



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 27 July 2015 at 7.00pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Marion Cook (Town Clerk)
1 member of the Public

- 1177/15 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Young
- 1178/15 To receive declarations of interest**
Cllrs. Blezzard and Ward as County Councillors declared an interest in any business of the IOW Council. Cllr. Ward also declared an interest in the Community Rail Partnership
- 1179/15 To agree and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 22 June 2015**
On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather,
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the 22 June 2015 as a true and correct record
- 1180/15 To discuss support for the motion by Cllr. Blezzard on the Island Rail Service (copy of full motion attached)**
Cllr. Blezzard spoke to explain the motion and propose it. Cllr. Dupre suggested that a conversation is held with Jim Rowe, MD of Havenstreet. Cllr. Ward spoke in favour of keeping open minded about what may happen, and to ask who would be paying for rolling stock, tracks, maintenance etc. Cllr. Wright spoke to remind the meeting that the trains are a great tourist attraction. She expressed her concern that this was an ongoing issue with the IOW Council in 2006 and now in 2015 nothing had happened, so what is expected to happen in two years. Everyone refers to engineering losses of £3.5m, but these would not be incurred again if action was taken.
Cllr. Grandchamp confirmed his view that the train is a great attraction. He continued that the debate started because the SW trains franchise ends in 2019, and it was assumed the Government would carry the Island Line franchise on to the same date, but it is stopping that one in 2017. Our best option would be for it all to stay as one unit, and be part of the bigger franchise.
Cllr. Mereweather asked if there was a light railway would there be the opportunity to expand the line. Cllr. Ward replied, possible, but probably not as there were no lines left.
Cllr. Humby said it was vital to keep the train for Tourism sake.
Cllr. Blezzard finished the debate by saying that representation is needed now. The Line needs to be subsidised by the rest of the network as it is in Cornwall.
Cllr. Dupre, seconded the motion and by a slight majority
It was **RESOLVED** to support the motion.

1181/15 Bouncy Castle at Sandham Gardens

The Town Clerk reported that the Bouncy Castle run by Castles for Rascals was now up and running for the school holiday period at Sandham Rides. There had been a lot of interest despite the weather being bad for 2 out of 3 days.

Cllr. Wright closed the meeting to allow representation from the Fort Holiday Park before the next agenda item.

1182/15 Fencing at Sandham Gardens

Mr Sunnucks explained that his concerns lay with the noise from the Skatepark late at night, early morning, and the resultant poor reports for the Holiday Park on Tripadvisor. He advised that he had lost money having to move holidaymakers from the 'vans near to the fence to more expensive ones further away. He reminded Councillors that, last year, he had offered to pay 50% of the cost of having acoustic fencing put at the back of the Skatepark. He was asked if he could identify specific times and he replied it was from 7.00pm onwards when families were trying to get the younger children to bed.

The meeting was re-convened

The Chairman summarised the situation by saying there were two issues, one was a neighbour issue, and the second was concern for the youth, although it was identified that it was not necessarily the youth element/skatepark users that were making the noise in the early hours.

The Town Clerk was asked to have last years' quotes updated, to contact the Police, as they were part of the group that instigated the Skatepark, for their comments, and to see if there was any information to support the use of acoustic fencing.

1183/15 To report on the purchase of a Van for use by Staff

The Town Clerk reported that, following authorisation at the last meeting to purchase a Van for the Council, she had purchased a Fiat Scudo for £2,750 + VAT. The MOT runs until April 2016, it has been insured at a cost of £597.64. This covers drivers of any age, any experience and is provided by our current Insurers, Zurich. The Road Fund Licence cost £225.00

1184/15 Broadway Centre and Christ Church

The Town Clerk reported that she had written to the Church Wardens asking if they had any updated information regarding planning and faculty applications, or discussions between the PCC Members. She was also awaiting a written reply from IOW Council Planning Department, but speaking with the Officer it seemed any combined plan with the Church would not be discarded without consideration.

1185/15 To approve the recommendation of Grant Awards

The list of Grant Awards from the Finance & General Purposes Committee was circulated and on a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Grandchamp It was **RESOLVED** to award the grants as listed:

Caulkhead Strollers	£250
Sandown & Lake Youth FC	£300
S & S Independent Lifeboat	£500
S & S Military Band	£400
4 th Sandown Brownies	£250
5 th Sandown Brownies	£250

Sandown Football Club	£500
Sandown Juniors Youth Club	£250
Sandown Carnival Association	£500
Sandown & Shanklin Rugby Football Club	<u>£ 0</u>
	£3200

1186/15

Libraries Consultation

Cllr. Humby spoke about the Libraries Consultation being carried out by the IOW Council and running from 06 July to 06 September. Sandown is in the top 3 of most used libraries on the Island. She asked that the Town Clerk writes to the Council to say that whilst we have been told Sandown will stay open we would wish to retain the current Staff and indeed increase the opening hours. She also asked that individual Councillors complete the consultation questions. On this proposal, seconded by Cllr. Mereweather, and agreed unanimously

It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk, as above.

1187/15

To approve & sign the Schedule of Payments

On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Humby , the Sandown Town Council schedule of payments totalling £16,109.84 and the Sandham Gardens schedule of payments totalling £1,534.33 were approved by all and both schedules were signed by Cllrs. Mereweather and Cowley.

1188/15

To note written reports from County Councillors

Written reports (copies attached) were circulated and discussed. Cllr. Blezzard had received a copy of the IOW Council meeting agenda in which there was an item which said that a change in the Sandham Grounds lease to the Sandown Town Council to 25 years was being considered. He had contacted the office to ensure this was changed to 50 years.

1189/15

To note information from the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk showed a poster from the NHS which was displayed on the noticeboard asking the public to ..'think Pharmacy First'

She reported a letter from Andrew Turner MP who would be running mobile surgeries around the Island 03 – 06 August, and 18 - 20 August. The full list was on the noticeboard in the entrance hall at the Broadway Centre.

It was also reported that the new illuminations were being installed, and the bunting sponsored by the Business Association would be installed at the same time.

The next meeting of Planning for the Future of the Bay will be Tuesday 29 September 2015 18:00-20:00 Conference Room 3, Floor 2, County Hall

1190/15

To share information between Councillors

Councillors shared information about Skate Park training paid for in part by the Community Partnership, and would be held a couple of times in the School holidays Cllr. Mereweather said she would look out old papers for the Coastal Revival Fund which had amounts of up to £50,000 on offer to Coastal Towns.

Signed

Chairman

Date 17 August 2015



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