



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Wednesday 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

Eric Lawson said that he spoke for all the Members of Public in the room and expressed his concerns about the exclusion of the press and public when discussing the tenders for the Broadway Centre. He referred to the Information Commissioners Office and queried 'what is actually confidential?' He expressed concerns that too much was kept secret. He asked if the Town Council had given blanket assurances and asked if the Council appreciated it was a bit 'iffy'?

Ms Willment stood up and said that she had not been asked by Mr Lawson if she wished for him to represent her, and continued that the Council should be given some credit for its hard work.

1456/17 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dupre.

1457/17 To receive declarations of interest

Declaration of interest was made by Cllr. Blezzard as Chair of Planning and a Member of the Isle of Wight Council in anything pertaining to that Council, and by Cllr. Ward as a Member of the Isle of Wight Council.

1458/17 To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 08 March 2017

The Clerk apologised these were not available.

1459/17 To approve the schedules of payments

The invoices were checked to the schedule of payments by Cllrs. Cowley & Mereweather. On a proposal from Cllr. Young, seconded by Cllr. Cowley
It was RESOLVED to approve the schedule for Sandown Town Council in the sum of £7,275.19 and £618.65 for Sandham Gardens.

1460/17 To discuss and progress the work needed, making decisions where necessary, for Sandham Gardens

The Executive at the Isle of Wight Council had agreed the amendments to our lease. Cllr. Teasdale made the point that, apart from the Beach Huts, no other decisions had been made about who would be occupying the various zones at the Gardens. The Town Council will be consulted. There had also been mention about the history of the Gardens and members were well aware of what was buried well below the ground there.

1461/17 To discuss provision of Defibrillator training by this Council

Cllr. Grandchamp started the discussion by saying that having, along with others, provided defibrillators in the Town, some training would be helpful, even though the equipment led you through the use.

It was **RESOLVED** to provide this training for Councillors and Staff

1462/17 To consider the application from Shademakers, organisers of Hullabaloo event In May 2017, for a grant

The Clerk briefly explained what Hullabaloo was about, and read out a letter of application from the organisers. On a proposal from Cllr. Blezzard, seconded by Cllr. Cowley

It was **RESOLVED** award a grant of £1,000

1463/17 To receive verbal reports from Town Councillors

Cllrs. Blezzard, Patel and Wright attended a Girl Guiding reception

Cllr. Humby, from her surgeries held at the Library reported concerns about the loss of teachers at the local Schools.

Cllrs. Cowley, Patel & Ward had attended the Patients Forum at the health Centre. They reported the centre was becoming a Dementia Specialist, and had received training from the doctors down to the trainees. They asked everyone to emphasise, please go to the Pharmacy first for advice.

Cllr. Young reported that the Partnership had offered a defibrillator to Sainsbury's. After receiving approval from the Head Office, it was refused by the local manager. It has now been offered to the School, who were delighted to accept it.

1464 /17 To note written reports from County Councillors

Cllr. Blezzard gave a verbal report highlighting the fact that in Sandown there was a reducing number of pupils at the Schools.

Cllr. Ward circulated a written report which included reports on part of his IOW Council portfolio (copy attached)

1465/17 To receive information from the Town Clerk

The meeting of the South Wight Parishes Health & Well Being Forum was being held on 30 March at 7.30 at Shorwell. The Clerk asked if Cllr. Wright would be able to represent Sandown TC, to which she confirmed she would be attending.

Public Toilets –

1. IOW Council was working on getting the last plan (Pier Street) to our Solicitors, and on coming back to them with the final points on the TP1 (transfer document) which applied to both Ryde and Sandown.
2. The underside of the rood outside the gent's toilet at Pier Street had collapsed and was currently being held up with an acro prop. The Gents is therefore closed. The roof on that side has also dipped and water is collecting, and whether that is because of the collapse or resulting in the collapse is not clear. Our Maintenance officer seems to think that it is all a result of vandalism because one of the poles outside had been broken off.

Broadway Centre

1. A bright yellow handcart had been found at the back of the outside shed. The Clerk had made enquires and spoken to John Davies (Town Crier) who suggested it may be something to do with the Scouts.
2. Nurses and Church had been given notice to vacate the car park by 31.03.17. This notice had originally been given formally back in January

Peter Johnstone, who is experienced in grant funding had been contacted for a general discussion about finding grants. The building at the Broadway Centre was too far advanced, but the white goods and interior may be successful. The Partnership was interested in his work too, and it was agreed that his fee of £900 (3 days work)

would be split between the Council and the Partnership as they too were interested in funding for various projects.

1466/17

To note date of next meeting – 24 April 2017 and to note the date of the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Town Council – 22 May 2017

This was noted. Cllr. Wright suggested that we might invite Caroline Morris, Clinical Commissioning Group to speak at the meeting. She would ask Caroline to make contact.

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.

Abstaining Cllr. Stephenson

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

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

Signed
Chairman

Date 24 April 2017