

SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council held on **MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2020** at 7:00 pm at Hall, The Broadway Centre, 1 The Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

Town Clerk: Richard Priest

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was asked in relation to the Finance Committee, specifically the role of members of the committee. A written answer would be provided.

Present Cllrs Gary Young (Mayor), Paul Brading (Deputy Mayor), Debbie Andre, Connie Cowley, Heather Humby, Alex Lightfoot, Paddy Lightfoot, Jacquie Mereweather, Ronnie Teasdale and Ian Ward.

10-20/21 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Chris Dupre and Raj Patel.

11-20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests**

Cllrs Andre, Brading and Ward advised they were members of the Isle of Wight Council.

2. To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

None Received. Members were advised the clerk would be contacting them regarding updating their registers of interest in due course.

12-20/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**RESOLVED:**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2020 be approved as a true record subject to an amendment on page 6, that the meeting was “recorded” rather than “streamed”.

13-20/21 RATIFICATION OF VIRTUAL DECISIONS**RESOLVED:**

THAT the submitted response as presented in Paper B be ratified.

14-20/21 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME CONSULTATION

Discussion took place regarding the options outlined in the consultation document. There was general consensus that there should be no reduction to the support offered as it would impact on the most vulnerable members of the community, many of whom had been, and would continue to be, adversely affected by the pandemic. Members

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agreed that the clerk would draft a response reflecting these views and circulate it for comment.

15-20/21 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE RE-PROVISION

Members agreed the commissioning process, including public engagement, should begin and that a working party be established. Cllrs Gary Young, Paul Brading, Debbie Andre, Paddy Lightfoot and Alex Lightfoot would form the party. However, all members would be informed during the process.

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT the commissioning process relating to the re-provision of the following public conveniences begin:
 - a) Eastern Gardens
 - b) St Johns
 - c) Yaverland
 - d) Pier Street (subject to discussion with Isle of Wight Council)

- (ii) THAT a working group be formed to take forward the project.

15-20/21 FINANCES

1. To approve the receipts and payments lists as presented for July and August 2020

RESOLVED

THAT the payments and receipts listed as presented for July and August 2020 be approved.

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations for July and August 2020.

RESOLVED

THAT the verified bank reconciliations for July and August 2020 be noted.

3. To receive an update on the position of the External Audit

The external auditors had acknowledged submission of the annual governance and return statement (AGAR). The documents and information requested for the audit had been returned to them. Due to Covid-19 the auditors were not expected to provide their opinion until 30 November 2020. Since the issues with the 2018/2019 audit had been raised as part of the return no further update was expected until this time.

4. To receive and note the expenditure against budget through 31 August 2020 (Paper F).

Clarification was provided that beach cleaning charges related to the provision and emptying of litter bins for the season and would cease at the end of September.

RESOLVED:

THAT the expenditure against budget through 31 August 2020 be noted.

5. To note the Los Altos park arrangement.

Members noted the use of Los Altos park by a production company for filming, which had resulted in a donation to be used to support local causes.

6. To authorise officers to prepare a revised budget to reflect spending and income post Covid-19.

The pandemic had impacted on the council's income as the centre had been closed and additional costs had been incurred of mitigations relating to the pandemic, many of which would be ongoing.

RESOLVED:

THAT the budget be revised to reflect the change in circumstances resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic.

7. To note receipt of grant from PCC in relation to CCTV at Sandham Gardens, following antisocial behaviour.

Members noted that a grant of £500 had been awarded by the Police and Crime Commissioner to support the reduction of anti-social behaviour at Sandham Gardens through CCTV.

16-20/21 TO RECEIVE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RAISED

Brown's Golf Course was raised as an issue following news that the incumbent proprietors would cease to run the concession after 27 September 2020. Members were advised an update would be provided during a later agenda item.

17 -20/21 TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was considered. No comments were put forward:

<i>Application Number:</i>	<i>20/01387/HOU</i>
<i>Parish(es):</i>	<i>Sandown</i>
<i>Location:</i>	<i>51 Perowne Way Sandown Isle Of Wight PO36 9BX</i>
<i>Proposal:</i>	<i>Proposed single storey side extension</i>

18-20/21 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM

1. The Town Clerk

The town clerk provided a verbal update on a number of issues, which were noted. Key points included:

- (a) The AGAR was submitted in August. One member of the public attended offices to view accounts.
- (b) A meeting had taken place with Heritage at Sandham Gardens and the invoicing cycle had started. The monies would be reinvested in gardens, and it was hoped this could be used to fund securing and maintaining the site following ongoing vandalism requiring officer attendance to secure the site.
- (c) The caretaker met with Community Payback and had initiated the Sensory Garden project; it was hoped that community groups could be involved in the project.
- (d) Signage in relation to Covid-19 had been installed across the Broadway Centre and other town council provisions such as the playground and skate park. A number of risk assessments in relation to Covid-19 has also been undertaken. This work would continue as guidance evolved.

- (e) Discussions were underway with the local church regarding Remembrance Day and Christmas Events, though it was expected the pandemic would limit the .
- (f) Sandown Green Town Volunteers had achieved the Gold Standard in the 2020 South East England in Bloom awards.
- (g) The councils energy supplier had been changed following the end of a the fixed price contract with the existing supplier, unit rate savings had been achieved.

2. **Mayors Report**

The mayor presented a report (attached to and forming part of these minutes) which outlined the council's activities in 2019/2020 and moving forward.

3. **Town Councillors**

Cllr Teasedale raised the issue of the Canoe Lake and lack of action by the owners; it was noted that the town council does not own any part of the lake and it is owned partially by the Isle of Wight Council and partly by private owners.

Cllr Paddy Lightfoot raised Browns Golf Club and the Ocean Hotel as matters of concern. There was a short debate regarding the facts of the situation.

Cllr Humby sort clarification on public access to the meeting. Numbers were limited as a result of mitigations to ensure the meeting was Covid-19 Secure. The clerk advised that five members of the public had approached the office to attend the meeting and all had been accommodated.

4. **To note Isle of Wight Council Ward Reports**

Cllrs Andre and Brading had circulated written reports. Cllr Ward provided a verbal update which included:

- Planning was underway for a solution to the Jet Ski issues in the bay for 2021.
- Clarification was provided regarding the lease situation at Browns Gold Course and surrounding area. The provision had been managed as a concession through the zoo, who had handed back their lease. The lease had then been offered to the group who ran the concession. However, due to the duration of the lease offered they declined to proceed. There was a short debate regarding the situation.
- Concerns had been raised regarding the continued untidiness of the Ocean site were raised. Clarification was provided that enforcement action had related to securing the site rather than aesthetics.

5. **Outside Bodies**

The Sandown Forum would meet at the centre on 12 October 2020 subject to any changes in guidelines and the South Wight Health and Wellbeing Board had not met since the last meeting.

29-20/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 16 November 2020 subject to progress on recommissioning of public conveniences.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No questions were raised. A member of the public spoke regarding the Ocean hotel site.