Cllr. Mereweather

It was **RESOLVED** to re-appoint Gareth Hughes with any change in Internal Auditor being delayed for a year and to speak to Gareth Hughes to ask for more detailed discussion and advice.

- 1166/15 To review and accept the Annual accounts for 2014/15 and approve and sign Section 1 of the Annual Return (Accounting Statement)**
The 2014/15 Annual accounts were noted and compared to Section 1 of the Annual Return. On a proposal from Cllr. Mereweather, seconded by Cllr. Blezzard the figures were approved and signed by Cllr. Patel as Chair, and by the Town Clerk as the RFO.
- 1167/15 To review and complete the Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15**
The Annual Governance Statement (Section 2 of the Annual return) was discussed and answered point by point. On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Young the document was signed by Cllr. Patel as Chair, and by the Town Clerk as the RFO.
- 1168/15 To report on and discuss the meeting held between Councillors and the Leader of the IOW Council and the portfolio holder for Tourism**
Cllr. Blezzard started the report by appointing out that the Leader, Jonathan Bacon has not attended the meeting. Those present were John Metcalfe and Shirley Smart for the IOW Council and Cllrs. Blezzard, Teasdale, Mereweather, Cowley, Humby, Patel and the Town Clerk for Sandown TC.
The IOW Council asked specifically about interested developers who were being held back by the IOW Council, and therefore deterring major investment in Sandown. The specific area of redevelopment was from White City to the Zoo, and the meeting was told that the IOW Council was trying to appoint a Procurement Officer whose priority task would be Sandown, as it had no Staff available who could carry out such work. Members asked that the Town Clerk was sent a timetable of what was happening.
- 1169/15 Bouncy Castle in Sandham Gardens**
The Town Clerk reported that she was in conversation with Michael Barrett from Castles 4 Rascals who was prepared to place some childrens' amusements on the Sandham Rides area for the Summer holiday season in return for a percentage return to the Town Council. A 20% return was suggested but after discussion
It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Town Clerk to enter into negotiations and achieve the best possible outcome.
- 1170/15 To discuss the purchase of a Van for use by Staff**
After discussion which centred round the fact that it was not right to use Staff vehicles for transport for Council activities, and also that it works out quite expensive, and on a proposal from Cllr. Mereweather, seconded by Cllr. Young, and unanimously agreed, it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Town Clerk to spend up to £5,000 on the purchase of a suitable van.
- 1171/15 Broadway Centre and Christ Church**
The Town Clerk had received a summary showing costs for the running of Christ Church, but was waiting to hear the outcome from the Church wardens with regard to planning application for change of use, and application for a faculty to make alterations inside the Church.

The Town Clerk was instructed to proceed with the Tender process for an Architect to go to the next stage (detailed plans) of development for the Broadway Centre. She would discuss the options with Planning Department.

1172/15 To note the comments from the Planning Committee on the Affordable Housing Consultation Draft and agree the response

The Town Clerk reported that the Planning Committee had decided to leave this response until after the Area Bay Action Plan meeting on Monday 29 June when discussion could involve Ollie Boulter. The Town Clerk will request an extension to the consultation period.

1173/15 Grant Application Guidelines 2015/16

The possible revision of the scheme guidelines was discussed but it was decided, in view of the smaller budget this year, to simply be more stringent in assessing the applications.

1174/15 To discuss the forming of a Sandown Community Volunteer Workforce

Cllr. Humby reported that she had attended a meeting of the Green Towns Group and would like to have seen a resurgence of the previous Community Group. After discussion it was agreed that more publicity and support should be given to the Green Towns Group. Everyone agreed it would be wrong for Councillors to give a list of works to the Volunteers. At present people came forward with ideas and suggestions of how they could help and in the main carried them out.

1175/15 To approve & sign the Schedule of Payments

On a proposal from Cllr. Mereweather, seconded by Cllr. Young, the Sandown Town Council schedule of payments totalling £11,923.87 and the Sandham Gardens schedule of payments totalling £3,280.45 were approved by all and both schedules were signed by Cllrs. Mereweather and Cowley.

1175a/15 To note written reports from County Councillors

Written reports from the County Councillors were received and noted (copies attached).

1176/15 To note information from the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk reported that Cllr. Humby had received a long awaited reply from Eric Pickles. Cllr. Humby read this out (copy attached)

Sandown in Bloom was to be judged on Tuesday 07 July, and an awards afternoon would be arranged for later in the year. Cllr. Humby said that Mr. Leith, a Sandown resident would like to donate a cup for future years for gardens kept by others for disabled people.

Signed

Chairman

Date 27 July 2015



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