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**THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE, SANDOWN ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010 AT 7.00PM.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** - Cllr Ward, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Davis, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Humby.

**475/10 ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The Mayor called for nominations for the election of the Town Mayor. Cllr Mereweather was duly nominated and Cllr Humby was duly nominated. Cllr Blezzard requested a named vote.

**Voting for Cllr Mereweather:** - Cllr Dupre, Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Ward, Cllr Mereweather and Cllr Stephenson.

**Voting for Cllr Humby:** - Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Davis Cllr Humby.

**Abstentions:** -Cllr Beevers

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Cllr Mereweather was duly elected Mayor of Sandown for the ensuing year. The declaration of acceptance was duly signed.

**476/10 MAYOR TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Mereweather thanked the Council for electing her as Mayor of Sandown.

7. 0pm to 7. 15pm Time allocated for residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town Matters. There were no members of the public present.

**477/10 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for lateness were given on behalf of Cllr Beasley. ENO Mike Rowland sent his apologies.

**478/10 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

The Mayor called for nominations for the election of the Deputy-Town Mayor.

Cllr Stephenson was duly nominated and Cllr Cowley was duly nominated. Cllr Blezzard requested a named vote.

**Voting for Cllr Stephenson:** - Cllr Beevers, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Teasdale

**Voting for Cllr Cowley:** - Cllr Ward, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley

**Abstentions:** - Cllr Davis and Cllr Humby

**RESOLVED:**

THAT Cllr Cowley was duly elected Deputy Mayor of Sandown for the ensuing year.

**479/10 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Patel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 491/10b.

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest as he was a Councillor on Havenstreet and Asheby Council.

Cllr Humby declared a personal interest as she was a member of South Wight Youth Theatre, Sandown Youth Club, Tonnyay-Charente Twinning Association and Sandown Community Partnership

Cllr Ward declared a personal interest as he was a member of Sandown Community Partnership. Cllr Beevers declared a personal interest as she was a member of Solent Youth Theatre and a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item in 486/10

Cllr Mereweather declared a personal interest as a member of the Tonnyay Charente Twinning Association and secretary to Sandown Community Partnership.

**480/10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010.**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were approved and duly signed.

481/10

**TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April be noted and that the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April be deferred to the next meeting as the Planning Committee was meeting after the Annual Town Council Meeting.

**482/10 TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE YEAR 2010/11** (The Mayor is ex-officio on all committees with voting rights.)

**PLANNING MEETING.** 8 Members of the Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

- a. THAT the Planning Committee be reduced to 7 Members.
- b. THAT Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Beevers and Cllr Beasley be appointed to the Planning Committee.

**OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Cowley and Cllr Stephenson were duly appointed to Sandown Community Partnership.

Cllr Humby was duly appointed to South Wight Youth Theatre.

Cllr Ward and Cllr Humby were duly appointed to Sandown Forum

Cllr Ward was duly appointed to St Pete Beach Sister City Association

Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Stephenson and Cllr Mereweather were duly appointed to the Police Liaison Working Party.

Cllr Cowley was duly appointed to Isle of Wight Waste Management

Cllr Dupre was duly appointed to Sandown Youth & Community Centre.

Cllr Mereweather was duly appointed to the Tonny-Charente Twinning Association.

483/10

**TO AGREE DATES OF MEETINGS FOR ENSUING YEAR.**

The Clerk had circulated a Calendar of dates. Councillors discussed changing the day of the meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Planning Committee Meeting will be changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month and the Town Council Meeting will be changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month together with a Planning Committee Meeting. The Clerk agreed to email the new dates to all Councillors.

484/10

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

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

485/10

**TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-**

- a. Payments and Receipts for April 2010
  - b. April 2010 Summary of Payment and Receipts against the budget.
- The Clerk presented the financial reports to the Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the April 2010 financial reports be accepted.

A recorded vote was requested by Cllr Blezzard.

**Voting for the resolution:** - Cllr Ward Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Davis, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Mereweather.

**Voting against the resolution:** - Cllr Blezzard

**The resolution was carried.**

- c. To receive the Auditors Report from Mr Hughes

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this item was deferred.

- d. To receive year ending accounts.

The Clerk presented the year ending accounts to the Council and answered various questions.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Accounts for 2009-2010 be accepted.

**486/10**

**REPORT BACK FROM CLLR MEREWEATHER ON THE MEETING SHE ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF SANDOWN TOWN HALL**

**Cllr Beevers left the room for this item.**

Cllr Blezzard apologised that he was unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Mereweather reported that she had attended the meeting on behalf of the Council that had been called by Cllr Humby and had met with Cllr Bingham from the Isle of Wight Council, Barry Cooke from Property Services, Cllr Humby and Cllr Ward. The Caretaker had shown them round the building. It was reported that the Town Hall could be up for offers in the future but no decisions had been made. Cllr Ward and Cllr Humby were both under the impression that if the Town Council wanted it they could have it. This led to a general discussion in which it was pointed out that the renovation of the Town Hall would be more expensive than the Broadway Centre. It was felt by some Councillors it was more important to keep an eye on the Youth Consultation as we must keep a Youth Club in our vicinity.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this item be noted.

**487/10**

**TO NOTE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD.**

Cllr Humby reported she cannot find out who had removed the wreaths from the War Memorial. There were problems with the refuse collection and she had asked for a legal definition on who was responsible if there was an accident caused by people tripping over the rubbish or by them slipping on rubbish deposited from broken bags caused by animals tearing the bags. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter of complaint about the refuse collection to the Isle of Wight Council.

Cllr Humby reported that the Regeneration Areas Team Leader does appreciate the local concern about the shabby buildings in Sandown and will set up a meeting to discuss the various sites as soon as possible and that the Heights Leisure Centre is to be re furnished and upgraded.

Cllr Ward reported on his visit to Westminster House and the respite care they give for adults with special needs.

He informed the Council that he had spoken to the manager of Southern Vectis who told him it was not financially viable to maintain the current route number 8 and subsequently he has spoken to the relevant cabinet member and asked him to review the number 22 bus. There are still problems with HMO's and he has been assured by the Chief Executive that he will deal with the problem of no one across the 3 directorates being responsible.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the reports were noted.

**488/10**

**REPORT BACK FROM SANDOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP.**

Cllr Teasdale reported on the proposed project for Battery Gardens and they were setting their sites on a Heritage Centre and the building of an amphitheatre which could be utilised for various activities. They have received permission from the Isle of Wight Council to pursue this. The name they had come up with for the project was "Recharging the Battery". They had with the aid of Ian Schaff produced a Sandown Vision Fact File and if anyone wanted a copy he would email it to them. The Partnership is looking into doing an Honour Walk and they have supported St John's Church in a successful bid.

Cllr Teasdale reported that the Council would need to be supportive of the projects as the Council would have to take them on when they were completed which may necessitate taking on additional staff.

Cllr Blezzard felt there would have to be a project by project assessment with an agreement to adopt the project. The status of the multi sports area was raised and the Council acknowledged this was already agreed that it was part of the Sandham Grounds development and that they have responsibility for it.

**Cllr Blezzard gave his apologies as he had to leave the meeting.**

**489/10**

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

Cllr Mereweather reported that the date of the French visit was undecided.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this item be deferred to another meeting when more details were known.

**490/10**

**CLERK TO REPORT ON RESPONSES RECEIVED TO SET NETTING IN SANDOWN BAY.**

The Clerk reported that she received a reply from Shanklin Town Council supporting us against Set Net Fishing but no reply so far had been received from Lake Parish Council. Cllr Brown replied to our letter and advised the Council to contact the Southern Sea Fisheries. A reply has been received from Southern Sea Fisheries, Chief Fisheries Officer Ian Carrier who stated there is no national fisheries legislation that prohibits the setting of the fishing nets in the vicinity of Sandown Bay nor is there an Isle of Wight prohibition against setting of static fishing gear in this area. The Clerk had also spoken to Ian Carrier and was informed that there was a new Act coming into fruition within a year that gives Southern Sea Fisheries the power to make its own by-laws. He was surprised to hear that the lifeboat had been caught up in the nets on more than one occasion.

The Clerk has been informed that Isle of Wight Council has two representatives on the Southern Sea Fisheries Committee one of whom is Cllr Patrick Joyce and she will be arranging for him to be informed of the concerns that Sandown Town Council has regarding Set Net Fishing in Sandown Bay.

Councillors raised concerns about Health and Safety Aspects and Members considers the over proliferation of these nets are a danger to swimmers, jet skiers and boats using our buoys in Sandown Bay. Concern was raised about Sandown fighting hard to achieve Blue Flag Status and what would be the effect on the town's economy and who would be liable if there was a fatality and would anyone be accused of co-operate manslaughter. The Clerk was requested to look into the legal aspects of this.

**491/10**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. FOR ACTION OR NOTING.**

- a. Letter received from Manager of Boots regarding problems with their delivery drivers. The Council discussed the problems of lorries being unable to deliver to the back of Boots because of the additional car parking spaces.

**RESOLVED: -**

THAT the Council requests a site visit with Kevin Burton.

A letter had also been received from Ms Jeffries regarding the loading bay outside Sainsbury's.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council write to the manager of Sainsbury's drawing his attention to the complaint.

- b. Letter received from Brading Big Dig requesting financial assistance from the Town Council.

**Cllr Patel left the room for this item.**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Sandown Town Council would give a grant of £100 towards this project.

- c. Letter received from Mr Wilby giving a public thank you.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this letter be noted.

**Signed**

**Date**