



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2006 AT 7. 0PM

One resident of Sandown and one non-resident were present at the meeting. Questions were raised about the Broadway Centre to which appropriate answers were given.

The Deputy Mayor received a petition to put on file.

MEMBERS PRESENT. Cllr Young (Deputy Mayor) Cllr Woolley, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Stephenson.

In attendance, Mr C. Mathews Deputy Monitoring Officer Mr Keith Fagan Independent Member of the Standards Board.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr Beevers, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Mereweather due to being on holiday. Cllr Ward, due to being at a meeting of the Isle of Wight Council.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest in Agenda items 3, 8 & 15 because he is a member of various bodies.
- 3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2006**
Cllr Wright raised an objection and asked that the reasons for her voting on the finance item be included. The Clerk responded that under Standing Orders only the vote had to be recorded in the minutes. An amendment for inclusion to the minutes was proposed.

The motion was voted on and lost.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2006 be approved.

- 4. RECOMMENDATION FROM BROADWAY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

The Council received a number of recommendations from the Broadway Management Committee and

RESOLVED

THAT the Council approved the room hire charges for 2007/08:- Culver Room £4 per hour. Yaverland Room £5 per hour. Council Chamber £5 per hour. Los Altos £8 per hour. Main Hall £6.00 per hour.

RESOLVED

THAT the Council is now aware of the new fire regulations and support the interim measure that has been taken.

THAT no members of the public are allowed into the Archivist's office and it is only to be used for storing the Archives.

THAT the Archivist would work in the Council Chamber or the Culver/Yaverland Room.

THAT the Clerk pursue the cost of a fire alarm system and also the cost of a fire escape as well as investigating if the window in the archivist's office could be made to open.

THAT it be noted that estimates on essential works were being obtained for consideration by the Council.

- 5. REQUEST FROM SAODS FOR LIGHT UP A LIFE APPEAL.**

The Town Council considered a request from SAODS to use the Broadway Centre free of charge for rehearsal time for the Macmillan Light of Life Service.

RESOLVED

THAT SAODS be allowed free rehearsal time for the Macmillan Light of Life Service.

6. MAYOR' S CHARITY.

The Council considered supporting the Mayors Charity.

RESOLVED

THAT the Mayors Charity to raise money for a Scanner to go in the new Sandown Medical Centre would be given a grant of £250 under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. DEPUTY MAYORS REGALIA AT THE REQUEST OF CLLR ROGERS.

The Town Council was asked to consider funding the Deputy Mayor's Insignia.

RESOLVED

THAT the Deputy Mayor's Insignia be paid for by the Town Council and not by some Members.

8. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORTS.

The October Income and Expenditure Sheet was presented and also the running total sheet. The Clerk reported that the loan to the Isle of Wight Council was paid. The Council this year had not been charged any interest on the outstanding loan, and we would be receiving the deeds shortly. The first payment on the new loan was due at the beginning of February 07.

Before voting on this item a recorded vote was requested.

Voting for the motion. Cllr Woolley Cllr Cowley Cllr Rogers Cllr Dupre Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Young

Voting Against the motion. Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard.

RESOLVED

THAT the financial reports be accepted.

9. TO DISCUSS STATE OF SOME TOWN BUILDINGS AT THE RESQUEST OF CLLR DUPRE.

In answer to a question the Council has been informed that the owners of the Savoy Court have received an enforcement notice and it will be heard in January.

The Town Council asked that Enforcement Officer be made aware of the condition of old carnival shop.

RESOLVED

THAT the enforcement Officer be asked to look at the premises on the High Street that includes the old Carnival Shop with the view to an enforcement notice being issued.

10. YOUTH PROJECTS

Cllr Stephenson gave an update on the proposals for Sandham Grounds. Councillors agreed there is a need for something to be done in Perowne Way for the Youth as well as at Sandham Grounds.

RESOLVED

THAT the Youth Project at Sandham Grounds and also at Perowne Way is an Agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Wright gave an update on the situation with Bethal Nursery. She reported on the various avenues that are still being pursued to try to prevent this valuable resource being closed.

Cllr Stephenson and Cllr Wright were thanked for the work they were doing.

11. CLERK TO REPORT ON:

a. Letter from Chief Executive Isle of Wight Council

Mr Duckworth supported the view of the Town Council over the state of the toilets in Sandown. He said the Isle of Wight Council is in the process of considering options, for both an increased clean and a regime for capital expenditure in the fabric of the Island's public toilets.

RESOLVED

THAT the letter is noted.

b. Citizen's Advice Bureau

The Clerk advised the Council that a Representative of the Citizens Advice Bureau would be attending their January Council Meeting as the Council had requested.

c. To Report letters received from Local Organisations.

The Clerk reported on letters she had received about the Broadway Centre and also 20 letters that the Isle of Wight Planning Department had received against planning proposals for the site.

RESOLVED

THAT the Council note the letters that have been received but at the same time reiterates no decision has been taken about the future of the Broadway Centre and no Planning Application has been submitted to the Isle of Wight Planning Department. The Council reaffirmed if and when the Council receives an offer on the Town Hall and when the full information on the Town Hall and the Broadway Centre is known the issue will be put before the ratepayer of Sandown and the decision will be taken by them through a ballot box referendum.

d. To Report on letter received from Sandown Partnership.

The Sandown Partnership has agreed to become a “working arm” of Sandown Town Council and they will have to amend their constitution at the next AGM before this can be ratified.

RESOLVED

THAT the letter be noted.

12. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Isle of Wight Association of Parish and Town Councils Executive are noted and it was agreed to host the AGM for the IWAPTC in June 2007.

RESOLVED

THAT the River Yar and the ANOB report are noted.

13. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN OBSERVATIONS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD.

RESOLVED

THAT the reports be noted.

RESOLVED

THAT the Fire and Rescue consultation paper be an Agenda item for the January Council Meeting.

14. SLCC TRAINING DAY FOR CLERKS AND COUNCILLORS

The town council considered a training day being run by the SLCC

RESOLVED

THAT a maximum of 4 people including the Clerk could attend the SLCC Training Day.

15. STANDARDS BOARD LETTER

The Clerk declared a personal interest in this item. Cllr Young, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers and Cllr Wright all declared a personal interest in this item.

RESOLVED

THAT the report is noted and the Council agree to discuss the recommendations at an informal session immediately following this meeting.

16. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

3rd January 2007.

Signed

Date