



Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council held on **MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER 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 written question was asked in relation to the appointment of the councils External Auditors. A written answer would be provided (PQ1-2020/21).

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

30-20/21 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Chris Dupre and Raj Patel. The period by which absence due to Covid-19 issues was considered acceptable was extended.

31-20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1. **To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests**

Cllrs 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.

32-20/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2020 be approved as a true record.

33-20/21 SANDHAM GARDENS – STEVEN JENKINS PLAYGROUND SURVEY RESPONSES

The results of the Steven Jenkins Playground Survey were considered. The installation of CCTV on the site, which had public support, and the replacement of the zip wire and the junior swing would be taken forward in the New Year. Options to replace the damaged spring animals with more sustainable equipment would be presented for further public consultation.

Members noted the increase in antisocial behaviour was not Sandown centric; The Community Safety Partnership were working with the police to tackle the problem.

34-20/21 FINANCES

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1. To approve the receipts and payments lists as presented for September, October and November 2020

Members noted that the first payments had been received in relation to the lease at Sandham Gardens.

RESOLVED

THAT the payments and receipts listed as presented for September, October and November 2020 be approved.

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

RESOLVED

THAT the verified bank reconciliations for September, October and November be noted.

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

The external auditors had issued an interim statement stating they were unable to complete the review of 2019/20 because of correspondence received in relation to previous years. Further correspondence had suggested that the work on previous years audits would continue once now the deadline for work relating to 2019/20 had been completed. There had been no further requests in relation to documentation.

4. To receive and note the expenditure against budget through 30 November 2020

RESOLVED:

THAT the expenditure against budget through 30 November 2020 be noted.

5. To note receipt of grants received by the council:

RESOLVED:

THAT the receipt of the following grants be noted:

- a. Isle of Wight Council in relation to the closure of the Broadway Centre during Lockdown 2.0
- b. Community Action in relation to funding across the Bay to support volunteer activities during the pandemic.

35-20/21 TO RECEIVE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RAISED

Clarification was sought regarding the status of the completion of cliff works to Ferncliff Gardens. Members were advised the work had been completed and a short period of assessment was underway to ensure the works had been successful and would not be impacted by inclement weather before the path would be reopened. Members also shared residents' concerns were raised regarding leaves making pavements unsafe.

36 -20/21 TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Application Number:	20/01482/FUL
Parish(es):	Sandown

Location:	67 Avenue Road Sandown Isle Of Wight PO36 8BE
Proposal:	Proposed rear extension to provide a dwelling with associated landscaping (revised plans)(readvertised application)

Application Number:	20/02121/HOU
Parish(es):	Sandown
Location:	14 Meadow Way Sandown Isle Of Wight PO36 8QE
Proposal:	Additional parking area to front of property

Application Number:	20/01944/FUL
Parish(es):	Sandown
Location:	The Beach Shack Esplanade Sandown Isle Of Wight
Proposal:	Proposed alterations, extension and conversion of premises to form 3 units of holiday accommodation and a takeaway café on ground floor

37-20/21 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 council had held three ordinary meetings in 2020/2021, fulfilling its statutory duties, and several working party and project meetings had also taken place. A further meeting was planned in quarter four.
- (b) A summary of the community support activities undertaken was provided which included: the volunteer hub, facilitating support groups, grant funding and Christmas hampers for vulnerable families.
- (c) Details of activity at the Broadway centre such as car park use for Key and NHS workers, redecoration of the centre, continued Covid-19 Secure status and use by charities.
- (d) Damage at Sandham Gardens, the toilets, and graffiti on the iron bridge.
- (e) Future spending which included vinyl chairs (to facilitate covid cleaning), expenses for the volunteer, chronicle archives, defibrillator, community equipment and funding for Green Towns.
- (f) Community projects undertaken; VE Day mugs, VJ Day flags and ceremony, Remembrance Day poems and wreath laying, Christmas advent and market. Discussions were underway with the local church regarding Remembrance Day and Christmas Events, though it was expected the pandemic would limit this.
- (g) Community engagement undertaken and planned consultation on the 2020/2021 budget and further surveys on the toilets and playground.

- (h) Engagement with unitary authority (fly tipping, compulsory purchase orders, graffiti)
- (i) 100th Anniversary of Esplanade Memorial and Beach Projects.

2. Town Councillors

Cllr Humby raised the issue of derelict buildings and members noted that the Isle of Wight Councils forward plan included an item on compulsory purchase orders, though the final decision would rest with the secretary of state. Members acknowledged the town council had no direct powers in law in relation to derelict properties but would write to the Isle of Wight council to urge action be taken.

Cllr Humby also questioned the status of the decorative lighting on the high street and Esplanade. The lighting was broken in places and would need to be replaced. It had not been possible to undertake the project for Christmas 2020 but replacement lighting could be a consideration for the 2021/2022 budget.

3. To note Isle of Wight Council Ward Reports

Cllrs Andre and Ward had circulated written reports.

4. Outside Bodies

The Sandown Forum would meet at the centre in January 2021 subject to any changes in guidelines. The South Wight Health and Wellbeing Board had not met since the last meeting in June, the notes of which were circulated prior to the meeting.

38-20/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be confirmed following government Covid-19 guidance post-Christmas.

39-20/21 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE RE-PROVISION

An overview of the process followed to date was provided with members noting seven expressions of interest had been received and two tender submissions. The results of the survey in relation to the first steps of the re-provision was also considered and would be published on the website. Public priorities in assessing the tenders were noted as Covid-19 practicalities, quality, ongoing maintenance and value for money.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Questions were raised in relation to antisocial behaviour, issues with NHS services, derelict buildings, cliff falls on the revetment and Covid-19 cases in the Bay schools, in relation to which clarification was provided that the number of cases were very small and schools were performing well in the management of cases.

Further questions were raised in relation to funding for the Christmas market which had been secured from officers' reimbursement for pandemic work, the recording of meetings and access to papers for the meeting. There had been a delay in posting the recording of the September meeting and recordings of the meetings would be posted online as soon as possible, papers from the meeting would also be made available after the meeting. Members of the public were reminded they could email questions to officers or make an appointment to examine the financial records as other members of the public had.

40-20/21 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

THAT under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, namely Agenda item number 41-20/21, on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

41-20/21 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE RE-PROVISION

Members received a presentation on the working parties' recommendations in relation to the re-provision and performance of each submission against the assessment criteria. The options provided by both parties were discussed.

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT, in relation to the re-provision of the public toilets at St John's Road, the contract be awarded to the second provider and commence immediately.
- (ii) THAT, in relation the public toilets at St John's Road site, the provision include one accessible and one unisex cubicle with both coin or contactless payment methods.
- (iii) THAT the re-provision of the public toilets at Eastern Gardens be awarded to the second provider and be for units on the site adjacent to the existing facilities.
- (iv) THAT further public consultation on the number of units, other design options and use of existing site be undertaken.
- (v) THAT the process relating to renovation works at Yaverland be started.
- (vi) THAT a project manager be appointed to manage the re-provision of the public toilets.
- (vii) THAT a procurement process in relation to the cleaning and maintenance of Sandown Town Councils public toilets be undertaken.
- (viii) THAT liaison with the Isle of Wight Council regarding the Pier Street Toilet re-provision be ongoing.