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**A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE,
SANDOWN ON TUESDAY 27th JULY 2010 AT 7.0PM.**

3 Members of the Public were present.

Mark Birch operations manager for Sandown and Shanklin Inshore Lifeboat raised concerns with the Council about Lifeguarding in the Bay being passed on to the RLNI. His concern is that the RLNI fundraising machine is big and powerful. The Coast Guard Agency are frightened that they will lose out on fundraising which keeps the inshore lifeboats on the Island in the water and the Inshore Lifeboats will not be able to operate. He reported that the Bay lifeboat had rescued a number of people this year and had been out twice in the last week.

The Mayor thanked Mr Birch for his presentation to the Council and said they would be discussing this as an agenda item later in the meeting.

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

506/10 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Beasley, Cllr Davis and Cllr Dupre.

507/10 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest as a Member of Havenstreet and Ashley Council and in agenda item 519/10c as a party agent.

Cllr Cowley, Cllr Ward and Cllr Patel declared a personal interest in agenda item 519/10c

Cllr Teasdale declared a personal interest in agenda item 512/10

508/10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd JUNE 2010.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of June 2010 were approved and duly signed.

509/10 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2010.

Minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 22nd were deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

510/10 TO RECEIVE IF AVAILABLE AND NOTE REPORTS FROM THE POLICE LIASON WORKING PARTY AND ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER.

A letter had been received from Mike Rowland reporting he had been appointed the new Senior Environment Officer and will be responsible for the team of 7 Environment Officer. He reported that other officers have been selected but as yet not allocated.

During the discussion of this item it was reported that the Chief Executive of the Isle of Wight Council has said officers are not to attend Town and Parish meetings. Councillors were concerned and raised the question how long has the Chief Executive been making Council Policy.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this Council request that Mike Rowland is allocated to Sandown and that Lake and Shanklin Parish Councils are sent a copy of the correspondence.

511/10 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

- a. Payments and Receipts for June 2010
- b. June 2010 Summary of Payment and Receipts against the budget.
- c. 1st Quarterly Summary

The Clerk presented the financial reports to the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the June 2010 financial reports be accepted.

A recorded vote was requested by Cllr Blezzard.

Voting for the resolution: - Cllr Ward, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, , Cllr Humby, Cllr Patel, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Mereweather.

Voting against the resolution: - Cllr Blezzard

The resolution was carried.

512/10 RESOLUTION FROM CLLR MEREWETHER.

That Sandown Town Council registers its concern with the Isle of Wight Council on the proposals for the outsourcing of the lifeguards and the impact should this happen on the future of the Inshore Rescue and the consequences that will occur.

Concerns were raised by Councillors about the very aggressive marketing done last year by the RNLI that raised £52 million and the concern was they will blanket, Ryde, Sandown bay Area and Freshwater for funds. It could lead to the loss of our Inshore Lifeboat. It was felt that someone has to look seriously at the implications.

Cllr Teasdale said that despite the report in the County Press the Inshore Lifeboats have had no discussions with the RLNI.

The Clerk reported that she had talked to Trish Stillman and the cost for the 4 lifeguard stations is £100,000. She also had asked if lifeguards are removed would it affect our blue flag status to which the reply was it would. The question about why the Town Council had not been consulted was not answered. Councillors felt the scope for savings is insignificant but there are serious implications that will affect the whole of the Bay Area.

RESOLVED:-

THAT a detailed breakdown of expenditure on the lifeguards is requested from the Isle of Wight Council and that this matter is brought to the attention of Shanklin and Lake Parish Councils.

513/10

RESOLUTION FROM CLLR HUMBY

That Sandown Town Council requests the Isle of Wight Council to remove the flower bed in front of the bandstand in Sandham Gardens to form a spectator area.

Cllr Humby had spoken to an officer about this matter and she asked for the support of Sandown Council on this resolution.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council write to John Metcalfe requesting that the flower beds are removed from the front of the bandstand and put in the pond areas and that where the beds were situated are turfed so that chairs can be put out for people to sit and hear a band concert.

514/11

REPORT BACK ON MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL ON LIGHTING IN SANDHAM GARDENS.

Councillors were informed that Sandown Town Council met with Council Officials and it was agreed to light up Sandham Gardens till 2.0am and the Courts until midnight. Cllr Teasdale suggested that if the angle of one of the lights was moved it would light up the Adizone.

515/10

TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THE DATE OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF PLAY ENGLAND PLAY GROUND, MULTI-SPORTS AREA AND THE ADIZONE.

The Council was informed that the official openings of these facilities would be on the 15th August from 10.0am. An Olympic Gold Medallist was coming to open the Adizone but the name of the medallist was not known at the present time and it was hoped as many Councillors as possible would attend the opening.

516/10

TO NOTE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD.

Cllr Humby reported that they were awaiting the results of Government spending cuts. Any changes in the Isle of Wight Councils spending plans will not be known before the cabinet meets on the 21st July. The Isle of Wight had been voted 14th out of 25th as the most popular foreign tourist destination. "A" frames are causing problems on the footpaths and she has requested the highways department to take action on this matter. There are still complaints from residents about dilapidated buildings and HMO's which are still being pursued. The demise of the student rider was raised. It was reported that the Council is trying to renegotiate it.

Cllr Ward reported on HMOs and had attended a meeting with 2 Directors of the Isle of Wight Council, 1 Head of Service and our local Police Inspector to be told there was little they could do about them so residents will continue to have their lives blighted. He has contacted the MP to ask him to make representation to the Home Office to tackle 5 illegal HMO's in Sandown. The 6 Bay Isle of Wight Councillors met and decided to press for immediate action on the following:- To get a half day free parking in Lake in line with Sandown and Shanklin. Action on dilapidated buildings. Investigate action that can be taken at National level to limit HMO's. Re-building of public toilets by developers. Obtain information about the demand for and availability of bed space within the Bay so informed planning decisions can be made about hotels. Number 8 bus is ceasing and is now changing to the 22 causing great concern and not good news for Sandown.

Comments were made about people having to walk 10 minutes to get to a bus stop which is not helping some of our elderly citizens. It was questioned why bus passes could not be confined to the area they are issued in.

517/10

**TO REVIEW AND ADOPT SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESMENT FOR 2010/11
RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council's Risk Assessment for 2010/11 is adopted.

518/10

CLERK TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:-

- Sandown in Bloom.

The Clerk reported that there had been a good response to our plea for more Sandown in Bloom entries and it would be a good competition.

- Health and Safety Commission regarding set net fishing.

The Health and Safety Executive has responded and said the responsibility lies with the person who puts the set nets out.

- Council's contact with the local Police.

The Clerk presented the Council with police structure for Sandown.

The problem with drunks on the street causing a nuisance was raised. The Council asked if an alcohol free zone could be investigated.

- Outcome of meeting with Shanklin and Lake Councils regarding formation of a Town and Parish Bay Regeneration Group and for Sandown Town Council to agree to future action.

The Mayor reported on the positive meeting that had been held with Shanklin and Lake Councils.

The notes of the meeting were noted.

- SLCC Secretary's Meeting, Training Sessions attended at Gloucester University and to report date of National Conference.

The Clerk reported on the Meetings she had attended and the date for the forthcoming SLCC Conference. The main points that were raised at the meetings were partnership working and the Big Society.

519/10

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR ACTION OR NOTING.

- a.** Correspondence received from Zoryna O'Donnell on inspection functions review recently undertaken by the Isle of Wight Council.

The Clerk reported that she had asked why Town and Parish Councils had not been consulted on this review and was basically told they did not have to.

- b.** Correspondence received from Clive Joynes on the Community Governance and Polling Places & Districts Review that the Isle of Wight Council is undertaking.

This was deferred and to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

- c.** Letter received from Andrew Turner regarding proposed constituency changes.

The Council supported the letter from Andrew Turner that the Isle of Wight needs its own MP and not be divided with part going into a mainland constituency.

- d.** Correspondence received from Isle of Wight Council Officers.

Letter received from Kevin Burton regarding dropped kerbs.

Email received in response to a letter to Steve Beynon saying a response will be received within the standard 20 working days.

Email received regarding Conservation and Design Team two year work programme for reviewing conservation area design and identifying new conservation areas.

- e.** Correspondence received from Rotary

Rotary have informed us that they will not be using the Broadway for Christmas lights this year but going to Spithead Estate. They thanked us for the use of the Broadway Centre for the past two years.

Councillors asked the Clerk to look at the cost of the Council putting some lights up at the Broadway Centre this year.

- f.** Green Towns programme official launch.

This item was noted.

- g.** Correspondence received from Bill Murphy.

An email was received setting out the briefing note by the Housing Minister Grant Shapps which indicates that the issuing of an Article 4 Directive is anticipated to be in place by October 2010.

Signed

Date