



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 25th April 2016 at 7.00pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Wright (Chair), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby,
Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Patel, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Teasdale, Cllr. Ward, Cllr. Young

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), Mrs. V. Wright Admin, 5 members of the public, Sally Evans – Public Health IOW.

Sally Evans in her role as Bay co-ordinator for public health Isle of Wight introduced herself to councillors.

A member of the public asked why flags had been erected on Pier Street when in the minutes from the previous meeting it was agreed that there would be no flags this year. The Clerk informed the gentleman that after an advert was placed in the Sandown Chronicle asking for possible donations, all the flags had been sponsored by residents. It was also stated that by using our own staff members to erect the flags around £400.00 was saved.

Mr Alan Jones spoke about the Watoto choir who are coming to the Island from Uganda to perform a concert in Sandown. He asked about the possibility of funding and was told that it would be brought up at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

- 1290/16 To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr. Dupre (knee problem)
- 1291/16 To receive declarations of interest**
Declaration of interest was received from Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward in respect of any items relating to the business of the Isle of Wight Council.
- 1292/16 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 21st March 2016**
On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Young
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 21st March 2016 as a true and correct record.
- 1293/16 To receive the Police Report (copy attached)**
No officer being present, the report downloaded from the Police website was noted.
- 1294/16 To receive and sign the Schedule of Payments (copy attached)**
The schedules and invoices having been examined by Cllrs. Cowley and Mereweather and on a proposal from Cllr. Patel, seconded by Cllr. Young.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £4311.41 and for Sandham Grounds in the sum of £4208.54.

1295/16

To receive a report from the Building Working Party and make any decisions on

a) Building progress

The Mayor invited Cllr. Ward as chair of the working party to update the meeting. He said there was a meeting coming up on the 27th April with Chris Scott who would inform us how things are progressing with regard to a new planning permission for the site.

It was **RESOLVED** to ask Christopher Scott to progress with the scheme

b) Office progress

After a lengthy discussion about using the Town Hall or looking into buying a property in Sandown it was proposed by Cllr Blezzard and seconded by Cllr Ward to communicate with the CEYP about the use of the Town Hall. It was also proposed by Cllr. Mereweather and seconded by Cllr. Ward to investigate the possibility of buying a local property. The Mayor, Cllr. Wright agreed that the Town Hall is a heritage site and would like to look into both options.

On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard. seconded by Cllr.Ward

It was **RESOLVED** to talk to the Robert Brooks at Central Eltham Youth Project with a view to using offices with no commitment attached, in the Town Hall.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to look at other properties such as Hotels which would give space for hiring out of rooms etc.

1296/16

To receive an update on the public toilets.

It was reported that each set of toilets have now received a deep clean and are being cleaned to a high standard daily by Island Cleaning Solutions. Security in the form of locking each evening is being carried out by Vectis Security. Both contracts seem to be running well.

The Clerk informed the council that she has had a quote for the Building Survey of £1500.00. Although this is higher than the previously agreed £1000.00 this quote covers all 5 sets of toilet and a 5 year plan for the maintenance of them, on the proviso that the Freeholds do get transferred. On a proposal from Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Patel

It was **RESOLVED** to allow the Clerk to proceed with the higher quote if necessary.

There was a report from the Clerk about new wallgate units in the toilets. She reported that a number of town councils had got together to negotiate a better deal on the maintenance of the units.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to approve this action.

1297/16

To discuss Beach Cleaning.

It was reported by the Clerk that she had received a quote from the Isle of Wight Council regarding beach cleaning and rubbish bin emptying in Sandown & Yaverland. After an intense discussion relating to this it was questioned why the Isle of Wight Council is increasing concessionaires rent and not passing any of the money on to the Town Council. It was suggested that the concessionaires could perhaps clean their own areas daily to help reduce costs? It was then stated that they had recently signed a new 10 year lease so it would not be possible to change it.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk would write to IWALC and the MP for the Island to ask why the IOW council can take the money and the Town Council provide the service.

1298/16

To discuss Skatepark improvements.

It was reported by Cllr Mereweather that the recent Skate competition was a success and that over 100 skaters took part. Thanks were given to Cllr. Teasdale and Cllr. Stephenson for their input in organising the event.

All the Councillors read through a new Skatepark proposal booklet and it was decided that minor improvements were to be made to the existing park instead of replacing it. It was agreed that a junior ramps are needed for the smaller children and investigations into this are ongoing. The Clerk was asked to investigate grants.

1299/16

Sandown Chronicle

The Clerk questioned whether the Sandown Chronicle was being read by the residents of Sandown and if it should continue. The Chronicle loses money on each publication and the question was raised whether a lesser amount be printed each time and put in distribution places e.g Sandown Library or if it should continue the way it is.

After discussion, and by a majority vote,

It was **RESOLVED** to keep the production of the Chronicle unchanged.

1300/16

To note written/verbal reports from

a) County Councillors

Both County Councillors having given written reports (copies attached) and answered questions.

b) Town Councillors

Cllr. Humby asked the County Councillors if they could find out why the Town has all its trees pollard at one time, when it would be better to have one road done at a time and making the Town look less bare. She also asked why the demolition had stopped on the Savoy Hotel. She was told it had re-started.

General questions were asked about possibility of holding a concert in Battery Gardens

c) Outside Bodies

Community Partnership

Cllr. Mereweather reported that there has been a change within the Community Partnership. Cllr. Young is now Chairman and Cllr. Teasdale is now the Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Mereweather also informed the meeting about a quiz night in aid of the Sandown Bowls club, to be held at the Conservative Club on 24 June.

Picking up on the question about a concert in Battery Gardens, the Partnership suggested it could be held in Sandham Gardens.

1301/16

To note correspondence/information received by the Town Clerk

The Clerk asked whether a small donation could be made to 'On the Wight' and after discussion, and on a proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Ward

It was **RESOLVED** to not support this request and not make a donation.

The Town Clerk handed out a draft copy of the standing orders and asked that they were read through and any comments made to her before the next meeting when they would be on the agenda to be adopted.

1302/16

To note the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted – 23rd May 2016

6.30 planning, 7.00 Annual Town Meeting followed by Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

Signed
Chairman

23rd May 2016