



Minutes of the meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 17th June 2019 at 7.00 pm at the Broadway Centre, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG

PRESENTATION

Wightfibre gave an informative presentation regarding the roll out of the Gigabit Island Project, where superfast broadband is being provided directly into homes across the Island and provided details of the work currently starting in The Bay area. Questions were answered and the Mayor thanked the Wightfibre team for attending the meeting.

Present: Mayor: Cllr Young
Cllrs: Andre, Brading, Cowley, Humby, A. Lightfoot, Mereweather, Patel and Ward.

In attendance: Town Clerk Tina Bailey and public and press.

1791/19 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs P. Lightfoot, Dupre, and Teasdale.

1792/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

2.1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests
As IW Ward Councillors, Cllrs Andre, Brading and Ward declared an interest in any matters relating to IW Council.

2.2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None.

1793/19 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th May 2019

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019 were approved.

1794/19 SEASIDE AWARDS

Cllr Mereweather reported on the Award Ceremony held in Margate. Preliminary talks undertaken with the sponsor and the attending representatives of local councils in Margate, indicated a positive consensus for Sandown to hold next year's prestigious Award Ceremony. It was understood that the costs are covered by the sponsors and this would be a major opportunity to show case Sandown's regeneration and boost tourism.

RESOLVED

In principal, to go ahead and obtain further details including the provision for payment of the costs from the Award Sponsors, for holding the ceremony in Sandown in 2020.

1795/19 PIER STREET TOILETS

To agree to pay a contribution of £1500 to the IWC towards the cleaning costs of the toilets for the summer season.

Cllr Ward reported that the toilets have been converted into unisex configurations and are now open. The Town Council has been asked to make a contribution as a working partnership and it was noted that the Town Council spent £3000 on a tent for Hullabaloo for just 2 days use, whereas the benefits from this is for the summer season.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council agree a contribution of £1500, from the toilet refurbishment budget heading.

1796/19 SANDHAM GARDENS

1. To note the Play Inspector's Reports

The Inspection Reports were noted.

The Clerk reported that any actions required will be dealt with accordingly.

2. To agree a quote for the replacement fencing at the MUGA

Further to the Inspectors report, two quotes for replacement rebound fencing to current standard were presented.

RESOLVED

That the quote for £6800 plus VAT was accepted.

1797/19 RNLI

To note the report received and the operational area agreed under the 5 year contract between the Town Council and the RNLI.

RESOLVED

Noted.

1798/19 ONLINE VAT RETURNS /NEW SOFTWARE

To agree the purchase of the annual licence for Scribe accounting package of £730. for the Town Council's accounts and compliance with online Vat returns.

RESOLVED

That the purchase of software is approved.

1799/19 ANNUAL RETURN 2018/19

1. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 (Section 1)

RESOLVED

That the answers to the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) were agreed and the Statement duly signed.

2 To approve the Accounting Statements 2018/19 (Section 2).

RESOLVED

That the Accounting Statement (Section 2) was approved and the Statement duly signed.

The Clerk advised that all documentation relating to the Annual Return for public viewing and dates of inspection of accounts will be available on the Town Council's website in accordance with the legal requirements and timeframe.

It is noted that the 2018/19 Annual Return is still pending completion by the External Auditors.

1800/19 FINANCES

1. **To approve the schedule of payments.**

Item of expenditure in May was queried.

RESOLVED

That the expenditure for item no 54 is costed to Hospitality

RESOLVED

That the schedule of payments is approved.

2. **To receive the bank reconciliation**

RESOLVED

That the reconciled bank balance at 31/5/2019 is noted.

3. **To receive the summary of Income and Expenditure for 2018/19**

RESOLVED

The Summary Income and Expenditure was approved and duly signed.

1801/19 PLANNING

19/00245/FUL Installation of 4 x net arrangement 'Net Palace' at Sandham Gardens

A Councillor commented that it was disappointing, that no provision has been made for people with access issues, to use this new installation.

RESOLVED

That the planning application is agreed.

1802/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM

The Town Clerk – none

Town Councillors

- The Wightfibre installation has raised issues in Lake, regarding the resurfacing of roads and pavements.
- The waste bins along the Esplanade are clean and tidy
- Scout hut on Sandham Gardens – Cllr Andre requested an agenda item for July meeting, for a variation of the Head lease with IWC.
- The Green Towns are keeping very busy
- Fitzroy Street closure- a solution to the problem is pending.

IW Ward Councillors

Noted: written reports received from both Ward Cllrs

Derelict buildings – Cllr Ward suggested the Town Council formally write to the owners of the Grand Hotel, The Savoy and others in similar conditions and ask what was the intend use of the properties along with an invitation to meet with the council to discuss these plans. This suggestion was agreed and the Clerk will be provided with contact details of the owners of the relevant properties

Outside Bodies

Sandown Forum will be in recess until September.
The Revetment Working Party report is being drafted.

1803/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: 16th July 2019

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions were answered.

1804/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the public bodies Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, the public and press be excluded in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted to receive information regarding a legal matter

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the public bodies Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, the public and press be excluded in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted to receive information regarding a legal matter.

The Mayor closed the meeting.

Mayor.....

15th July 2019