



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 6.30pm at The Town Hall, Grafton Street, Sandown**

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Andre, Cllr. Brading, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Dupre Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Lawson, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Patel, Cllr. Teasdale, Cllr. Ward and Cllr. Young.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 24 Members of the Public

#### **1484/17 To elect the Town Mayor for the ensuing year**

The outgoing Mayor Cllr. Patel called for nominations for Town Mayor. Cllr. Humby nominated Cllr. Grandchamp. This was seconded by Cllr. Andre. Cllr. Dupre nominated Cllr. Patel. This was seconded by Cllr. Brading. A vote was taken and by a vote of 8 votes to 4 Cllr. Patel was duly elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

#### **1485/17 To receive declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr. Patel signed the declaration of acceptance of Office.

#### **1486/17 Mayor's address to the Council**

Cllr. Patel thanked his supporters and said he was pleased to accept the office of Mayor.

#### **1487/17 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

None required

#### **1488/17 To receive declarations of interest**

Cllr. Mereweather declared an interest as Secretary of the Sandown Community Partnership.

Cllrs. Andre, Brading and Ward declared an interest in anything to do with the work of the Isle of Wight Council

#### **1489/17 To elect the Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year**

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Town Mayor. Cllr. Humby nominated Cllr. Grandchamp. This was seconded by Cllr. Lawson. Cllr. Mereweather nominated Cllr. Young. This was seconded by Cllr. Cowley. A vote was taken and by a vote of 7 votes to 5 Cllr. Young was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

#### **1490/17 To adjourn the meeting to allow 15 minutes for the Residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town matters.**

The meeting was adjourned and Denise and Janet, two parents with children at the Sandown Bay Academy spoke about the situation at the School, and asked for the support of the Town Council in keeping the School from closure. They thanked the Councillors and Public who attended the rally at the School. They spoke about the cost to parents in getting the children safely to Ryde. They spoke about the redundancies, some of which had already been made, the economic cost to the area

of not having a secondary school whereby families and workers would not move to the area if there was no suitable educational provision. What would happen to the building in terms of maintenance and security, and what would happen when in a few years' time, or sooner, when Ryde reaches its capacity of 1500 students, and there is no room for the new intake which should be starting at Sandown in September. The two ladies were applauded by Councillors and Members of the Public.

Alex Lightfoot mentioned the Consultation on the School, and felt it may be a forgone conclusion.

On another tack, Sam Lightfoot said he did not have a lot of interest in Politics, but asked how you get youngsters interested in politics and therefore the Island.

*Standing Orders were suspended by agreement to allow the Councillors to respond to some of the points.*

Various points were made:-

- the fight must go to a satisfactory conclusion, and everyone must get involved
- the school must receive full support of everyone
- Town Clerk asked to contact other Bay parishes to get support – Cllr. Steane from Bembridge Parish Council asked that they were involved as they were in the Academy catchment area too.
- Thanks to the Ladies who organised the rally during the previous week

In response to the question about getting youngsters involved Cllr. Young said that when he was Mayor a Youth Council was started but as they were all of a similar age, when they left the Island to attend university it folded, due to lack of interest by the next youngsters.

*Just as the meeting was resumed, Nathan Doran, Deputy Head Boy at Sandown Bay Academy, entered the room and Standing Orders were further suspended to allow him to speak.*

From a Student perspective he said that morale was low and there was a fear of redundancies of qualified Teachers which would result in more unqualified Teachers being taken on, and the Students not receiving the quality of teaching they should. Nathan was thanked for attending and speaking.

*The meeting was resumed under Standing Orders.*

**1491/17 To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2017 were agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair.

**1492/17 To discuss formation of Working Parties and Committees**

It was agreed to keep to the format of committees but to transfer Planning to the Full Council Meeting and keep Environment as a committee in its own right, and giving Councillors on that Committee areas of interest to concentrate on. All recommendations would be ratified by Full Council.

**1493/17 To appoint Committees and Representatives on other bodies for the year 2017/18  
(The Town Mayor is ex-officio on all committees and has voting rights)  
Environment Committee**

Cllrs. Andre, Dupre, Humby, Lawson and Young

**Finance & General Purposes Committee**

Cllrs. Brading, Cowley, Grandchamp, Humby, Lawson, Mereweather and Ward

**Staffing Committee**

Cllrs. Grandchamp, Ward and Young

Outside Bodies –

Sandown Community Partnership – Cllrs. Lawson, Mereweather, Teasdale and Young

Police Liaison Working Party - Cllrs. Andre, Cowley, Humby, Mereweather & Ward

Isle of Wight Waste Management - Cllrs. Cowley & Ward

Sandown Forum - Cllrs. Andre & Ward

St Pete Beach Sister City Association-Cllr. Humby

IWALC - Cllr. Andre

South Wight Parishes health Forum –Cllrs. Andre & Teasdale

**1494/17 To note the Calendar of Meeting dates for 2017/18**

Noted. Copy attached

**1495/17 To defer all other items to be considered at the Annual Meeting (see Standing Orders point 5.j) until the next meeting**

Deferred.

**1496/17 To receive and approve the schedule of payments**

The invoices were checked to the schedule of payments by Cllrs. Cowley & Mereweather. On a proposal from Cllr. Ward, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather it was RESOLVED to approve the schedule for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £.

**1497/17 To discuss and make decisions regarding the Town Council occupancy of the Town Hall, and to decide the effect of that on the Youth Service.**

The Clerk brought Members up to date on the situation with the Town Hall. A second quote for the required work to enable both parties to remain at the Town Hall had been received and this was over double the first one (i.e. £14,282.81 and £37,844.95) Repair works promised by the IOW Council to the guttering etc., and therefore the water ingress, had not been done. The neighbours were complaining about the state of the outside and how this affected their properties. Cllr. Dupre thought the premises were not fit for purpose as they stood. Cllr. Grandchamp suggested that it was a considerable sum of money for approximately 12 months occupation. The Clerk reported that there were other premises available which could be occupied immediately, with just three months' notice to vacate.

On a proposal from Cllr. Grandchamp, seconded by Cllr. Dupre

It was **RESOLVED** to vacate the Town Hall before the end of June. The Clerk to check there were no High Street properties available, and that being the case arrange to go to other premises.

**1498/17 To note information from the Town Clerk**

The Clerk asked for the names of those Councillors wishing to attend Councillor Training as arranged by IWALC. A number confirmed the wish to attend, with others agreeing to confirm in the next couple of days.

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the Sandown & Shanklin Military Band concert on Wednesday 24 May at 8.00pm in St. John's Church. Entry free, but there will be a retiring collection to be split 50/50 between band and Church.

The Clerk reported that the Town Noticeboard that was going to be re-located outside the Post Office cannot now go there as the utilities run under the pavement. Ideas now please for other re-location points.

**1499/17**      **To note the date of the next meeting – Annual Town Meeting 22 May 2017**  
Noted,

Signed  
Chairman

Date    19 June 2017