



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council

13 July 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance held on **MONDAY, 13 JULY 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, Ian Boyd, Liam Cregg, Paddy Lightfoot, Joan Solomon, Ian Ward and Gary Young

Also Present: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO), Lorraine Elliss (Deputy Clerk) and no members of the public.

Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Reverend Mark Williams asked the Council to consider providing funding to cover a shortfall in the budget for the Summer Hamper Scheme, which supports vulnerable families during the school holidays by providing essential food items which had been bought to his attention last minute.

The Mayor advised the matter could be discussed as an urgent item and any decision ratified by the Finance Committee its next meeting since the amount fell within under the threshold for delegated grant awards.

42-2026/27 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Frank Baldry, Leon Girling and Tracy Mikich.

43-2026/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr Andre advised she was a Church Warden and as such would recuse herself from the discussion regarding the Summer Hampers.

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

None Received.

44-2026/27 MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 June 2026, subject to a number of small 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, with one abstention, unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2026 be approved as a true record subject to the following amendments:

31-2026/27 "at the Savoy ~~Site~~ **Site** funded by"

36-2026/27 Paragraph 10: "a week to provide a ~~post-code~~ **postcard**"

41-2026/27 "September due to nesting ~~boards~~ **birds**"

45-2026/27 URGENT ITEM – SUMMER HAMPERS

Reverend Mark Williams had asked the Council to consider providing funding to cover a shortfall in the budget for the Summer Hamper Scheme, which supports vulnerable families during the school holidays by providing essential food items.

As the funding shortfall had arisen at short notice, the Council was asked to consider whether it could provide financial assistance of £400. Reverend Williams also requested that the Events Working Party include a sponsorship drive on its next agenda to help promote and secure support for the upcoming Christmas and Easter hamper schemes.

All Councillors agreed that the Council should fund the shortfall and it was agreed that the monies would be granted with the decision being formally ratified at the next Finance Committee Meeting. The monies would be drawn from the underspend on the beach bins.

There was also support for the Events Working Party helping secure sponsorship for Christmas and Easter Hampers.

Information on other schemes supporting vulnerable families during the holidays would be shared with the PCC and School.

46-2026/27 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.

47-2026/27 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None Received.

48-2026/27 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 5 (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.

49-2026/27 PROPERTY MATTERS

Members received an update on matters relating to Council property. Confidential correspondence setting out the background to the matters under consideration was tabled to inform the debate.

RESOLVED:

THAT delegated authority be granted to the Mayor and the Clerk to take all necessary steps to bring these matters to a satisfactory conclusion.

Meeting Closed: 19.55