



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 28 September 2015 at 7.00pm at
The Broadway Centre, Sandown**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Councillors received a presentation by Fran Alvarez on 'Pharmacy First'. Mr. Alvarez explained the scheme was for minor ailments and currently available to Island Residents only. It stems from the fact that there are not enough GP's on the Island. Many of the complaints are able to be dealt with by a Pharmacist e.g. constipation, coughs and colds, hay fever etc, either by treatment or by giving advice and information. The service can also deal with repeat prescriptions that Patients may have forgotten to order. The service can relieve the pressure on the GP's and the emergency service at the Beacon centre. Councillors asked questions, and space in the Chronicle and on the Council website was offered and accepted. The Mayor thanked Mr Alvarez for coming to the meeting.

The member of the Public in attendance said she had read Cllr. Blezzard's report (see 1214/15) and wished to say she knew of many people in the town who would advocate 'Resident Only' parking zones.

1201/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Dupre (illness) and Humby (away from home).

1202/15 To receive declarations of interest

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

1203/15 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 17 August 2015

On a proposal from Cllr. Patel, seconded by Cllr. Young

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 17 August 2015 as a true and correct record

1204/15 To approve and accept the Annual return 2014/15, to note the comments and approve an action plan if necessary (Copy of Return and BDO report attached)

Councillors, having received a full copy of the Annual Return and the BDO External Auditors report, and having discussed the points raised by BDO in the section not affecting their opinion, agreed that an action plan was not relevant or necessary. On a proposal from Cllr. Wright and seconded by Cllr. Young

It was **RESOLVED**, unanimously, to approve and accept the documents.

1205/15 To note the draft minutes of the Finance & general Purposes Committee meeting on 14 September 2015

The minutes were noted.

- 1206/15 To discuss changing the time of meetings following Planning meetings to avoid wasted time between meetings**
After a very short discussion it was agreed to leave the meeting time unchanged.
- 1207/15 To discuss the consultation by the IOW Council on the Council Tax reduction scheme 2016/17 and formulate a response**
Having received the papers prior to the meeting, Councillors decided that there would be no formal response from the Council. Individual Councillors would respond as they felt appropriate.
- 1208/15 To update on previous discussions for Fencing at Sandham Gardens**
Only one incident earlier in the month concerning a fire in a bin in Sandham Grounds, responded to by Fire Brigade and Police had been recorded on CCTV, and the initial alert had in fact come from the CCTV monitoring Staff.
The Police were against the installation of any fencing round the Park. It was decided to continue to monitor the situation, with the help of other services.
- 1209/15 To discuss representation for 'My Life a Full Life'**
As she would be attending meetings in another capacity, Cllr. Wright offered to represent the Council and report back to Council.
- 1210/15 Broadway Centre**
The Clerk gave a brief report indicating some of the work that needs to be done immediately to the Broadway Centre if a decision was not made as to what was going to happen to the Building, and after much discussion and on a proposal from Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather
it was **RESOLVED** to form a working party to carry the schemes forward. Cllrs. Ward, Cowley, Mereweather and Young, together with the Clerk would make up the party, with a remit to report back to Full Council, with a proposal, by 23 November 2015
- 1211/15 To note information from the Town Clerk**
- a) Remembrance Sunday – the Archdeacon, the Venerable Peter Sutton will lead the Service. Wreaths will be purchased from the British Legion as usual. Sandown & Shanklin Military band will be playing. Concerns were expressed that the Piper from the mainland would be replaced by local youth musicians, but it was pointed out that if this did not meet expectations it could be changed again next year. If the Council was not paying for the Piper from the mainland, it was suggested that the donation to the Royal British Legion be increased.
 - b) Remembrance Day – 10.55am at the War Memorial on Wednesday 11 November.
 - c) Carol Concert – just a reminder at this stage – Monday 07 December
 - d) Local Council Award Scheme – after discussion it was decided that any benefits from being part of the scheme were outweighed by the time involvement of gaining the award
 - e) Bring Banks – a letter had been received from the IOW Council requesting permission for the new waste contractor to be granted access to our land to empty the bottle banks. After discussion it was decided to refuse access and ask the IOW Council to arrange for removal of the three bottle banks and aluminium can bin. This Council received no benefit from having the bins, and the lorry that collects only added to the damage currently being experienced to the driveway surface.

- f) Parking Strategy meeting - a letter had been received from IOW Council informing Clerks that the Council had commissioned WYG to prepare a parking strategy followed by a period of review and consultation, the whole then to be presented to Members for consideration. They requested views on parking issues that should be considered. Parish & Town Councils are invited to a briefing (4pm – 6pm) on Wednesday 07 October at the Medina Theatre, Newport. Cllrs. Blezzard and Wright said they would attend.

1212/15 To approve and sign the Schedule of payments (copy attached)

On a proposal from Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp, It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Sandown Town Council schedule of payments totalling £1,042.47 and the Sandham Gardens schedule of payments totalling £191.23 Invoices were seen and initialled and both schedules were signed by Cllrs. Mereweather and Cowley.

1213/15 To discuss Planning Enforcement officers

Cllr. Wright reported that she had attended an IWALC meeting where discussion had taken place about Planning enforcement. The attached paper gave the initial thoughts on the situation, and option D in the paper gives the options that may be given to the Parish & Town Councils.

1214/15 To note written reports from County Councillors

Written reports were noted (copies attached) Cllr. Ward mentioned the Police website where under certain conditions grants were available. The Clerk asked if either County Councillor could update the meeting on the appointment by the IOW Council of the Procurement officer. Cllr. Blezzard promised to make enquiries.

1215/15 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies

IWALC – as 1213/15

Police Liaison report – written report from Cllr. Cowley attached, supplemented by a list of incidents for the three month period 01.05-31.07.15 from PC Vaughan
Island Line – remaining in the franchise
Coastal Community – Ian Boyd had been provided with information to take the bid to the next stage. Councillors attending the Coastal Community meeting said that all three Town Councils seemed to be pleased to be going forward as ‘the bay’.

1216/15 To share information between Councillors

It was noted by Councillors that the Council Leader, Cllr. Jonathan Bacon, had gone to Bestival rather than attend the Church Service for the Queen’s achievement of longest serving British monarch. The Clerk reported to Councillors that she had, as requested, sent the good wishes of the Council and the Town, and had received a letter back from Buckingham Palace staff on behalf of the Queen.

Cllr. Mereweather asked

- a) if the noticeboard outside the old Post office could be removed to another location as it was obsolete where it was. Perowne Way and the seafront were suggested.
- b) if the Lights of Love service would be included in the Carol Service. After discussion it was suggested that the Baptist Church which will be hosting a Christmas Tree festival may like to include a Lights of Love service. Cllr. Grandchamp to speak to Rev Ian Lovell.

- c) if Cllr. Ward could look at the bus timetable as the Community Bus was only giving 12 minutes or two hours to go to Morrisons. One was too short, the other too long.
- d) if the Council would look at organising a skatepark competition. An e-mail to the Clerk had not been received, and Cllr. Mereweather said she would re-send it.

Cllr. Wright asked if anyone knew what was happening at Brown's on Friday evening as she had been asked if she was attending? Ian Boyd, on behalf of the Coastal Community team, had said that he would attend and promote at any opportunity. The advert had said Councillors would be on hand to answer questions. Clerk to find out who else was attending.

1217/15

To exclude the press and public

That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw. (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act)

Sandham Gardens

Staffing Issues

The member of the Public was asked to leave.

Signed

Chairman

Date 26 October 2015



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