



Minutes of the meeting of Sandown Town Council held at the Broadway Centre, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 9GG on Monday 30th April 2018 at 7pm

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions were raised and included: Stephen Jenkins Playground -replacement equipment needed and the possibility of becoming a charity; Litter on beach; Sandham Gardens/Heritage financial contribution for variation of lease: VAT issue decision: whether financial training for councillors has been arranged?

In the absence of the Mayor the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Young took the chair.

Present: Cllrs: Andre, Mereweather, Humby, Lawson, Dupre, Cowley, Lightfoot and
In attendance: Town Clerk Tina Bailey
Members of the public

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1658/18 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Mayor, Cllr Patel and Cllrs Ward, Brading and Teasdale.

1659/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests
Cllr Andre declared an interest as IW Ward Councillors in any matter relating to IWC
- 2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations. None

1660/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2018

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2018 are approved.

1661/18 UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Toilets

Deferred from last meeting- to choose a quote for painting the toilets before the season starts.

RESOLVED

That the quote from South Wight Decorators is approved.

3. Beach cleaning min: 1650/18

3.1 Litter removal – To receive clarification on provision.

The IWC confirmed they undertake litter picking daily between May and September of manufactured and processed items and that the metal hoop bins along the main stretch of Sandown beach were part of the beach cleaning contract. Cllr Andre will discuss the possibility of additional wheelie bin provision by Amey.

3.2 To agree quote for litter removal from beach and confirm which budget heading this will be allocated from.

The Clerk advised that the previous beach cleaning contractor can reinstate the 22 hoop bin litter service from May to Sept at a cost of £7189.60

RESOLVED

That Brighstone Landscaping is appointed to reinstate the 22 hoop bin litter service on the beach from May to Sept, at a cost of £7189.60 with immediate effect.

That as financial provision for this service had not been made in the budget, it was agreed that the costs will be allocated under contingency funding.

3.3 A Frames – to receive an update from Cllr Lawson regarding the purchase and locations of the boards.

RESOLVED

Not to proceed and that the budget allocation of £2,000 for the provision of A -frames, is ring fenced towards beach cleaning.

4. Disposal of assets min 1654/18 – to approve the disposal of assets from the maintenance unit in accordance with policy.

The Clerk advised that no single item for disposal seemed to be valued above the £50 threshold requiring permission.

RESOLVED

Artefacts considered to be of historical value will be offered to the appropriate organisations to review.

1662/18 SANDHAM GARDENS

1. With reference to min: 1648/18. To consider approval of a Variation of Lease with Heritage Attractions Ltd, to extend their boundary to accommodate the installation of a £1 million climbing wall, as part of the investment and regeneration of the area.
2. In conjunction, to make a conclusive decision to repair/replace/remove the Adizone equipment, as identified in the Playground Inspection report of Dec 2107.
3. To receive and discuss Heritage GB's planning application for the High Ropes Adventure Course to be installed at Sandham Gardens on part of the land the Town Council has a leasehold interest in, as provided by Rainey Petrie Architect.

Concerns were raised that Heritage GB does not seem to offering any recompense for the additional section of land and that the Adizone was provided for use by the public and should be maintained.

RESOLVED

To ask Heritage GB to undertake a public consultation before the Town Council make a decision.

1663/18 BROADWAY CENTRE

1 To consider the sale of the additional land at the Broadway Centre for housing.

The Clerk advised on the criteria for disposal of land :

- a) The Town Council has to obtain an independent valuation from a qualified professional
- b) Costs involved are Conveyancing, valuation and advertising fees.
- c) Law- a council may properly resolve to exclude the public and details of the terms of the disposal, especially the price, remain confidential until agreement has been reached with a purchaser
- d) Capital receipts can only be spent on capital expenditure

Additional information provided:

- A Sealed bid process will be undertaken
- Planning permission for houses is still current

RESOLVED

That the land at the Broadway Centre be sold.

- 2 To approve the use of the Broadway Centre by regular users free of charge until the VAT issue is resolved with HMRC (as per min1656/18) and consider choosing a charity, for donations in lieu of hire charges, during the interim period**

The Clerk advised that the centre was unlikely to be ready for use within the next month due to completion of various matters, but there has been a lot of interest in hiring.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council agree in principle, to allow hire free of charge as a short term measure.

That clarification of the use of charity in lieu of donations will be provided at the next meeting.

1664/18 FINANCES

- 1. To receive requests for grants from the RNLI and Armed Forces Day.**

The Clerk advised that the RNLI Swim Safe project will be held in Sandown throughout the school summer holidays and money has been allocated in the budget for small grants.

It was noted that the Armed Forces Day will held on 16th June, It was a very popular event when held in Ryde and will bring tourists and business to Sandown.

RESOLVED

That the RNLI Swim Safe project is granted £100

That the Armed Forces Day is granted £200

- 2. To approve the schedule of payments.**

The invoice for scrap metal was queried.

RESOLVED

That the payments schedule as presented is approved.

- 3. To receive the bank reconciliation on all accounts to the end of the year**

RESOLVED

The bank reconciliation for April was noted and all other balances will be provided as part of the end of year accounts.

- 4. To note the receipt of the Annual Return.**

In accordance with the Annual Audit Action Plan, the Clerk advised that the annual return has been received and will have to be approved at the June meeting.

RESOLVED

Noted

1665/18 DREDGING - To receive an update on the dredging issue and agree a £1000 contribution (as budgeted) towards an aquatic engineering survey with other local organisations.

Cllr Dupre updated the council on the ongoing issue. Offers of contacts from other organisations which may be able to assist with this matter were made.

1666/18 TOWN PLAN - To consider that Sandown Town Council begin the process of creating a Town Plan as soon as feasible.

The matter of a Town Plan was discussed and noted that there are already comprehensive and current IWC plans covering Sandown.

The Clerk advised on the potential costs of a Town Plan and reminded the council that no budget provision had been made for this expense. The council is working within a tight budget in 2018/19 but at a later date this year, some or all of the VAT may have been refunded and could be used for this purpose.

The Clerk also had to remind, again, that until the current Town Council business workload was completed (which includes statutory obligations with timeframes) the time needed to take on any new major project would not be available until later in the year. Views were expressed by councillors that any plan must be achievable and not just a wish list and that the way forward was to encourage developers to invest in Sandown.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council agree in principle from September 2018.

1667/18 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 discuss a legal matter and staffing matters.

RESOLVED

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 discuss a legal matter and staffing matters

The Deputy Mayor closed the meeting.

Chairman
21st May 2018