



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE ON 4th APRIL 07 AT 7. 0PM

4 Members of the Public were present.

Mr Paul and Mrs Orman raised questions on the Broadway Centre.

MEMBERS PRESENT. Cllr Mereweather (Mayor) Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers.

46/07. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dupre, Cllr Wright, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Ward.

47/07. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest in items 51/07 52/07 53/07 54/07 as a Member of the IWC Scrutiny Committee and a Member of the Tonnyay-Charente Twinning Association.

Cllr Mereweather and Cllr Rogers and Cllr Woolley declared a personal interest in item 53/07 c.

48/07. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH MARCH 07.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the Town Council meeting on 7th March 07 were approved

49/07. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure Sheet from the 1st March 07 to the 21st March 07. The Mayor reported on a letter she had received from Dr Randall saying the scanner appeal stood at £7800.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the financial report from the 1st to the 21st March be accepted.

50/07. SANDOWN IN BLOOM TO OBTAIN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ORDER TOWNS HANGING BASKETS AND TROUGHS PLANTING.

a. The Clerk requested since the cost of the hanging baskets and the planting of the troughs was over the amount she was allowed to spend under standing orders that delegated authority be given to her to enable her to order the plants for the town and also the watering of them.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk be given delegated authority to order the plants for the town and also the watering of them.

b. It was reported that the bid for a grant from the 1 Million Bloom project had been successful and Sandown had been awarded £1500. This was to cover two projects one at the railway station and one at the band stand at Sandham Gardens. Both projects would use sustainable plants.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the award be noted.

51/07. TO RESPOND TO THE IWC DRAFT SUBMISSION ON CONSULTATION ON ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Discussion took place on the IWC submission. There was a feeling that the number of Councillors should be less than 40. A two member ward for Sandown was discussed but was rejected by the Councillors.

RESOLVED:-

THAT wards should be re-visited and there should be a further reduction of wards.

RESOLVED:-

THAT a more equal number of electorate in Sandown South and Sandown North.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Sandown Ward Boundaries are looked at again with representatives from the Town Council.

52/07. CLERK TO REPORT ON:

a. Launch of Scores on Doors

The Clerk reported on the introduction by Environmental Health of the new initiative of awarding stars to catering establishment to display on their doors so the public are aware of the standard that facility is attaining.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the item is noted.

53/07 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

- a. Cllr Blezzard reported on a successful twinning visit to Tonney-Charente and the warm welcome that everyone received. He had visited a Football Club with Jean-Philippe. There was hope that a Youth Football team could come over next year as well as the dancers. The twinning needs a younger generation for it to thrive.
- b. Cllr Mereweather reported on a gift of wood that is being used in the reconstruction of the Hermione and a gift of flag and a CD of their visit over here last year. She also reported that Isabelle Favell had made links with their Operatic Society and Sandown Operatic was also going to be involved.
- c. Cllr Teasdale reported on the Partnership and said they had put in a bid to B&Q for £5000. They were pursuing a bid from the Youth Opportunities Fund. They had a meeting with the IWC and had asked for all of the land at the tennis courts on a peppercorn rent. Sustainability had to be proved to the IWC and asked if the Council would consider ring fencing the income (after expenses) from the Sandown Market which would be used solely for the sustainability of the multi use arena, and other youth projects within the town.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

- d. Cllr Teasdale reported on the problems with the cliff and why there needed to be a new Lifeboat Station in Sandown. The Sandown and Shanklin Inshore Lifeboat were raising money by launching a 3rd lottery with a new car being the first prize. Tickets would be on sale at all the main Island venues. The Lions were holding a Lions Challenge on the evening of the 13th April at the Lions Hall Lake and they wanted ideas for projects. The Lifeboat need new dry suits and has put in a request for them.

54/07. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD.

Both Cllr Humby and Cllr Ward reported on the problems with the Youth and alcohol causing anti-social behaviour, damaging property and giving abuse.

Cllr Humby was asking for information on where some yellow lines could go and where others were needed. She reported that problems have been experienced in Fort Street car park and ways of illuminating the car park is being looked into, the Civic Pride Committee has been restarted, and that Town Managers are soon to be appointed to the main towns. She has been out with the local beat officer on the evening of the 30th March 07 and was very impressed with the visible police presence in Sandown.

Cllr Ward reported on the problem of shops and adults still selling alcohol and cigarettes to under age youths. He has accepted an invitation to take part in the proposed Tourism Board as tourism is important to Sandown. He said a survey of Pier Street toilets have uncovered serious structural faults that cannot be repaired before the season starts and it may be better to demolish and rebuild them.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Town Council write to the IWC to request a representative on the interview panel for the appointment of the Town Manager.

RESOLVED:-

THAT we invite Sgt Davidson our new police sergeant, to meet the Town Council.

55/07. 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”.

SANDOWN MARKET

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the market.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerks verbal report be noted.

56/07. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd MAY 2007.