



## Sandown Town Council

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### A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011 AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE.

7. 05pm to 7. 20pm Time allocated for residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town Matters.  
3 Members of the Public were present.

Questions about the Broadway were raised by Mr Poole and Mrs Ormond.

Mr Poole gave 4 written questions to the Clerk who responded by saying a written reply would be sent to him.

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

**664/11 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Beasley and Cllr Dupre sent their apologies.

**665/11 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Blezzard declared an interest as a Member of Havenstreet Parish Council and as a member of the IWALC Executive. On agenda item 669/11 as a member of the Community Bus Forum and 670/2 as a representative on Sandown Youth Club.

Cllr Beevers declared a personal and prejudicial interest on agenda item 670/11 item 2 Youth Club. Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Ward and Cllr Humby declared personal interests in 670/11 as a member of Sandown Community Partnership. Cllr Humby declared a personal interest as a Committee Member of Sandown Youth Club.

**666/11 MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor commenced the evening by reporting to the Council that she was pleased to hear that Roger Mereweather was making progress after his operation. She reported she had attended the Island Games with the Deputy Mayor and had presented medals. She had received a letter from Mr Ball thanking the Town Council for its support. She had also attended the Isle of Wight Council's Civic Service as well as attending Sandown Bay C of E School and Sandown High School.

**667/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011,**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011 were approved and duly signed.

**668/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-**

a. Payments and receipts for June 2011

b. June 2011 Summary of Payments and receipts against budget

The Clerk presented the payment and receipts for June 2011 together with the summary of payments.

It was proposed and duly seconded that the June 2011 Accounts be approved.

Cllr Blezzard requested a recorded vote

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

**Against the resolution:-** Cllr Blezzard

**Abstain:-** Cllr Davis and Cllr Humby

**669/11 CLLR. WARD TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY BUS AND FOR SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE CENTRAL EMPLOYMENT OF A COMMUNITY BUS DRIVER'S CO-ORDINATOR.**

Cllr Ward reported that the move to train drivers has started with an assessment at the Riverside. Mark Morgan-Hughes has accepted 33 volunteer drivers and suggested that we pool the volunteers so that if a driver was not available another would be sent from another area.

There is a need to have a central co-ordinator but this person will have to be paid for. They would need to work between 12-16 hours per week and Councils are being asked to contribute between £700-£1000 per year.

Cllr Blezzard reported that Shanklin was going to get a bus even though there are no volunteer drivers and the cost of the co-ordinator should therefore be paid by the Isle of Wight Council. Councillors thought this was unfair on the rest of the Councils that had worked to put on a Community Bus scheme. Cllr Ward reported that it was expected that Sandown scheme will produce an income that will come to the Council. People using the buses will be asked to contribute towards it.

**RESOLVED:-**

- THAT Sandown Town Council write to the Isle of Wight Council pointing out the unfairness as Shanklin is being provided with a bus and that the Town and Parish Councils are being asked to pay for a co-ordinator out of this years precept which they have not budgeted for.
- It was also agreed if all else fails consideration would be given by this Council in these special circumstances to contribute towards the funding of a co-ordinator.

**670/11 TO SEEK THE COUNCILS VIEWS, SUPPORT AND DECISIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:- PRESENTED BY CLLR TEASDALE**

**1. WISHING WELL**

Cllr Teasdale outlined plans to use the wishing well at Sandham Gardens to raise money for the Community Partnership and the Inshore Rescue.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council agreed to this request.

**2. YOUTH CLUB**

Cllr Teasdale reminded the Council that a few years ago it was discussed about putting a Youth Centre down at Sandham Grounds. The Isle of Wight Council are now discussing putting a unit there. He suggested that it is possible for the Partnership to raise the money to put a log cabin type unit at Sandham Gardens. Councillors did not want to see the Youth Club replaced with a porto-cabin.

Cllr Teasdale responded by saying this was an opportunity to raise income and also for the youngsters to have a smoothie bar and more facilities.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council agreed to this proposal and supported the Partnership to open negotiations with the Isle of Wight Council.

**3. BATTERY GARDENS TOILETS/PORT-A-LOOS**

The Partnership wants to do a concert at Battery Gardens but the loos are locked up. He asked the Council to consider taking over these toilets so they can be opened up for future events but kept shut at other times as it is more cost effective than bringing in porto-loos.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Sandown Town Council will request to take over these toilets so they are available for events at Battery Gardens.

**4. FOOD OUTLET AT SANDHAM GROUNDS**

Permission was being sought to have a food outlet on our leased land at Sandham Grounds until September as there is no facility there for anyone to get a drink of tea.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council agree to this request

**5. TO REPORT ON FOOTBALL COACHING AND BARB-B-QUE**

Val Stephenson reported on the football coaching that was to taking place during the holidays. There would be a presentation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August to all those taking part and there would be a bar-b-que to finish provided by the Community Spaces Grant. Paul Topping from Bournemouth Football Club would be providing the coaching.

Cllr Teasdale left the meeting.

**671/11/a TO RESCIND THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN MINUTE NO 586/11 ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

**RESOLVED**

THAT Sandown Town Council agrees to the sale of part of the Broadway site as shown in the diagram to finance the rebuilding of the Broadway Centre. This was unanimously agreed.

The Clerk explained why this had come about as the planners requested that the new Broadway Centre be re-sited to be more sympathetic to the church.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the resolution in minute 586/11 on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 be rescinded.

**671/11/b TO AGREE TO THE SALE OF PART OF THE BROADWAY SITE TO FINANCE THE REBUILDING OF THE BROADWAY CENTRE.**

Cllr Blezzard requested a recorded vote.

**RESOLVED :-**

THAT the Council agree to the sale of part of the Broadway site to finance the rebuilding of the Broadway Centre.

**Voting for the resolution:-** Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Ward, and Cllr Stephenson.

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

**Abstaining:-** Cllr Beevers.

**The resolution that the Council agree to the sale of part of the Broadway site to finance the rebuilding of the Broadway Centre was passed.**

**671/11 TO NOTE VERBAL REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD**

Cllr Ward reported on car parking problems at The Heights as their users could not do what they wanted to do within 2 hours. It was said that the Primary Care Trust should reimburse their own staff at the Medical Centre.

He informed the Council that he had visited the fire control staff on the Isle of Wight and had also visited Surrey Control.

He reported a call in the future would be answered by 2 people one talking to the caller and the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plotting where the nearest appliance is which will result in appliances rolling in 90 seconds. The IT would be looked after by 3 Isle of Wight Council staff.

Cllr Humby reported that she is pleased to see a small minibus floating around Sandown with Tourist information. The bus stop near the Belverdere is causing problems with noise. It was agreed that the Council would send a letter and suggest the bus parked on Colonel Boggey's car park.

The problems with dilapidated buildings were being chased up by the Enforcement Officer. The illumination at the top of Pier Street is in danger of being removed because of a suggested alteration to the road and pavement as a result of a consultant's survey. The Council queried why this was supposed to come into the Safer routes to school as it was not on a school route.

Cllr Blezzard raised the question about Business Rates as the Isle of Wight Council would be a new gainer if it goes back to the local authority. It was mooted that Town and Parish Councils should get a proportion of the Business Rate. It was asked if the Council could get a steer on this matter from the Isle of Wight Council. It was agreed that Cllr Ward and Cllr Humby would raise this question with them.

**672/11 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT AND TO AGREE ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN.**

The Clerk had nothing to report.

**Signed**

**Date**