



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council - 22 June 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance held on **MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2026** at **7:00** pm at The Broadway Centre, 1 Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

Present

Cllrs Alex Lightfoot (Mayor), Cllrs Lee Ambler, Debbie Andre, Frank Baldry, Ian Boyd, Liam Clegg, Leon Girling, Paddy Lightfoot, Tracy Mikich, Ian Ward and Gary Young

Also Present: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO), Lorraine Elliss (Deputy Clerk) and two members of the public.

Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A representation (attached to and forming part of these minutes) was received from Mrs Jean Jones, who expressed appreciation for working with Raine Ellis on the School Bags project across Bay Area schools, highlighting Raine's leadership in developing and delivering the initiative. They noted their own role as the public face of the project, supporting school visits, presentations, and engagement with parish councils, and thanked all involved for the opportunity to contribute. The Council unanimously recorded a vote of thanks to Jean Jones.

27-2026/27 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Joan Solomon

28-2026/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr Andre advised she had a pecuniary interest in matters relating to the Carnival Association and her property which backed onto Los Altos was an Airbnb.

Cllr Baldry declared an interest in matters pertaining to the Isle of Wight Council as the ward councillor.

Cllr Girling declared an interest in matters pertaining to the Isle of Wight Council as an employee of the authority.

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

None Received.

29-2026/27 MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 18 May 2026, was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was, with an three abstentions, unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2026 be approved as a true record.

30-2026/27 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

No recommendations were received.

31-2026/27 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members were advised that permission had been received for the Council to install decorative hoarding at the Savoy Site to improve the presentation of the site. Since the request had been received after the agenda had been published the committee could not approve the spend which was from the Place Plan budget.

As such under Standing Order 21.1(iv), the Committee was made a motion without notice to recommend to Full Council that it approve the project and proposed budget.

A motion was moved accordingly and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT decorative hoarding be installed, with the required permissions in place, at the Savoy Sote funded by up to £2,000 from the Place Plan budget.

32-2026/27 APPROVAL OF NEW OR REVISED COUNCIL POLICIES

Members considered the presented polices, noting "Sandham" needed to be changed to Sandown on the communications and safeguarding policy.

A motion to approve the polices as presented en bloc, subject to the amendments, was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT the Communications and Electronic Communications and Social Media Policy be approved.
- (ii) THAT the Council and PlayZone Safeguarding Policies be approved
- (iii) THAT the Volunteer Policy be approved

33-2026/27 WORKING PARTY REPORT

A Working Parties Report outline the proposed 2026/2027 Workstreams, Memberships and Meeting Schedules was presented.

Members noted that a number of work streams had not fit cleanly into just one working party and the proposed work streams balanced the work. Any additional workstreams would need to be brought to council for approval.

Clarification was also provided that the Working Parties which met on an adhoc basis could still meet in person and a room was available for this purpose.

Similarly, of additional meetings were needed for those meeting less than monthly these could be arranged.

The Derlict Buildings Working Party had been renamed Civic Space – Built Assets and Land

A motion to approve the Workstreams, Memberships and Meeting Schedules was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

RECOMMENDATION

(i) THAT the working party workstreams as proposed in the report (attached and forming part of these minutes) be approved en bloc

(ii) THAT the working party schedule of meetings proposed in the report (attached and forming part of these minutes) be approved en bloc.

(iii) THAT working party membership as proposed be approved en bloc:

Thriving Communities - Joan Solomon (Chairman), Ian Boyd, Leon Girling and Paddy Lightfoot

Events - Joan Solomon (Chairman), Frank Baldry, Gary Young and Ian Ward

Civic Space – Built Assets and Land - Alex Lightfoot (Chairman), Ian Boyd, Liam Cregg
Leon Girling and Paddy Lightfoot

Young Futures - Alex Lightfoot (Chairman), Debbie Andre, Ian Boyd, Liam Cregg and
Leon Girling (schools engagement lead)

34-2026/27 TOWN CLERK REPORT

The report from the Clerk was noted.

35-2026/27 TO RECEIVE ANY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RAISED

Members were advised an Amber Heat Alert was in place for later on the 22 June 2026 extending through to the end of the week. There was a possibility a red alert could be issued which would affect waste collections and other services. The Isle of Wight Council would issue the relevant information which the Town Council would share accordingly.

36-2026/27 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Baldry updated members on the recent meeting between Southern Water and Isle of Wight Councillors.

Issues affecting Sandown had been raised. In relation to the proposed Sandown Treatment works, Southern Water had failed to consider public feeling and the objections raised and planned to proceed with the project citing water shortages as justification.

To mitigate the impact, they proposed sponsoring young people from the college by providing practical experience for trade courses, including apprenticeships and on-site work opportunities during the construction phase. Members did not feel this would offset the years of disruption to residents and negative impact on Sandown.

Cllr Ian Boyd informed members that in addition to the Canoe Lake being listed as an Asset of Community Value the Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) application for the surrounding area was underway. The proposal was complete.

Cllr Boyd also informed members that during recent visit to the Island the Environment Agencies Fisheries team had taken samples from the lake for testing, which was more in-depth than what could be undertaken locally. The results would be available in few weeks.

Cllr Boyd updated members on the upcoming meeting between IWALC and the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council regarding working and Town, Parish and Community Councils. He also noted that the national scheme of delegation established via the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2026 would impact on how the Isle of Wight Planning Committee worked and how the Town Council makes representations. The Clerk advised the matter would be considered by the Isle of Wight Council in the Autumn, was being looked at and there was a watching brief in place.

Cllr Paddy Lightfoot provided an update on the International School of Rewilding. Following a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce, support for the project had been secured. A repeat briefing to the relevant Isle of Wight Council committees was scheduled following the changes following the election.

Cllr Paddy Lightfoot added he was disappointed to learn one of the new ward councillors, Cllr Baldry, had raised enquires regarding Dinosauria as this would impact the Isle of Wight Councils priorities in relation to International School of Rewilding . Cllr Ward recorded his support for Cllr Baldry bringing Dinosauria forward again. However, were reminded that Council had resolved to support the International School of Rewilding and this was against that decision and also that no proposal had been brought forward by that organisation.

Cllr Mikich informed members funding had been secured for two heritage projects in Sandown: a collection of James Dore's Edwardian-era photographs of the Bay area in Sandown, including those linked to his fire service role, will be displayed with a bespoke cabinet created by a craft maker, alongside a locally produced leaflet mapping historic sites with their modern counterparts to encourage exploration and Time Nor Tide Players CIC will use items from over 150 years of Isle of Wight music hall history including Sandown Pier, to tell the hidden story of this entertainment form, bringing past performances to life through music, costumes and location-based storytelling, while also digitally preserving the materials for future access.

Cllr Mikich also provided an update on the Town of Culture bid, advising they had been given a week to provide a postcode to support the application and had had an excellent response from the community. Further information would be available at the end of July.

Finally Cllr Mikich advised members that the Change Makers Community Fund was accepting applications between 5 July and 8 August 2026.

Cllr Alex Lightfoot advised members that a celebration of Kenny Snuddens 25 years of service for Island Roads had taken place, noting the amazing job he did. Council unanimously recorded a vote of thanks to Kenny for his Service.

37-2026/27 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

A motion was moved and duly seconded, without notice, under Standing Order 21.1.(vi) to bring forward Public Question Time. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT Public Question Time be brought forward on the agenda.

38-2026/27 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None Received.

39-2026/27 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

A motion was moved and duly seconded to exclude the public and press, and councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

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 12 (Pier Street Toilets) and Number 13 (Property Matters), on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 7, and 14 as defined in paragraphs 7, 9 and 10, 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.

40-2026/27 PIER STREET TOILETS

The Isle of Wight Council had, at its Policy, Finance and Resource Committees, on Thursday, 11 June 2026 voted to dispose of the Pier Street Regeneration Opportunity, opposite Sandown Pier to Sandown Town Council (STC) for a 'nominal £1 due diligence' and conditions ensuring continued provision of public toilets or their 'suitable replacement'.

Members discussed the next steps and noted the importance of ensuring all the necessary surveys were undertaken as half the building had been closed for over a decade.

A proposal to was moved and duly seconded authorising officers to engage a solicitor to undertake the searches and commission the surveys. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT officers engage a solicitor to undertake the searches and commission the surveys and bring the results back to Council.

41-2026/27 PROPERTY MATTERS

Members received an update on legal matters relating to Councils property including progress at the Ocean Redevelopment Site which had now been cleared with hedge work being delayed until September due to nesting birds and next step of installing the hoarding.

Meeting Closed: 8:16pm