

SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.00pm in The Broadway Centre, Sandown, Isle of Wight. PO36 9GG

Present: Mayor: Cllr J. Mereweather
Cllrs: Andre, Brading, Cowley, Dupré, Humby, A. Lightfoot, P.Lightfoot, Teasdale, Ward and Young.

In attendance: Town Clerk Tina Bailey and members of the public.

1779/19 ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED

Voting by signed ballot was agreed

Nominations:

Cllr P Lightfoot proposed by Cllr Humby seconded by Cllr Andre
Cllr G Young proposed by Cllr Dupre seconded by Cllr Cowley

RESOLVED

Cllr Gary Young is elected Town Mayor.

1780/19 TO RECEIVE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Young duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

1781/19 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Nominations

Cllr P Lightfoot proposed by Cllr Humby seconded by Cllr Andre
Cllr P Brading proposed by Cllr Cowley seconded by Cllr Ward

RESOLVED

Cllr Paul Brading is elected Deputy Mayor

1782/19 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R. Patel

1783/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests

As IW Ward Councillors, Cllrs Andre, Brading and Ward declared interests in any matter relating to the Isle of Wight Council.

2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

None

1784/19 TO AGREE THE MEETING DATES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

RESOLVED

The meeting dates for 2019/20 were approved

Meeting Dates 2019 / 2020												
	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Full Town Council	17	15	none	16	21	18	9 or 16	20	17	16	20	18
Planning / other If necessary	3	1	none	2	7	4	2	6	3	2	6	4

1785/19 TO AGREE REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES BASED ON PREVIOUS YEARS.

RESOLVED

Sandown Forum – Cllr Humby
HALC – Cllr Ward
South Wight Parishes Health Forum –Cllr Andre

1786/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To approve the minutes of the previous confidential meeting held on 8th April 2018 and the Town Council meeting held on 15th April 2018.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the two meetings held on 8th April and 15th April 2019 are agreed.

1787/19 SANDOWN GREEN TOWNS REQUESTS

Eastern Gardens: GT want to enhance Eastern Gardens, by adding three posts in two of the planters. Common Space would fund the posts and Artecology would drill holes in them to provide a habitat for solitary bees (these are non-stinging) and pyrography species designs in the posts.

Gateway Project: GT would like to improve the visual entry at Yaverland by developing a small, planted and sculptured area around the Welcome to Sandown sign. The sculptures would be classified as an 'attachment' and would need a license between the IWC and Sandown Town Council and the council would need to accept maintenance and added to the councils insurance. Maintenance and caring for this area would be added to the other sites GT's look after.

RESOLVED

That both projects are agreed.

1788/19 SALE OF LAND AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE

Three options were discussed

OPTION ONE.

Sell land as per planning permission for 5 houses and 5 parking spaces.

- The plans were drawn up for consideration with the view to getting some of the money back for use in the town.
- The meeting was advised that the investors could not make enough profit margin and it was not viable for the houses.
- IWC made housing no 1 priority- sell all the land

Proposal by Cllr Andre

To sell all land

Outcome: proposal not seconded.

OPTION TWO

Allocate half of land for additional parking for Broadway Centre allowing smaller plot for 2 houses with parking spaces at the rear.

- Use money on town –it will be rare occasion that both areas of the car park will be completely full.
- Not to leave asset fallow. Sell half land to obtain some return. Sell other half later
- Selling will not affect the repayment of the loan
- Nonsensical to sign off as car park without details

Proposal and seconded by Cllr Ward and Cllr Humby

Sell half the land.

Outcome: Not carried

OPTION THREE.

Retention of whole area (noting temporary planning permission for overflow car park for hall hirers and staff expires in Dec 2019).

Investigate turning into pay and display car parking, to supply an income.

- Considered better to retain land for later date. More car parking was needed and in the interim, to leave the area open.
- Retention of asset once sold cannot be replaced. Leave future options open. Down the line Need to deal with temporary planning which is running out with time to prepare and plan future
- Parking would give income
- Broadway Centre is becoming self sustaining – losing income from hire due to insufficient parking isn't sensible
- Resolve planning issue - revisit and re-apply
- Being used as conference centre- keep land for future development
- Not sale – keep it as it stands. This is the one building that can provide parking.

Proposed and seconded by Cllrs Dupre and A Lightfoot.

Not to sell the land

RESOLVED

Not to sell the land

1789/19 FINANCES

Declaration of interest: Councillor Andre declared a pecuniary interest in item 1788/19 (1) and left the room.

1. To agree first payment of legal costs for defending a Town Councillor's Pre Judicial Review action, and agree virement for budget purposes

The Mayor referred to item no 29 on the payments list.

Proposal received that the first payment is agreed from money vired from reserves.

RESOLVED

That the first payment is agreed from money vired from Reserves.

Cllr Andre returned to the meeting.

2. To agree schedule of payments

RESOLVED

The payments schedule is agreed

3. To receive Annual Internal Auditors Report for 2018/19

RESOLVED

The Annual Internal Report was noted.

4. To receive the bank reconciliation to the end of April 2019

RESOLVED

The confirmed bank reconciliation is noted

5. To agree insurance quote

RESOLVED

Insurance quote for £5034.57 was agreed.

1790/19 REPORTS

Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was noted.

- The Clerk's queried the positioning of the Beach Award plaque? Councillors will think about it.
- The council confirmed that an invoice should now be sent to Heritage.

Councillor's reports

- Cllr Mereweather reported her attendance at the 77th Anniversary of the Dieppe Raid and the 75th Anniversary of D Day held at Shanklin Chine and how moving the ceremony was.
- Countryfile Beach Award - the Town Council was told that they were to be provided with the award for display in the Broadway Centre as Shanklin TC currently, has nowhere to display it. This has not happened.
- Lifeguards – siting of area for patrol. The clerk advised that the town council entered into a 5 year lease with the RNLI in 2015 and will look at the terms and conditions of the lease.
- Report from Beach Award ceremony at Margate – it was reported that the majority of towns attending the ceremony had their beaches supported by their principal councils, which the IWC does not do.
- Town Councillors met representatives of the Carluaren Group to discuss the Kings Bar /Ocean Hotel in Sandown and visited the Auckland Hotel in Shanklin to view the high standard of accommodation on offer.
- The Pumping Station- The Clerk had previously advised that Southern Water stated they would have to obtain approval and review their budget for work to be approved, and if it was, it would not start before the summer. Clerk instructed to contact Southern Water again for progress update.
- Dogs on beach early in morning- can this be future agenda item?
- Hulabaloo was a great event
- Jet ski problems – Revetment Working Party could look into the reinstallation of buoys.

IW Councillors written reports

The IWC Ward Councillors reports were noted

Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.

Report noted.

Public question time

Questions were received and answered..

The Mayor closed the meeting at 20.15

Mayor.....

17th June 2019

Confidential minute

Agenda 1789/19 1

It is recorded that at the beginning of this agenda item, as Cllr A left the meeting, a member of the public , Ms Midmore, left her seat and distributed sheets of written paper to other seated members of the public.

Ms Midmore (subject to town council vexatious complainant procedure) stood up brandishing the piece of paper and interrupted the meeting.

The Mayor told Ms Midmore to sit down.