



Sandown Town Council

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A MEETING OF THE SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 10 AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE.

7.0pm-7.15pm was allocated for residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town Matters

There was 1 member of the public present.

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

562/10 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dupre, Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Beevers.

563/10 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Mereweather on agenda item 574/10

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Patel Cllr Humby
on agenda item 569/10 (2)

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Ward, Cllr Patel, Cllr Stephenson and Cllr Cowley
on agenda item 569/10 (2)

**564/10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE
26TH OCTOBER 10**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th October 2010 were approved and duly signed.

**565/10 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER
10 AND 9TH NOVEMBER 10**

Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 12th October and 9th November 2010 were approved
and duly signed.

**566/10 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MR DAVID BALL ON THE FORTHCOMING
ISLAND GAMES 2011**

The Mayor welcomed Mr David Ball who talked to the Councillors about the forthcoming Island Games and reported that there were going to be over 3,500 competitors and it was now as big as the Para Olympics'. We will have Olympic and Commonwealth Games competitors competing.

The Island Games is run on Olympic Lines and of our 18 events we are having these are also events selected by the Olympic Committee for 2012. It will be the biggest Island Games ever and the Olympic Committee are using it as a trial run for their officials. The media interest is immense. All people taking part will be involved in drug testing and the 2012 Olympic Team will be down on the Island doing it.

Sailing, windsurfing will be held at Yaverland. The opening ceremony will be held at Ryde and the closing ceremony will be held in Cowes. There will be a royal visit during the Games. The Games Committee are still seeking more sponsors and they want volunteers for the games who will also have a chance to be incorporated as a volunteer in the 2012 Olympics. Mr Ball offered to come back and update the Council nearer the time about the arrangements in Sandown.

Cllr Mereweather thanked David Ball for his presentation to the Council and said the Council would be more than happy for him to give us an update.

567/10 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

- a. Payments and receipts for October 2010
 - b. October 2010 Summary of Payments and receipts against budget
- The Clerk presented the payments and receipts together with a summary of payments to the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the October 2010 financial reports be accepted.

- c. To receive internal auditor report.

Mr Gareth Hughes presented the internal auditors half yearly report to the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the internal auditors report reports be accepted.

The Mayor thanked Mr Hughes for attending the Council meeting and his report.

568/10 TO RECEIVE IF AVAILABLE AND NOTE REPORT FROM POLICE LIAISON WORKING PARTY

This item was deferred as no meeting had taken place.

569/10 RESOLUTION FROM CLLR WARD

1. **To Establish Alcohol Free Zones in Sandown** – to press for one/areas
Cllr Ward introduced this agenda item because of problems that he had been contacted over. There is a problem as police do not have the same powers to deal with adults as they have youngsters with alcohol. Inspector Pennell has been contacted and has said to take this forward there would have to be a meeting with the residents.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Cllr Ward is to pursue this on behalf of Sandown Town Council and to report back to the Council as soon as possible.

2. **Sandown Fireworks.** Both the Carnival and Regatta are finding it too expensive without Council support to run these events. Councillors are requested to discuss this problem. It was reported to the Council that these two organisations are facing difficulties funding the fireworks for their events. The collection on 5th November 10 was only £500. Councillors were sympathetic to the problem.

RESOLVED:-

THAT costs would be looked at when the pre-budget meeting was held in December.

570/10 TO REVIEW THE LETTER FROM MATTHEW CHATFIELD REGARDING FUTURE OF BAND STAND AT SANDHAM GARDENS AND MAKE COMMENT/DECISION

The Council discussed the correspondence from Matthew Chatfield and would look favourably at a new build café but that it should incorporate the bandstand and also toilets that would be available for members of the public that use Sandham Grounds.

571/10 TO MAKE A DECISION ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM TRICIA STILLMAN REGARDING LIFE GUARDS

The Council discussed this item. Concerns were raised at no longer being compliant and therefore unable to retain our blue flag.

RESOLVED:-

THAT we write to the Council voicing our concerns and asking them to reconsider as we were a tourist Island and employment depended on this.

572/10 TO NOTE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD

Cllr Ward reported changes on parking times at The Heights. The problems with the removal of the benches were reported as this had not deterred street drinkers but had caused problems for some of our elderly. He reported the six Bay Councillors had met and they were requesting the planning requirements be changed so that developers in the town had to provide parking spaces within the development. Discussion about Sandown Airport had also taken place.

Cllr Humby reported on the reduction of funding from central government of 25% and that there would be drastic cuts in service. The services that were under threat were the libraries, public toilets and tourist information centres. She raised concerns about Sandown Library as it is the third busiest library on the Island and the computers were well used by those people who had no other access to them. As local member, proposals for leasing Sandham Gardens had been made without her being informed. This never uses to happen.

- 573/10 TO NOTE OR MAKE COMMENT ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL DECISION TO NO LONGER CONSULT SEPARATELY WITH THE TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS.**
This item was discussed at length. Councillors felt that partnership no longer existed and they were paying lip-service to consultation and failing to recognise that town and parish Councils are elected bodies.
- 574/10 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SANDOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND TO DECIDE ON COURSE OF ACTION**
Cllr Teasdale reported on the work of the partnership and that progress had been made on Battery Gardens with the Isle of Wight Council. Councillors agreed that the only way regeneration in Sandown would take place is by Sandown Town Council and Sandown Community Partnership getting on with it themselves.
Cllr Teasdale reported on Sandham Gardens and also the opportunity to take over the lease that the Isle of Wight had advertised for expressions of interest.
Concerns were raised about a developer getting there hands on it as it could spoil the area. A business plan has been prepared and it was agreed that Sandown Town Council would submit an expression of interest in this site.
- 575/10 TO AGREE TO PUT ON DISPLAY PLANS FOR THE NEW BROADWAY CENTRE AND TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE RESIDENTS OF SANDOWN**
RESOLVED:-
THAT the Council will put on display the plans for the Broadway Centre on 15th December between 2.0pm to 8.0pm.
- 576/10 TO RECEIVE FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE THAT IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**
Correspondence was reported to the Council and noted.
- 577/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 25TH January 2011**
Noted.

Signed

Date