



## Sandown Town Council

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### THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2011 AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE.

4 Members of the Public were present.

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

#### 631/11 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 Cowley was proposed but declined due to unforeseen personal circumstances. Cllr Humby was duly nominated and seconded.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

THAT Cllr Humby was duly elected Mayor of Sandown for the ensuing year. The declaration of acceptance was read and duly signed and witnessed.

#### 632/11 MAYOR TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

**The Mayor requested that everyone stands when addressing the Council.**

The Mayor asked if Cllr Mereweather wished to address the Council. She said she hopes the incoming Mayor will have a united Council and wished everyone will work for the town.

Cllr Humby thanked Cllr Mereweather for all her work she had done for the Town Council and the Community.

Cllr Humby said it will be a very challenging year ahead of the Council and she would like to reintroduce our standing order that Councillors stand when addressing the Council.

**The Mayor asked if any resident of Sandown wished to speak. No resident of Sandown wished to speak.**

#### 633/11 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Beevers and Cllr Ward.

#### 634/11 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared personal interest in agenda items by reason of being a member of Havenstreet and Ashley Parish Council and as a member of IWALC, and also a member of the Transport Forum.

#### 635/11 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Mayor called for nomination for the Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Blezzard was nominated but was not seconded.

The Mayor called for further nominations

Cllr Cowley was nominated and seconded

Cllr Stephenson was also nominated and seconded.

A recorded vote was requested

Cllr Patel Cllr Cowley and Cllr Mereweather voted for Cllr Cowley

Cllr Blezzard Cllr Davis, Cllr Stephenson Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Beasley voted for Cllr Stephenson.

Cllr Humby abstained

#### **RESOLVED:-**

THAT Cllr Stephenson be elected Deputy Mayor of Sandown for the forthcoming year.

#### 636/11 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011

624/11 point raised should read Cllr Blezzard the question. 630/11 Cllr Blezzard request a recorded vote.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were agreed.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were agreed.

**AND THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2011, 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011 AND 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**

**To be discussed at the end of the meeting.**

**637/11 TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE YEAR 2011/12 (The Mayor is ex-officio on all committees with voting rights.)**

**PLANNING MEETING.** 7 Members of the Council. It was duly proposed that present Committee Members be elected as members planning committee.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Cllr Cowley, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Patel and Cllr Dupre be the elected Members of the Planning Committee.

**OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the following members are elected to the outside bodies:-

Sandown Community Partnership Cllr Teasdale Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Cowley Cllr Beasley  
Police Liaison Working Party Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Patel, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Cowley  
Members South Wight Youth Theatre Cllr Humby  
Isle of Wight Waste Management Cllr Cowley  
Sandown Forum 2 Members Cllr Mereweather and Cllr Beeves  
Sandown Youth & Community Centre Cllr Blezzard  
St Pete Beach Sister City Association Cllr Humby and Cllr Ward  
Tonnay-Charente Twinning Association Cllr Mereweather

**638/11 TO AGREE DATES OF MEETINGS FOR ENSUING YEAR.**

The following dates were suggested for the forthcoming year:-

**Planning Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month**

13<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Planning Meeting followed by the Council Meetings every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month**

27<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012

The dates for the Town Council Meetings and Planning Meetings for 2011-2012 were agreed.

**639/11 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-**

a. Payments and receipts for April 2011

The Clerk presented the payments and receipts to the Council and informed the Council that £100,000 has been put on deposit. A question regarding the Chronicle was asked and with the Councils agreement Cllr Beasley reported on the working party. He reported the actual costs per household works out at 10.5p per month per household.

b. April 2011 Summary of Payments and receipts against budget

The Clerk presented the payment and receipts against the budget.

It was proposed and duly seconded that the April 2011 Accounts were approved.

Cllr Blezzard requested a recorded vote

**For the resolution:-** Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Patel, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Cowley and Cllr Davis.

**Against the resolution:-** Cllr Blezzard

**Abstain:-** Cllr Humby

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the April 2011 Accounts were approved.

**640/11 TO COMMENT ON THE POST 16 AND FAITH SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONSULTATION**

The Clerk reported on the proposals for school transport to Faith Schools and post 16 Education.

The Council discussed this item Cllr Blezzard supported the position taken by the Clergy

Cllr Mereweather said it should be an equal playing field for all schools. Further discussion took place.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT it should be an equal playing field for everybody and that the Isle of Wight Council should be paying for pupil beyond 3 miles

**641/11 TO REVISE SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

The Council discussed this revised policy which gives 20 working days in the new policy and tidies the policy up. Discussion took place and minor alterations on 3.2 changed to read send to the Monitoring Officer. On 6 remove the words try to and insert normally.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT with agreement of the alterations the revised Sandown Town Council Complaints Procedure was approved it.

**642/11 TO ADOPT A POLICY ON VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS**

The Council discussed the proposed policy.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Policy on Vexatious Complaints was approved.

**643/11 CLERK TO REPORT ON**

**a. Sandham Grounds**

The Clerk reported that we have got an interim lease which gives us permission to work on fixtures. We have a number of applications that have come through for staff. We are looking at rotas of 4 hours at a time to ensure we do not pay insurance and 90 Applications were sent out for the vacancies.

Details of grass cutting are being sent to us. Works on the repairs are starting tomorrow and then it will be painted. Health and Safety has been looked into. We are waiting for plans of Sandham Gardens as we are not sure if the pipes are not connected as we need to drain 3 hazardous areas.

The Clerk informed the Council she was chasing a reduction in rent.

**b. Island Games**

Sandown Town Council is on the Island Games website as official sponsors of the games. The Medals are cheaper than anticipated and will cost us £233. We have received an invitation for the Mayor and past Mayor to take part in Medal Ceremony at Yaverland as a thank you for what the Council has done for the Island Games.

**644/11 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE AND ALSO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE THAT IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

- Letter received from the Venable Caroline Baston to Cllr David Pugh  
This was part of the discussion on agenda item 640/11
- Correspondence received from Chris Whitehouse  
This was part of the discussion on agenda item 640/11
- Correspondence from Isle of Wight Branch of Fire Brigades Union re Fire Control Centre.  
The correspondence was circulated so Councillors had chance to read it.  
Cllr Blezzard said that Councillors need to have a public campaign on the Island. The police control having been moved from the Island is an actual shambles. This is a bigger issue than the libraries.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT we write to other Town and Parish Councils, Andrew Turner and the Isle of Wight Council and voice our concerns about the moving of the Fire Control Centre.

**645/11 TO NOTE VERBAL REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD**

Cllr Humby reported that concerns have been raised by people living in Station Avenue and Albert Road about the Conservation Area. Information leaflets are being put in the foyer of the library. She is going to request that the Isle of Wight Council go back to a more democratic system and reintroduce Committees. She has had a meeting on the Youth Service last week as it now has to concentrate on 13-19 year olds rather than the younger ones. The Business Association wanted to know if it was possible for the Town council to get a licence for all the events.

The Clerk was asked by the Council to explore one Insurance for all Sandown Events.

Cllr Humby reported that Cllr Ward has raised the problem about the amount of litter that is gathering. Cllr Blezzard raised the question of the Community Bus and said the organisation body should be provided by this Council.

This item was discussed and Cllr Blezzard suggested that this Council takes on the Community Bus. The Council agreed to resolve this item at this meeting.. Cllr Mereweather suggested that the Council will be the responsible body for the Community Bus. This was duly seconded.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Sandown Town Council will be the responsible body for the Community Bus.

**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)**

Exclusion of press and public was agreed by the Council.

**TO APPROVE THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011**

Amended the word 630/11 from circulated to voiced.

Cllr Blezzard objected to a word in the minutes 630/11 b. and requested a recorded vote.

**For the resolution:-** Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Humby

**Against the resolution:-** Cllr Blezzard

**Abstention:-** Cllr Davis as he was not present at meeting.

**TO APPROVE THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011 WRITTEN BY CLLR MEREWATHER**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the confidential minute written by Cllr Mereweather was agreed.

**TO APPROVE THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the confidential minute of the 9<sup>th</sup> May was agreed.

**TO APPROVE THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

Under agenda item 2, Cllr Blezzard objected to a word in the minutes.

Cllr Blezzard requested a recorded vote.

**For the resolution:-** Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Patel, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Cowley and Cllr Humby.

**Against the resolution:-** Cllr Blezzard

**Abstain:-** Cllr Stephenson and Cllr Davis because he was not at the meeting.

**646/11 TO NOTE THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

27<sup>th</sup> July 2011 date of the next meeting.

**Signed**

**Date**