



## **SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL**

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### **A SPECIAL MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE ON THURSDAY THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2007 AT 7. 0PM**

**7.0pm to 7.15pm Time allocated for residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town Matters.**  
No Residents attended the meeting.

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

#### **13/07. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Ward, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Woolley

#### **14/07. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Young declared a personal interest in Item 16.07 because he lived in Copse End.

Cllr Wright declared a personal interest in Item 16/07 because of being Treasurer of L.A.R.A.

Cllr Beevers declared a personal interest in item 16/07 because of being a Youth Club Volunteer.

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest in items 15/07 & 16/07 because of being a member of the IWC Scrutiny Committee and Secretary of L.A.R.A.

#### **15/07. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE AND TO RESPOND ON BEHALF OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL.**

The Council discussed the three options put forward by the Isle of Wight Council for the Fire and Rescue Service. It was felt the financial information given in the consultative document was three years out of date. It was felt that the presentation made by the Consultant was a biased presentation. There was no acknowledgment that the Fire Service had been turned round and savings of £600,000 had been made. The Councillors were not willing for Islanders to lose control and accountability of the Fire and Rescue Service to Hampshire. They felt that transitional costs would be high and there would be severe disruption as well as the possibility of the best equipment on the Island being taken to Hampshire.

The Council felt option 2 was part way to a full blown merger and it had not been highlighted that joint purchasing and training was already taking place within option 3.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

That Sandown Town Council supports option 3 and that the views that the Council had expressed at the meeting were also included in the Councils response to the consultation.

#### **16/07. YOUTH PROJECTS**

- a.** The Council was informed that until a complete review of the Isle of Wight Council's Property and land holdings was complete there would be no decision on what land was available for play areas. The review was due to be completed by the end of March.

- b. The Council was informed that until a review of the Youth Service has been completed by then no decision could be given by the Isle of Wight Council. Dependent on that decision would be the outcome of the business Plan for the Youth Project. The review was due to be completed by the end of March.
- c. Councillors had received an invitation to attend a presentation given by Colonnade Holdings on 25<sup>th</sup> January 06 which showed a proposed site for a Youth Project.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council waits for the outcome of the two Isle of Wight Council Reviews.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Councillors wait to hear the outcome of the proposals from Colonnade Holdings on a Youth Project.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT we ask for a letter from the Isle of Wight Council regarding the section 116 money of £30,000 from the developers of the new housing on Perowne Way is ring fenced and carried forward into the next financial year for the Youth Project.

**d. 1MILLION BLOOMS PROJECT.**

The Mayor reported on a meeting that she attended with the Town Clerk on the planting and enhancing areas within our Towns and Parishes. Between £500 to £2500 could be won to support enhancing a part of our town and she suggested the Railway Station. She requested that the Council register an interest in this project.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this Council supports the 1 Million Blooms Project and that we register an interest in this project on behalf of the Town Council.

**17/07. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

7<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**Signed**

**Date**