



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 23rd May 2016 at The Broadway Centre, Sandown

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Wright (Chair), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Dupre, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Patel, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Ward and Cllr. Young.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), Mrs. V. Wright (Admin Officer)

1302/16 To elect the Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Mayor Cathy Wright asked for nominees for Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr. Patel was nominated by Cllr. Dupre, seconded by Cllr. Cowley and Cllr. Young was nominated by Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Blezzard. A secret ballot was requested and Cllr. Patel was elected as Mayor.

1303/16 To receive declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr. Patel signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr. Patel was congratulated and took the chair.

1304/16 Mayor's address to the council

Cllr. Patel thanked Cllr. Wright for all her hard work over the previous year and thanked his fellow Councillors for electing him.

1305/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Teasdale (unwell)

1306/16 To receive declarations of interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward in respect of any items relating to the business of the Isle of Wight Council.

1307/16 To elect the Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr. Humby nominated Cllr. Young who declined the nomination.

Cllr. Grandchamp was nominated by Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Cowley and was unanimously voted in as the Deputy Mayor.

1308/16 To allow 15 minutes for the residents of Sandown to speak to the council on Town matters.

Mrs Jean Orman the Secretary of the Sandown Forum spoke about the Sandown Town Hall and urged the council to consider using it as Town Council Offices as well as a community hub. She spoke of a vote being held within the Sandown Forum and the vote was strongly in favour of the Town Hall.

Against the advice of the Town Clerk, who urged the Mayor to stop him, Cllr. Dupre responded to the statement made and the discussion that tried to ensue was halted.

Sharon Merritt questioned the procedure that had happened and asked for clarification.

- 1309/16 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 25th April 2016**
 On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Young
 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 25th April 2016 as a true and correct record.
- 1310/16 To receive the Police Report (copy attached)**
 The Police report extracted from the Police website and specific to Sandown & Lake was received and noted.
- 1311/16 To adopt the revised Standing Orders (copies given at last meeting).**
 Item deferred to the next meeting Full Council meeting
- 1312/16 To discuss formation of Working Parties and Committees.**
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- 1313/16 To appoint committees and representatives on other bodies for the year 2016/17.**
 (The Town Mayor is ex-officio on all committees and has voting rights)
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| <u>Planning & Environment Committee</u> | 6 members |
| Cllrs. Cowley, Dupre, Humby, Mereweather, Stephenson & Young. | |
| <u>Finance & General Purposes Committee</u> | 8 members |
| Cllrs. Cowley, Dupre, Grandchamp, Humby, Mereweather, Ward, Wright & Young. | |
| <u>Staffing Committee</u> | 5 members |
| Cllrs. Blezzard, Grandchamp, Ward, Wright & Young | |
| <u>Sandown Community Partnership</u> | 4 members |
| Cllrs. Cowley, Patel, Stephenson & Teasdale. | |
| <u>Waste Management</u> | 2 members |
| Cllrs. Cowley & Ward | |
| <u>Sandown Forum</u> | 2 members |
| Cllrs. Cowley & Humby | |
| <u>St. Pete Beach</u> | 1 member |
| Cllr. Humby | |
| <u>IWALC</u> | 1 member |
| Cllr. Wright | |
- It was noted that the Tonny Charente Twinning Association was no longer operating
- 1314/16 To receive and approve the schedule of payments.**
 The schedules and invoices were examined by Cllrs. Cowley and Mereweather and on a proposal from Cllr. Mereweather, seconded by Cllr. Cowley
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £9,916.43 and for Sandham Grounds in the sum of £5,913.83.
- 1315/16 To receive the internal audit report for the year ending 31st March 2016.**
 The internal audit report noted by Council, and it was also noted there were no actions to be taken.
- 1316/16 To appoint the internal auditor for the ensuing year 2016/17.**
 After a lengthy discussion about using a different Internal Auditor, and on a proposal from Cllr. Dupre, seconded by Cllr. Cowley, and with 6 in favour and 5 against
 It was **RESOLVED** to stay with the current provider

- 1317/16 To review and accept the annual accounts for 2015/16 and approve and sign Section 2 of the Annual Return (Accounting Statements).**
Section 2 was reviewed in conjunction with the Annual accounts prepared by the Clerk & RFO, and unanimously accepted.
- 1318/16 To review and complete the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16**
The Mayor went through Section 1 item by item and it was unanimously agreed that each question could be answered 'yes'
- 1319/16 To receive an update on public toilets and make a decision about pigeons in the toilet at Eastern Gardens.**
The Clerk gave an update on the public toilets stating how well the cleaning process was going. She continued by outlining The problem with pigeons nesting in Eastern Gardens and the mess they were leaving which was a health and safety problem, especially for Staff & Contractors needing to work there. It was discussed at length. A quote of £1880.00 has been received an Island firm for the removal and treatment of the area. After a heated debate about using Council money this way and on a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr.Dupre, and on a majority vote It was **RESOLVED** by a vote to leave the toilets as they were and re assess the situation in 6 months time.
- 1320/16 To receive an update on the beach.**
The Town Clerk reported that negotiations to spend the budgeted amount in the best manner were ongoing. She also reported that it had come to light that where last year the IOW Council were paying for the extra baskets on the beach to emptied, this year they were contributing nothing towards it and this would now cost the Council an extra amount, likely to be approximately £5,000.
- 1321/16 To note written reports from County Councillors**
Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward presented their reports, copies of which are attached.
Cllr. Humby asked Cllr. Blezzard who made the decision re the fine for John Platt in the case where the children were taken out of School for a family holiday. He replied that there had been no full discussion at Council and therefore it rested with Cllr. Bacon.
- 1322/16 To note information from the Town Clerk**
The Clerk handed out a list of up- coming council meetings for the 2016/17 period. The Clerk briefly spoke about the Bus Shelter a new Island charity being set up to help homeless people on the Island.
A representative from the Bus Shelter will be coming in to speak about the project at the meeting on June 20th.
The Bay Primary School have recently contacted the Clerk asking whether there would be a possibility of the council donating towards the school crossing patrol before and after school each day. It was agreed that it would be brought up at the next Full Council Meeting.
The Clerk announced that Sandown has been awarded a Seaside Award. Only 4 beaches on the Island have received one and there were no Blue Flags awarded to the Island.