



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Mrs Marion Cook CILCA

Town Clerk

Town Hall, Grafton Street, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8JJ
Telephone 01983 408287 email: townclerk@sandowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 20 March 2017 at 7.00pm at The Town Hall, Grafton Street, Sandown

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Patel, (Chair), Cllr. Blezzard, Cllr. Cowley, Cllr. Grandchamp, Cllr. Humby, Cllr. Mereweather, Cllr. Stephenson, Cllr. Teasdale, Cllr. Ward, Cllr. Wright and Cllr. Young.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk), 6 Members of the Public

1467/17 To exclude the press and public

That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw. (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act)

The Clerk wished it be noted that if the vote was unsuccessful it was against her advice, as potentially unsuccessful tenderers had not been notified.

Cllr. Blezzard asked for a recorded vote

Amid much noise, confusion and heckling from some Councillors and Public a vote was taken

In favour of exclusion: Cllrs. Cowley, Grandchamp, Mereweather, Patel and Young

Against exclusion: Cllrs. Blezzard, Humby, Teasdale, Ward and Wright.

Cllr. Patel as Mayor exercised his casting vote in favour of exclusion.

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude members of the press and public.

The Press and Public left the meeting.

1468/17 Contract for demolition and re-building of the Broadway Centre

Following discussions between the Architect, the Clerk and MCM construction the tender on offer had reduced to £597,358.93 (excl. VAT) from £616,941.63 (Original figure £703,676.14) as below

Initial tender sum from MCM	703,676.14
OMIT CONTINGENCY	25000.00
Omit main planter (to be agreed with planning)	12000.00
Omit Porch (to be erected at later stage)	8000.00
Omit car barrier ditto	1750.00
Omit part landscaping (works completed by others)	5000.00
Cheaper engineered hall flooring	2812.50
Cheaper natural roof slate	1729.95
Cheaper mechanical spec	7762.70
Omit extract air system to hall	42657.06
Add openable windows to hall	+ 895.00
Change tarmac car park to block paviors	4000.00
Add site fencing and gates	+ 3500.00
Final contract sum	597,358.93 no vat

It was agreed that a contingency sum of £25,000 if required would be funded from Town Council reserves.

On the information provided

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the tender and appoint MCM as main Contractors. The Clerk plus two Councillors, Cllrs. Dupre and Young would oversee the project, and sign the contract on behalf of the Council.

1469/17

To Ratify Staffing Committee decision

The Staffing Committee draft minutes were circulated.

The Clerk suggested that Council consider the splitting of the post of Town Clerk between Clerk duties and some sort of projects manager. Clerk to start list suggesting what the split could be. Cllr. Blezzard suggested involving IW Council HR department to look at the work from outside. Cllr. Wright suggested we start with the Clerk splitting the areas.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should start the process by compiling a list of both elements of the work. (Cllr. Blezzard abstained from this vote)

Caretaker duties, now that the Broadway Centre & Los Altos had closed, were negligible. Currently we pay 25 hours per week @ £8.06 per hour, equating to a salary of £10,600 per annum. Our Caretaker, has stated that he is willing to take voluntary redundancy, as he appreciates that the work has been drastically reduced. Redundancy pay will be commensurate with age and years worked, and notice would be subject to 6 weeks.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the Caretaker is offered redundancy with effect from 30 April 2017.

Signed
Chairman

Date 22 April 2017