



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON 2ND MAY 07 AT 7.0PM.

7 Members of the Public were present. Questions on Trading Standards no cold calling zone and safety of records were raised.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Young, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Beevers,
Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Wright, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Ward.

57/07 ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Young was nominated for the position of Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Cllr Young was duly elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Cllr Young made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

58/07 MAYOR TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Cllr Young thanked the Council for electing him as Town Mayor. He thanked Cllr Jacquie Mereweather for her work as Mayor over the last two years and he gave a commitment to continue working to take Sandown forward.

59/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Teasdale due to illness.

60/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2007

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th April 2007 were approved.

61/07 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Ward were nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor. A paper ballot took place.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Cllr Ward was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

62/07 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest in Item 63/07 as the representative on various bodies.

Cllr Rogers declared a personal interest in the Sandown Partnership as he was a member of Sandown Partnership.

Cllr Mereweather declared a personal interest in the Sandown Partnership and the Sandown Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society as she was a member of both associations.

Cllr Beevers declared a personal interest in the Sandown Youth and Community Centre as she was a volunteer at the Youth Club.

63/07 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE YEAR 2007/08. The Mayor is ex-officio on all committees with voting rights.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the following named Councillors were appointed to the Broadway Centre and Events Committee and that all Councillors are members of the Planning Committee.

PLANNING MEETING.	All Members of the Council.
BROADWAY CENTRE MEETING	Cllr Rogers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Mereweather
EVENTS MEETING	Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Ward, Cllr Wright, Cllr Stephenson and Cllr Beevers.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the following named Councillors were appointed to the various outside bodies.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Isle of Wight Town and Parish Association	Cllr Blezzard.
Sandown Community Partnership	Cllr Young, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Woolley
South Wight Youth Theatre	Cllr Beevers
Isle of Wight Waste Management	Cllr Cowley
Sandown Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Dupre
Sandown Forum	Cllr Ward, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers
Sandown Amateur Operatic.	Cllr Stephenson.
St Pete Beach	Cllr Dupre, Cllr Young, Cllr Ward, Cllr Mereweather.
Tonnay-Charente	Cllr Wright.

64/07 MAYORAL ALLOWANCE To propose the mayoral allowance for 2007-08
Cllr Young left the meeting for this item and the Chair was taken by Cllr Ward.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the mayoral allowance for 2007-08 is £1000.

Cllr Young returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

65/07 MOTION BY CLR BLEZZARD for debate.

“That the Council adopts a six weekly cycle of meetings as set out below commencing from the start of the 2007/8 Council year with any consequent changes to Standing Orders being brought to the next meeting.” (Dates enclosed)

This item was discussed and Cllr Ward suggested that we look at having some members that shadow the areas of the Isle of Wight Council portfolios so that we can make known the needs of Sandown more effectively.

RESOLVED :-

THAT this item be deferred until the next meeting when further suggestions regarding future meetings/structure can be brought forward.

66/07 TO AGREE DATES OF MEETINGS FOR ENSUING YEAR.

The Clerk reported she had looked at meeting dates and had taken into account a previous suggestion to change from the first to the second week of the month for the Town Council meeting. This would allow the Council to have a whole month's accounts at its meeting. That would mean the Council would meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and the Planning Committee would be held on the 4th Wednesday.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the next two Town Council Meetings followed by Planning Meetings would be on the 13th June and the 11th of July 07. A Planning Meeting would also be held on the 16th May 07 after the informal meeting with the Health Authority and Lake Parish Councillors and this would be followed by Broadway Centre Meeting. There would also be Planning Meetings on the 27th June and the 25th July 07. Dates for the rest of year to be agreed at the next meeting of the Town Council on the 13th June 06.

67/07 FINANCE

The Clerk presented the final income and expenditure sheet for March 07 together with the running total sheet for the year. This showed at the year end the cash brought forward into 2007/08 was £30858.85. Part of the

cash brought forward was a ring fenced amount of £16000 for named projects. The income and expenditure sheet for the 1st-26th April 07 was also presented. The budget sheet showing April 07 expenditure until the 26th April was also presented. The Clerk agreed to break down the cash brought forward figure on the budget sheet to show the ring fenced items separately from this figure.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the financial reports for March and April be accepted.

The Clerk raised the issue of the Archivist Honorarium due to him, as he has resigned his position from the 3rd June 07. She also raised the issue of the archives especially the controlled environment that the Sandown Chronicles needed to be kept in and wondered if they would be better preserved by the County Archivist on behalf of Sandown.

RESOLVED:-

- a. THAT Mr Hall receives £200 the full amount of the Honorarium and Mr Hall's resignation is accepted by the Council
- b. THAT the Clerk is to write to Mr Hall on behalf of the Council thanking him for all he had done over the years and wishes him well in his retirement.
- c. THAT the Clerk is to purchase an appropriate leaving present for him on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT advice be sought from Cllr Mereweather's daughter who was a qualified archivist in a Royal Household to advise us in the best way to store the archives and that the Broadway Centre Management Committee discuss this matter at its next meeting and bring their recommendations to Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Mr Findon be written to and asked if he would be happy with the suggested arrangement for the Chronicles.

68/08 RESOLUTION FROM COUNCILLOR TEASDALE.

"For this Council to consider ring fencing the income (after expenses) from the Sandown Market in the next financial year to be used solely for the sustainability of the multi use arena, and other youth projects within the town."

The Council discussed the proposal from Cllr Teasdale.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council ring fences the income (after expenses) from the Sandown Market in the next financial year to be used solely for the sustainability of the multi use arena, and other youth projects within the town.

69/07 BROADWAY CENTRE

Clerk reported she had investigated questions raised regarding the Broadway Centre. She had taken legal advice, the deeds had been checked and there is no reverter on them. The Land is registered in the name of Sandown Town Council. She had also had talks with the Isle of Wight Council's Property Services who stated the Council bought the building from the Portsmouth Diocese freehold. It was purchased by them at the cost of £12,000. The Portsmouth Diocese had to obtain permission from the then Secretary of State to sell the property to the Isle of Wight Council and this was given. The Clerk had also talked to Brian Hayes who was responsible for Education in the Portsmouth Diocese and who had knowledge and had been involved with the building. He confirmed that the land and property was purchased freehold by the Isle of Wight Council. The Clerk confirmed the Broadway Centre and the land it stands on is owned by and registered to Sandown Town Council.

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".

The resignation of the Town Archivist and staffing matters was discussed by the Council

At the close of the meeting the Mayor invited the Councillors to join him for a drink and nibbles.

