NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A TOWN MEETING

TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2018

AT THE BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL, WINCHESTER PARK ROAD, SANDOWN

AT 7.00 PM

BY THE FOLLOWING NAMED SANDOWN ELECTORS

Sharon Merrick
Fiona Trowbridge
Julia Caltling

John Steege,

Tony Trowbridge,

Paul Baker.

Dated: 28 February 2018

AGENDA

To agree a chairman (if necessary)

To agree a minute taker.

To discuss the recent budget and precept set for 2018/19

To discuss Pier Street Toilets

To discuss any other business raised at the meeting.

Vikki Wright

From:

Sent: Thursday, 22 February, 2018 7:43 PM admin@sandowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Subject:Sandown Town MeetingAttachments:Town Council Meeting.odt

Dear Tina,

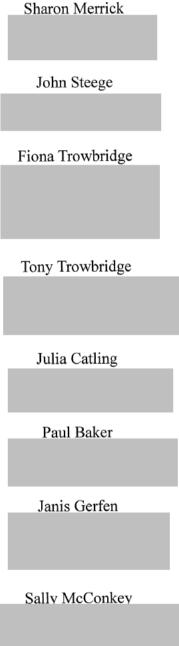
Please find attached a request for a Town Meeting. I understand that at least 6 electors are required to make such a request. I appreciate that this is creating more work for you and if I am able to assist in any way please let me know. I also appreciate that there is an Annual Town Meeting arranged for April but we feel that residents should be able to receive answers to their questions sooner rather than later.

Regards,

Sharon Merrick

Dear Ms Bailey, Sandown Town Clerk,

The residents listed below request that you call a Town Meeting, giving no less than seven clear days notice. We are requesting this meeting in order for electors to be able to ask councillors questions on recent decisions made on the budget, the precept and the Pier street toilets. We believe these questions cannot wait until the Annual Town Meeting in April.



We look forward to hearing from you,

Yours Sincerely,

Sharon Merrick, Fiona Trowbridge, Tony Trowbridge, John Steege, Julia Catling, Janis Gerfen, Paul Baker and Sally McConkey

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ELECTORATE REQUEST FOR A TOWN MEETING 26/2/2018

Dear Sharon

I acknowledge receipt of your email. As soon as I am able to confirm availability of a venue I will send you the notice of the meeting which is required to **be signed by the <u>six</u> electorates calling the meeting** and returned to the office in College Close asap (This cannot be accepted by email). We are open to the public Mon-Fri from 9.30 – 12. The notice will then be officially posted and copy provided to you to distribute accordingly.

To avoid any misunderstandings, may I also advise the following:

- > There is no legal obligation for any Town Councillor to attend but if the Mayor is in attendance he has to chair the meeting.
- > If the Mayor is absent but the Deputy Mayor is present, he has to chair the meeting.
- ➤ In the event that neither the Mayor nor Deputy Mayor is present, it will be up all those present at the Meeting to decide who chairs and any person who chairs the Town Meeting other than the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, must be elected by show of hands at the Meeting.
- > The chairperson for the meeting shall have, for the purposes of that meeting, the powers and authority of the Mayor.
- > All present at the Meeting must also be advised that they have the right to nominate a person to take the Minutes.
- Only local government electors for Sandown are qualified to vote at the Town Meeting or a poll consequent thereon.
- ➤ Each elector can give one vote on any question and no more. A question to be decided by a Town Meeting shall, in the first instance, be decided by a majority of those present at the meeting and voting thereon, and the decision of the person presiding the meeting as to the result of the voting shall be final unless a poll is demanded.
- > In the case of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote, in addition to any other vote he may have.
- > A Town Meeting's resolutions will not be binding on the Town Council and will be persuasive only and the council will need to decide if it wishes to disregard them.
- A poll may be demanded before the conclusion of a Town Meeting on any question arising at the meeting; but no poll shall be taken unless either the person presiding at the meeting consents or the poll is demanded by not less than ten, or one third of the local government electors present at the meeting, whichever is the fewer.
- > The Chairman should remind local government electors attending the meeting that the cost of funding a parish poll, should one be demanded, will be borne by the Town Council and ultimately by the local government electors.
- > The Chairman should also remind the meeting that the outcome of a poll is not binding and in is unlikely to have any significant impact or influence.