



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE ON 4th OCTOBER 2006 AT 7. 0PM

Three residents of Sandown were present at the Council Meeting and raised questions relating to Sandown policing.

MEMBERS PRESENT Cllr Mereweather (Mayor) Cllr Young, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Stephenson.

1. INSPECTOR KENNY

It was agreed that Agenda Item 4, Inspector Kenny, be moved to the first agenda item. The Mayor welcomed Inspector Kenny to the meeting. He reported difficulties had arisen because holidays had to be honoured and problems had been caused because the time scale for implementing Neighbourhood Policing had been brought forward by the Government. He answered concerns raised by the Councillors which included young people binge drinking and the amount of vandalism being caused in certain parts of the town, as well as the area around the Library as a local hot spot.

He said he would like residents to phone 101 and report incidences as all calls are logged and that is used as evidence when obtaining a Section 30 order. The Police are targeting licensed premises. The Police are introducing a yellow card system. The young people receive the card and the Police write to their parents. If the child re-offends within 70 days they are prosecuted.

Safer Communities are working with Southern Vectis to provide a night shuttle bus around Sandown to take away the crowds and this is hoped to reduce vandalism caused by people walking through the town to Perowne Way. It starts this month.

In concluding he reported that they are talking to swot teams to clean up graffiti and that the Isle of Wight Council has agreed to match every Police Community Support Officer with an ACS funded by them. The Mayor thanked Inspector Kenny for talking so frankly.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Dupre, Cllr Teasdale, and Cllr Ward.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest in Agenda items 3 8d, 9a and b and 10 because he is a member of various bodies.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2006

RESOLVED:

THAT, subject to the following amendments. Item 5 line 2, add split the travel expenses into two showing Clerks expenses and Councillors expenses. Item 7a line 3, add on an unpaid basis, the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 06 were approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

5. TOWNS MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported:-

- a. An invitation had been received to attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Medical Centre.
- b. A letter of appeal from the doctors who wished to purchase a scanner for the new Centre. She had decided to have the scanner appeal as her Mayor's Charity, and she asked the Councillors to support her in Fund raising events.
It was suggested we have this as an agenda item at the next Town Council Meeting.

RESOLVED

THAT the Scanner Appeal as the Mayor's Charity be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Town Council.

- c. Cllr Wright declared a personal interest in the item on the Medical Centre because of her work. The Council has succeeded in winning for Sandown a Parish Award for £4000 from the Isle of Wight Council.
- d. The Tonny-Charente weekend went well and everyone was delighted with the new twinning sign.

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORTS.

The September Income and Expenditure sheet was presented. Various questions were answered by the Clerk. The Running total sheet was presented. It was reported that the PSB loan of £49,975 had been received and a settlement figure had been requested from the Isle of Wight Council, upon receipt the loan would be paid off. Payment on the new loan would commence in February 2007.

In reply to questions the Clerk confirmed that the old loan was paid retrospectively. The amount of grants that had been awarded was £5850.

On the running total sheet it was agreed to show the loan repayment even though it had been deducted prior to receiving the precept. The Clerk reported it was shown in the ledger.

It was proposed the financial reports be accepted. A recorded vote was requested.

Vote in favour was Cllr Woolley, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Young, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Mereweather.

Vote against Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Wright. Abstentions Cllr Beevers.

Banking was discussed.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Clerk reviews the banking arrangements and investigates the Council changing its Bank and reports back to the Council her findings and recommendations.

7. REQUEST FOR GRANT FROM INSHORE LIFEBOAT

The Clerk was asked to write to Inshore Life Boat asking them to put in an application at the appropriate time next year.

RESOLVED

THAT the Council give the Sandown and Shanklin Inshore Lifeboat a sponsorship of £250.

8. CLERK TO REPORT ON:

a. Sandown Market.

It was agreed this item be moved to the end of the Agenda.

b. Flags.

The Clerk requested that the flags on the Esplanade are taken down to prevent them being damaged during the winter months.

RESOLVED:

THAT the flags be taken down every year on the 1st October and put up again for Easter.

c. Councillors roles.

The Clerk suggested that Councillors took on the responsibility of various consultative documents that came into the Council and present a précis of the consultation to the Council for a decision/comment to be made. In the case of a larger document such as the South East Plan or the Transport Plan a group of Councillors could work together on it. **This was agreed.**

d. Sandham Band Stand

An email from Oliver Dunn was read to the Council confirming the band stand is owned by the Isle of Wight Council and it is also insured by them.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER BODY PRIOR TO THE MEETING:-

- a. Isle of Wight Parking Places.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Isle of Wight parking Places be noted.

- b. Isle of Wight Gambling Act. Cllr Rogers agreed to look at the document and bring it back to the next Planning Meeting.
- c. Appointment of Independent Members to Hampshire Police.
- d. Poppy Appeal. Cllr Beevers agreed to pass on the request for Poppy Collectors to the members of the Forum.
- e. Bethel Nursery. It was agreed that Cllr Wright approach the Nursery Leader to see if help could be given.
- f. Letter received from Environmental Health informing us they had passed on our complaint about coaches in Fort Street car park to the Environment Agency to investigate.

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

The Council received written observations from Cllr Humby and Cllr Ward.

RESOLVED

THAT the reports be noted.

The issue of 6th Forms was raised in Cllr Humby's report.

RESOLVED

THAT the Council would write to the Isle of Wight Council saying it supported choice and a continued provision of the 6th form at Sandown High School.

11. COUNCIL WEB SITE.

Continues to be up dated. Links to other organisations and a picture gallery showing events such as the Tonny-Charente visits will be included as well as it being a shop window for Sandown.

12. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

1st November 2006.

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".

13. SANDOWN MARKET.

The appointment of a Market Superintendent was discussed.

Signed

Dated

