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**A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE,
SANDOWN ON TUESDAY 22ND JUNE 2010 AT 7.0PM.**

1 Member of the Public was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Mereweather (Mayor) Cllr Cowley, Cllr Humby, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Patel, Cllr Dupre and Cllr Teasdale.

492/10 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ward, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Davis and Cllr Beasley

493/10 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest as he was a Councillor on Havenstreet and Ashey Council and a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 500/10

Cllr Mereweather declared a personal interest as she was the Secretary to the Sandown Community Partnership and a personal interest as she was the Councils representative on the Tonnyay Charente Twinning Association.

Cllr Humby declared a personal interest as she was a Member of the Twinning Association.

Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Dupre Cllr Stephenson and Cllr Cowley declared a personal interest as they were the Councils representatives on the Sandown Community Partnership.

**494/10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH MAY 2010.
RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th May 2010 were approved and duly signed.

495/10 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH MAY, 25TH MAY AND 8TH JUNE 2010. (Members of Planning Committee already have the minutes of the 12th and 25th May 2010)

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the planning meetings held on the 12th and 25th May and 8th June 2010 were duly received and noted.

496/10 TO RECEIVE IF AVAILABLE AND NOTE REPORTS FROM THE POLICE LIASON WORKING PARTY AND ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER.

Cllr Cowley reported that the Police Liaison Working Party had not met since Sergeant Davidson had moved to Cowes. It was not known who the Council's contact was since the acting Sergeant had stepped down. It was important that the Working Party continues to liaise with the Police.

RESOLVED :-

THAT THE Clerk would write to ask who is now the contact for the Council.

497/10 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

a. Payments and Receipts for May 2010

b. May 2010 Summary of Payment and Receipts against the budget.

The Clerk presented the payments and receipts and the summary of payments against the budget.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the May 2010 financial reports be accepted.

A recorded vote was requested by Cllr Blezzard.

Voting for the resolution: - Cllr Humby, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Patel, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Cowley Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Mereweather.

Voting against the resolution: - Cllr Blezzard

The resolution was carried.

c. Year ending total spend against budget.

The Clerk presented the year end total spend against the budget for 2009/10. Various questions were asked about the increase spend on wages and national insurance. The Council was informed this was due to gratuity payments being made to the retiring caretaker and cleaner, and that there was an overlap of staffing to enable the new caretaker and cleaner to have a smooth hand over. Employers national insurance had to be paid on the gratuity causing the increased spend on this budget heading.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the year ending total spend against the budget be noted.

- d. To receive the Auditors Report from Mr Hughes
Mr Hughes presented his auditors report to the Council.(Copy attached to the minutes)
He reported that the Council should continue to prepare its accounts on a receipt and payment basis. He suggested that the Council considers the inclusion of fixed assets and loans outstanding into a consolidated Balance Sheet as that was shown separately. The Clerk agreed to do for the 2010/11 accounts.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Auditors report be accepted.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hughes for attending the Council Meeting.

- e. To receive the signed Annual Audit Return.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Annual Audit Return was received by the Council, approved and duly signed.

498/10

RESOLUTION FROM CLLR DUPRE

That Sandown Town Council registers its concern with the Isle of Wight Council about no lights being on in Sandham Gardens in the evening. Complaints have been received from local residents and also from visitors about this dangerous practice as people are complaining about feeling vulnerable when they walk through the Gardens. Sandown Town Council considers Sandham Gardens to be a tourist attraction and it should be lit.

Cllr Dupre presented his resolution to the Council. Councillors were concerned about the lack of lighting in this tourist area and also for the safety of the people walking through Sandham Grounds.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council would write to the Isle of Wight Council requesting the lights are put on from dusk till 2.0pm.

499/10

TO NOTE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD.

Cllr Humby presented her written report to the Council which covered Government spending cuts. It is anticipated that changes in the current spending plans will not be known until the next meeting of the cabinet. Problems are being caused to pedestrians by A frames on the pavements which she has asked highways to pursue and also dilapidated buildings are still causing complaints.

Cllr Ward had sent in a written report which covered Houses of Multiple Occupancy. He is pursuing this problem through the Member of Parliament and the Police as the Isle of Wight Council Officers say there is little they can do about illegal HMO's. He reported the Isle of Wight Councillors in the Bay area met to discuss the feasibility of establishing a Bay Regeneration Group.

Councillors discussed the problems relating to illegal HMO's and the inability of the Isle of Wight Council to act against them.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk writes to Andrew Turner to ask him to pursue this matter on their behalf.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk asks for an Officer of the Isle of Wight Council to come and talk to the Town Council on this issue preferably at the next meeting.

500/10

TO AGREE ON THE COUNCIL'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OFFICIAL RECEPTION TO MARK THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANDOWN'S TWINNING WITH OF TONNEY-CHARANTE.

Cllr Blezzard left the room for this item. The Councillors discussed the arrangements for the official reception.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council would put on drinks and nibbles for the reception and that the Clerk would research the possibility to have a scroll made to mark the 25th Anniversary of the twinning between Tonney-Charente and Sandown Councils.

501/10

REPORT BACK FROM SANDOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP.

Cllr Teasdale reported that the Multi purpose Play Area has started and will be finished a week on Thursday. He reported that the Council and the Partnership worked well together and had got some achievements.

They had met up with SEEDA over the remaining funding for the AdIzone and convinced them to give the money for the project. There had been a lot of interest in Battery Gardens since there was the piece in the paper and they had received further information from members of the public particularly in relation to the guns.

He was liaising with the Clerk to see if the railings at the Band Stand could be removed and steps put at the front of the Band Stand. There also needs to be an agreement to be able to put out chairs so band concerts would be able to be held there. He was hoping to talk to the owners of the old bakery to take it down and put a couple of units there one of which could be a café as the facilities that are being provided will be used all the year round. The Honour Walk is progressing and it will be on the sea front.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk invites Shanklin and Lake Councils to attend a meeting at the Broadway Centre with the view to forming a Town and Parish Regeneration Group and also at that meeting Cllr Teasdale will give the Council's updates on Battery Gardens and other Bay matters and issues.

502/10

CLERK TO REPORT AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS/DECISION ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS

- **ADIZone**

The Clerk presented to the Council the Novation Agreement received from the Isle of Wight Council for signing that is to transfer the title to the equipment to Sandown Town Council

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council agreed to sign the Novation Agreement.

- **Sandown in Bloom**

The Clerk reported that there was only 14 entries for Sandown in Bloom and requested the Councils instruction for this event. Councillors felt it was important for it to continue. It was suggested that the Towns Women's Guild and the Sandown Forum be written to asking for them to help get entries and that the County Press and Village Talk are asked to highlight Sandown in Bloom.

503/10

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR ACTION OR NOTING.

There was no correspondence received for action or noting.

504/10

THE COUNCIL MOVED EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

"That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw". (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act)

It was duly proposed and seconded that the Council moved exclusion of press and public in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw". (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act)

REPORT FROM TOWN CLERK ON VALUATION OF LOS ALTOS SITE AND ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS.

The Clerk presented the valuation provided by Gully Howard on a third of the Broadway site that included Los Altos building.

The question of the Town Hall was raised with some members speaking strongly against taking it on. A question was raised about when the repairs to the Broadway Centre are complete will it look like a new building. The Clerk pointed out that the building would be repaired but it would not look like a new building apart from it being painted and having toilets that complied and being safe.

It was duly proposed and seconded that the Council did not sell off Los Altos.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council do not sell off Los Altos.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council writes to the Isle of Wight Council asking if it is planning to dispose of the Town Hall and that the Council be kept informed of any developments.

Signed

Date