



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held at the Broadway Centre, Sandown, Isle of Wight on Monday 23 May 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Dupre, Cllr. Grandhchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Patel, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Young, PC Nick Massey, Richard Wright (County Press) and 6 members of the Public.

In attendance: Mrs M Cook (Town Clerk)

**1. Welcome by the Mayor**

The Town Mayor, Cllr. Catherine Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited them to stay for light refreshments afterwards. She received apologies from Cllr. Teasdale who was unable to attend.

**2. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 13 April 2015**

On a proposal by Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Young and with no objections the minutes of the previous year's meeting were accepted.

**3. To receive the Annual Town Council Report from the Town Mayor**

The Mayor Cllr. Wright gave her report. Copy attached Appendix 1

**4. Report of the Committee Chairs**

**a) To receive the Report from the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee**

Cllr. Ian Ward gave his report. Copy attached Appendix 1

**b) To receive the Report from the Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee.**

Cllr. Raj Patel gave his report. The Committee had met 20 times, and reviewed 58 planning applications. Of those only four were rejected by the Town Council. He thanked the Committee for their input.

**5. Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Sandown Community Partnership – Mrs J Mereweather recapped on the year's events which included raising funds for Simi the Tiger at Sandown Zoo, helping to progress the Town Trail, creating the Honour trail, and very recently organising a Skatepark Competition at the Fort Skate Park.

Sandown Forum – Miss H Humby spoke about the meetings of the Forum. She explained that the Sandown Forum is a meeting point for representatives from Sandown voluntary organisations and groups, to exchange information, publicise events and discuss matters of local interest or concern with Town & Isle of Wight Councillors. During the year speakers on a wide range of subjects had been invited to speak at the Forum, and these have included Oil Exploration and Fracking on the IOW, Devolution Bid process, Pharmacy First, Homeopathy, Community Action IW - My Life a Full Life, which linked to The Links Trust, The

Genie Project, Sandown Are Co-ordinator for IW Public Health and the Bay Health Trainer. The Forum has been active in corresponding with Island Roads on the roadworks programme, the IOW Council concerning the former Sandham Middle School and the Town Hall in Grafton Street. Donations have been made to Sandown Community Partnership in respect of the Heritage Trail Boards, and are purchasing a tile as part of the Honour Walk. Thanks were given to Mrs Jean Orman for her hard work as Secretary of the Group.

Green Towns – Mrs M Cook spoke about the Volunteer Group which meets at the Broadway Centre monthly and about the litter picking done by individuals all over the Town and beach, and the weeding and planting up of the planters at the Avenue Road/High Street junction which they do as a Group.

**6. To receive a report from the Police**

PC Nick Massey spoke on behalf of the Police for our area. He commented on the fact that there was now a new Police Commissioner, and a new Chief Constable. He said the Safer Neighbourhood Team were experiencing seasonal changes in crime and the Police were, therefore, re-acting to those changes. With regard to personnel, there would shortly be a new PCSO joining the team. Sgt Roscoe had moved to Ryde and Sgt Kevin Parry was now overseeing our area. The season of Festivals and Carnivals would obviously put pressure on the service, but the request was still to call them if there were any problems.

**7. Reports of the Isle of Wight Councillors**

**a) Sandown North (Cllr. Blezzard)**

**b) Sandown South (Cllr. Ward)**

Both Councillors gave their reports. Copies attached Appendix 1

**8. Comments and Recommendations of Electors**

Stephen J Parkes from Sandown spoke on a number of issues:-

- a) Sandown Jazz and Blues weekend – would like to organise one on the first weekend of September. Involve local venues, street music. Will contact the Clerk re using the old Lifeguard Hut.
- b) New street lighting is too bright – referred to Island Roads
- c) Toilets – informed these were open and being cleaned by Contractors for Sandown Town Council
- d) Why was the road round the Rounadbout not re-surfaced when the High Street was done – referred to Island Roads
- e) Defibrillators – informed of various places where there were ones for public use, and informed that the Mayor’s Charity would be supplying one to be positioned near the Library
- f) Roadshow for public debate on the European Union in or out – suggested he spoke to County Councillors
- g) Licensing – referred to isle of Wight Council but PC Massey also responded that these were complex issues on which the Police were often consulted
- h) Police Patrol times – PC Massey again responded that these were based on local need and local knowledge
- i) Pedestrian area in the Town – informed this was work in progress between various organisations
- j) Dog mess especially in Pier Street – Cllr. Blezzard responded that Island Roads would clear dog mess if reported, and Enforcement was only

provided to Town Councils that contributed to the cost of the Enforcement Officer

Sharon Merritt asked about Planning, especially the Savoy and was told that once the demolition had started there was no legal requirement to finish the job. It was understood that although work had stopped recently it had now re-started.

The Meeting closed at approximately 7.45pm

Signed  
Town Mayor

May 2017