



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7. 0PM

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Woolley (Cllr Ward for his lateness.)

2. PRESENTATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL BY CLLR HUMBY.

Cllr Humby formally presented to the Town Council the Union Jack from HMS Sandown that was given to her when it last visited Sandown. The Mayor received the flag on behalf of the Town Council and thanked her.

Cllr Humby then presented to the Council on behalf of Wayne MacDowell a St Pete Beach Sister City Banner which he had sent as a personal gift to Sandown. The Mayor received the banner on behalf of the Town.

The Mayor then presented Cllr Young with a new Deputy Mayors badge that had been paid for by donations and not by the Town Council.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Beevers and Cllr Rogers declared a personal interest in agenda items 7b and 10a.

Cllr Beevers declared a prejudicial interest in the agenda item 9b Town Hall

Cllr Dupre declared a personal interest in agenda item 9b.

Cllr Young and Cllr Mereweather declared a personal interest agenda item 7a

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest in agenda items 4, 6,7,8,9,10,12 and 13.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY 2006

With the addition of the words Isle of Wight Council 3rd line agenda item 9 and a spelling rectified the minutes were agreed.

5. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCE REPORTS.

The Town Clerk presented the July and August monthly income and expenditure figures and answered various questions. The Clerk presented the running total sheet showing July and August expenditure. The Clerk said in answer to a query she would split the Travel expenses into two showing Clerks expenses and Councillors expenses and vire some money into the new heading. She would also split the training heading into two showing Training and SLCC expenditure taking the SLCC out of training heading where it has always been.

The finance reports were duly moved for approval. Cllr Wright said that until her previous questions were answered she would not vote on finance. A recorded vote was taken. In favour of approving the finance reports Cllr Rogers, Cllr Young, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Ward. Against Cllr Beevers, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Dupre. Abstentions Cllr Wright and Cllr Stephenson. The Finance reports were approved.

6. TONNEY CHARANTE VISIT.

The Clerk reported on the arrangements for the Saturday Evening Reception and Sunday morning unveiling of the sign. In reply to a question from Cllr Teasdale the Clerk said a meeting had been arranged with the Mayor at the request of the Officers of the Twinning Association. The Council's representative had not been invited to attend the meeting and she apologised to Cllr Blezzard for excluding him. She had set up the meeting as requested. Cllr Blezzard accepted her apology.

Cllr Wright, Cllr Ward, Cllr Young and Cllr Dupre apologised for being unable to attend the Reception on Saturday evening. It was agreed that Councillors who were attending could bring their partners. Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Cowley and Cllr Mereweather said they would attend the reception.

7. CLERK TO REPORTED ON:

a. Sandown Market.

The Clerk reported that the Market Superintendent had left and our caretaker had covered the market in the interim but she did not know who would cover it this weekend. Cllr Blezzard offered to provide cover it if there was no one else on an unpaid basis. It was agreed to advertise in the County Press for a Market Superintendent.

Cllr Dupre raised the question of our market traders not paying rent on the day of the French Market. Cllr Mereweather replied as one of the licence holders of the market licence she had been informed that our stallholders were angry that the French were not paying for their space. After talking with the other licence holder, Cllr Young, the decision was taken that we could not ask our stallholders to pay. Only 5 stallholders were involved. This action was taken in good faith, as there was not time to call a meeting. She also said the shops and businesses had reported an increased trade in the town on that Sunday and there was no trouble. After further discussion it was duly proposed that we support the decision that no rents were charged. 7 voted for the motion 2 against 1 abstained. The mayor took no part in the vote.

Cllr Stephenson asked that in future if we have another French market a road closure be obtained as happens for Christmas Eve Fun Day. Agreed.

b. **Proposal for Yaverland Car Park.**

The proposal was for the alterations to Yaverland Car Park that takes the cars away from the sea wall and extends the car park back into the lawned area with 1 barrier at the sea wall. It was proposed that there should be more encroachment on the stump to create additional car parking places. This was agreed. It was resolved with the addition of additional places the Council supports the alteration to the car park. Agreed.

c. **20mph Speed Limit to be introduced on 25th August 2006.**

The introduction of 20mph from Pier Rd and along the Esplanade was noted.

d. **Results of Parish and Town Council Workshop Survey.**

The results of the Town and Parish Workshop were noted

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

a. **Isle of Wight Economic Partnership re: Rural Development Programme for England 2007-2013.**

The Clerk reported that comments on this document would be welcomed and it was available to be seen in full on the web. Information on the web site had been circulated.

b. **Tennyson Trail Prohibition of Driving Order.**

This Council agreed with the proposed Prohibition of Driving Order for Tennyson Trail. There were 3 abstentions.

9. OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

a. Cllr Blezzard's report on the IWATPC was noted. The Councillors were also informed that they could attend any of the meetings of the IWATPC. The next meeting was to be held on the 28th September 06 at County Hall.

b. Cllr Beevers left the room for this item. Cllr Teasdale gave the Council an update on the Town Hall. He said he had heard that education had now withdrawn. He had been told we should get something through in 2 weeks but it would probably be on a lease, as the Isle of Wight Council wants to keep it in their portfolio. He reiterated that we had no designs on the Wise centre or the Youth Club but the Council should agree that we take over the lease for the whole of the building and we agree to let the other groups carry on. The stumbling block is the Main Hall, which would be run by a committee. Very little is going on in the main building.

Cllr Blezzard thought they would want to keep some parts of the building under their control otherwise it would be very messy. He suggested we need to prepare a business case including the proportion of income. He said under no circumstances would he support the Broadway Centre being sold. Cllr Teasdale reminded the Council that the idea was to get regeneration funds into the town and to try and sustain two properties in the precept would be very hard.

Cllr Wright asked whether the Council was aware of all the free users and asked that there be no alteration to the present structure. She also commented on the lack of parking spaces. It was said that the old mortuary at the rear of the building could come down and increase the parking available.

There were disagreements at the amount of use and it was questioned whether the building could hold all the facilities that were going on in both places.

Cllr Dupre raised the point that there needed to be a total revamping of the Youth Club, as it needs refurbishing.

It was proposed that when we get the offer from the Council there that a separate Council Meeting be held to discuss it. Agreed.

Cllr Rogers said the offer may not be acceptable. We have to go to the people of Sandown, as it is their decision to decide and a Referendum would be held. Cllr Wright asked if there was an Isle of Wight Council time scale. Cllr Teasdale replied at this stage there was not. The move must be the right move for the people of Sandown and this Council. Cllr Beevers returned to the meeting.

c. Cllr Teasdale report on the Partnership was noted.

d. Cllr Teasdale reported on the Big Top. He said it had a mixed success. It had cost the Partnership £800 as a couple of the bills were unexpected. Some of the events were quiet and some were very good.

10. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL ISSUES.

a. **Yaverland Bus**

Cllr Beevers asked Cllr Ward and Cllr Humby to look into keeping the Yaverland Bus. Cllr Ward said the Rural Bus Grant put in the Yaverland bus, which was an RCC grant. There is no more of that money but it will be replaced by a regular bus service giving the residents 10 buses a day which will go round the estate. Cllr Beevers asked for notices on the bus stops because there were no timetables. Cllr Ward agreed to ask for this to be done.

b. Toilets

Cllr Beevers complained the toilets were still not being properly cleaned and there were no bins in the ladies toilets. There was still no notice in the toilets informing the public who to complain to. Cllr Ward said he had spent an afternoon walking round County Hall to find out who was holding up the toilet improvements and had found out that the Strategic Asset Management Group process on this matter is still ongoing. The issue is what happens to the money as we want it reinvested in the remaining toilets. This issue is still to be panned out.

Cllr Dupre said that toilets were a basic need. They need to be in a good state and the public are complaining. Cllr Ward said more money had been put into the cleaning contract more cleans were paid for and bins should have been there. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Chief Executive with a copy to Brian Mosdall and send the Isle of Wight Council the photographs of the toilets.

c. Sandham Band Stand.

The Clerk reported that the Isle of Wight Council had had City Electrics looking to see if they could install vandal proof lighting at the bandstand. Cllr Teasdale said that the lights at Sandham Grounds need to be on until midnight during July and August. When the lights are turned off the youngsters come out and it is not a good place to walk.

Cllr Young suggested that the lights be put onto a street light circuit with an Isle of Wight Council street light contract. The Clerk brought to the Councils attention a letter she had received from the Isle of Wight Council regarding the railings and also a copy of their Health and Safety report. Questions were raised about the ownership of the bandstand. The Clerk said the Isle of Wight Council owned it and Oliver Dunn had said they insured it. The Clerk agreed to ask for a letter from the Isle of Wight Council confirming this.

11. SANDOWN IN BLOOM AWARDS EVENING

The Sandown in Bloom Awards Evening will take place on Friday 27th October at 7.30pm in Los Altos Room at the Broadway Centre. Simon Goodenough will be our Guest Speaker.

12. OBSERVATIONS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Humby said things that really matter are the everyday things. Need more money put into loos, dog bins, potholes and roads. The facility for coaches to get rid of sewage is something that has to be taken up. Anti social behaviour is going to cause the imposition of Section 30. She talked about the burdens being put on the Regatta and Carnival with risk assessments, insurance and all the other regulations. Voluntary bodies should not be charged.

Cllr Ward said he went to a meeting with English Heritage and Conservation Areas are liable for grants. He said crime comes from people using holiday accommodation. He had been to Planners to ask fort conditions to be put in place but it is difficult to enforce. We are getting the wrong people because we have too many beds. He reported that the Isle of Wight Council was combining various enforcement roles into an Enforcement Officer to report problems. The road PFI has been submitted and if we are successful will get us the best part of £800,000.000. We will know after Christmas if we have succeeded. It encompasses everything from roads, pavements, lights, street furniture. It takes 2 years to put it into effect. A new Director for Engineering Services has been appointed. The charges that a Town Council faces community groups for events are being looked at. It is a case of deciding who should or should not pay.

Cllr Blezzard raised the problems of anti-social behaviour on the estate. Cllr Ward replied that he has asked for a fence.

13. COUNCILLORS TRAINING

The Clerk had previously circulated a list of suggestions for training that had been sent out from the Parish Liaison Team. She asked if any other subjects needed covering. She agreed to take back the suggestion that training be done on a cluster arrangement as we had done for planning.

14. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

4th October 2006

Signed

Dated

