



Sandown Town Council

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2011 AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE.

3 residents of Sandown were present at the Town Council Meeting. No questions were asked.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Humby(Mayor) Cllr Patel, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Davis, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Ward, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Blezzard, and Cllr Teasdale.

A presentation was made to Sandown Town Council by Mr David Ball (Chairman) on behalf of the Natwest Island Games Committee 2011 of a set of Island Games Medals which are unique. He thanked Sandown Town Council and reported that the Island Games were voted the Best Games ever. This would not have happened without the help and support of Sandown Town Council. With the Council giving them the use of Los Altos as a base and office it aided the whole organisation and added to the atmosphere of the Games.

681/11 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Dupré due to illness.

682/11 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest as a member of Havenstreet and Asheby Council, an Executive Member of IWALC and a personal interest in agenda item 686/11 as his partner is employed in the Health Service.

683/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 25TH JULY 2011, 9TH AUGUST 2011, 16TH AUGUST 2011 AND 13TH SEPTEMBER 2011.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 25th July 2011, 9th and 16th August 2011 and the 13th September were approved with alteration of minute 678/11 to spinal point not scale and duly signed.

684/11 MAYOR TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING:-

The Mayor reported on her activities during August and September. Her charity would be Help 4 Heroes. She informed the Council she would be visiting Tonney-Charente with the Clerk for the 25th Anniversary of the town being twinned with Sandown. She was taking pictures of Sandown as a gift. Cllr Humby reported to the Council that Mrs Lynne Wollaston had been appointed as the Clerical Assistant. Councillor Humby then introduced the following suggestions for the Council's approval.

- **TO INTRODUCE OF AN AWARD FOR A LOCAL 'PERSON OF THE YEAR'**
- **TO INTRODUCE AN AWARD FOR A LOCAL 'YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR'**

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council agreed to introduce an award for a Local "Person of the Year and local Young Person of the Year. Terms of reference to be agreed.

- **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TOWN TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS JUBILEE TO BE COMMENCED.**

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Town Council work with the Sandown Forum and other organisations on arrangements for the Queens Jubilee.

- **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO BE PUT IN THE CHRONICLE AND THE PAYMENT TO GO TO THE SCANNER APPEAL AT SANDOWN MEDICAL CENTRE.**

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council support paid Christmas Greetings being put in the Chronicle and money raised to go to the Sandown Medical Centre scanner appeal.

- **TO AGREE TO TAKE PART IN A LITTER PICK.**

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Councillors agreed to take part in a litter pick.

685/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

- a. Payments and receipts for July and August 2011
- b. July and August 2011 Summary of Payments and receipts against budget

The Clerk presented the payment and receipts for July and August together with summary of payments and receipts against budget. £100,000 had been received back into the accounts from a short term deposit and it would be being put on a short term deposit again.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the July and August 2011 Financial Reports be approved.

Cllr Blezzard requested a recorded vote

For the resolution:- Cllr Patel, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Davis, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Ward, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Beevers

Against the resolution:- Cllr Blezzard

Abstain:- Cllr Humby

686/11 TO MAKE REPRESENTATION ON THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FROM NHS SOUTH CENTRAL ON DEVELOPING SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE ACUTE SERVICES IN SOUTH CENTRAL. (Already circulated by email)

In the consultation document the Island Acute Services were going to benefit as it was proposed that they were going to be upgraded to meet the requirements of Stroke and Coronary Patients so they could have immediate intensive treatment (which would reduce long term damage) with IT links to consultants in Southampton and Portsmouth. Cllr Blezzard reported that there was nothing on the Council website about this consultation.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council welcomed the proposed improved services for Stroke and Cardiac patients at St Marys and that the Acute Services on the Island were going to be upgraded to deliver this improved service in conjunction with Consultants from the Mainland.

The Council is concerned that the residents of the Island have to face expensive travel arrangements if they have to be transferred to the mainland for treatment. Islanders have higher costs than mainland residents attending Southampton or Portsmouth Hospitals and the Council want this aspect addressing in the consultation.

687/11 TO SEEK THE COUNCILS VIEWS, SUPPORT AND DECISION ON A NEW PROJECT AT BATTERY GARDENS. (Cllr Teasdale)

Cllr Teasdale reported that an application had been made for 106 money for Battery Gardens. The first phase of bringing Battery Gardens into use was to be staging being laid and a pagoda being built with a canvas roof. This would allow events to be staged and with the opening of this he suggested it to be timed with the Queens Jubilee.

He requested the Council to agree to take on Phase 1 including looking after the site. This could also be offered to local charities and organisations to use. Cllr Beasley reported that by going forward with Battery Gardens it can also take Sandown forward.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council take on phase 1 of Battery Gardens including looking after the site.

THAT the Clerk would write to the Isle of Wight Council regarding 106 money for Battery Gardens.

688/11 PROPOSAL FOR A CYCLE OF MEETINGS FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF A COMMITTEE SYSTEM FOR THE COUNCIL. (Cllr Blezzard already circulated by email)

Cllr Blezzard presented his paper on the proposal for a cycle of meetings following the approval of the committee system and the reasons for the change.

Some members commented it would be hard to make some of the suggested dates as people already had commitments booked. There was a general feeling there was a lot of meetings. It was pointed out members did not have to serve on all committees.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council agree the principle of a 6 weekly cycle of meetings deferred until the New Year with dates to be discussed by the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT appointment to committees is made at the October Council Meeting.

689/11 PROPOSED CHANGES TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS.

This item was deferred at the Clerks request.

690/11 ISLAND WASTE SERVICE REPORT (Cllr Cowley)

Cllr Cowley had circulated a report on the Island Waste Meeting together with a report from the Police Liaison Working Party. Cllr Cowley was thanked for her reports

RESOLVED:-

THAT the report be noted.

691/11 TO NOTE VERBAL REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD

Cllr Humby reported on the following:-

- Cost of CCTV which was £28,000 for one operator and she did not want to lose the CCTV from Sandown.
- Action is being taken over a site in Sandown which is within the Conservation Area. It was agreed that the Clerk would write another letter to the Isle of Wight Council on behalf of Sandown Town Council regarding this site.
- The Fairway Sports Centre has been taken over by the Academy and they are going to retain it for Community use and initially the prices will not go up.
- Isle of Wight Council is sharing facilities with Southampton Council.
- Volunteers are willing to give out Sandown information during the summer months.
- The need to reduce the cost of car park permits. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to the Isle of Wight Council on behalf of Sandown Town to request a reduction in the car park permit charges.
- Reported that Ian and she went to pick up tents with the scouts and guides from the Bestival.

Councillors expressed concerns about the withdrawal of CCTV and it was said that the Isle of Wight Council is becoming irresponsible as there was a line between saving money and cost cutting. Comments were made about the Police not contributing any finance towards CCTV even though it is saving them work.

Cllr Ward reported on the following:-

- Community Bus is going well even though there were some hiccups on the first day. There have been problems when children went back to school as they were late coming back onto the route. Some pensioners are objecting to donating. (Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest as he was a pensioner). Finance needs resolving.
- Wrote to the Chief Executive of Natwest Bank regarding the closure of the Sandown branch but have had no reply.
- Requested a copy of the Ocean Seas coastal conservation report as they are proposing the whole of the Isle of Wight. There is nothing on their web site and will continue to pursue it.
- Dealing with 3 personal housing problems that have been dealt with within the housing system that ended up being fobbed off.
- I have requested a report on the supposed 4000 single people who want to live in Sandown as it is not transparent.

Cllr Blezzard asked how much income had been received from the bus and was told it was not known. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Lake Council asking for a contribution towards the Community Bus.

692/11 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT AND TO AGREE ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

The Clerk reported on the review of the Parliamentary Constituencies for 2 Members of Parliament for the Isle of Wight.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this would be an agenda item for Octobers Meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had consulted the Mayor and with her agreement requested that the meeting date in October be on the 31st October instead of the 24th October as she would like to take some holiday.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the date of the October meeting be changed to the 31st October 2011.

Signed

Date