



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD
AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON THE 14th NOVEMBER 07 AT 7.0PM.**

7.0pm to 7.15pm Time allocated for residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town Matters.
The Council Meeting commenced at 7.15pm

Three Members of the Public Present. Mr Walker commented on the White Air event and suggested that there should be more emphasis on activities on the seaward side and the event should be more up market.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Young (Chairman) Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Wright, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Woolley. Also present Acting Inspector Davidson and Stuart Marlton, Town Manager.

131/07 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ward as he was representing Sandown at St Pete Beach. Cllr Woolley for late arrival.

132/07 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 07

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th October 2007 were approved.

The Mayor prior to the next item congratulated the Clerk and presented her with her CiLCA Certificate.

133/07 TO MAKE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Mereweather made a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 141/07a
Cllr Beevers made a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 139/07B
Cllr Blezzard declared personal interest in the remaining items on the agenda as a member of the Isle of Wight Council Scrutiny Committee.

134/07 TO MEET SGT DAVIDSON SANDOWN'S POLICE SARGEANT.

The Mayor welcomed Acting Inspector Davidson to the meeting who explained the area of his responsibility. His role is to look at the community problems. He explained about a recent project with Young people in Sandown, working with the Youth Service. Now have 50 people in the park not on the street. Criminal damage has now been reduced. Only 40 residents turned up at the public meeting which indicated there is not a problem in Sandown.

Stuart Marlton the Town Centre Manager also attended the Council Meeting and reported he was working closely with the police and he now had an email address at the library.

135/07 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

- a. Payments and Receipts for October 07
- b. October 07 Summary of Payment and Receipts.

The Clerk presented the October 07 Payments and Receipts and reported on the virements she had made on the October budget from our set budget which included the virement for Sandown in Bloom due to the overspend on cost of watering that the Council was advised about in October.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk could vire amounts up to £500 in the budget without referring back to the Council and that this resolution be accepted as an amendment to Standing Orders.

A question was raised about the ability to draw down money for Training it was said that there would be a pot of money there for training.

A recorded vote was requested.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the financial reports for October 07 be approved.

FOR Cllr, Stephenson, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Young.

AGAINST Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard

136/07

TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT REPORT FROM THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE.

The Clerk reported on the draft report which proposed the reduction of Council seats to 43. and commented that notice had been taken of the request for two Councillors for Sandown.

137/07

MOTION FROM CLLR BLEZZARD.

Cllr Blezzard asked to change the motion slightly to the following:-

- a. To ask the Boundary Committee to amend the boundary between the two Sandown County Electoral divisions and Town Council Wards. The boundary to run from the Station in Station Avenue as far as the Broadway and then do a dog leg so that Station Avenue from the Broadway down to the seafront would be in the North Ward rather than the South Ward. This would make 200 electors switch from South to North Ward to equalise the two wards. This motion was widely debated.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this resolution was passed on the casting vote of the Mayor.

- b. To consider asking the Boundary Committee to reduce the size of the Town Council to 8 or 10 members.

This motion was put to the vote and was not supported.

138/07

MOTION FROM CLLR DUPRE.

To pursue a feasibility study for a harbour in Sandown.

A wide ranging discussion took place about a feasibility study for Sandown. It was pointed out that there had been a previous Feasibility study carried out at Sandown and also a proposal of a marina based at Dunnose using the sea shelf.

A discussion took place on putting Buoys in Sandown Bay. The Clerk reminded the Council she had reported on the costs of doing this at the last meeting. Discussions were taking place with the Queens Harbour Master regarding putting buoys into Sandown Bay. The cost of insuring the buoys was also raised.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Mr McGuiness be invited to talk to the Council at an informal meeting.

RESOLVED:-

THAT a request is made to the Isle of Wight Council for copies of the previous feasibility studies.

139/07

CLERK TO REPORT ON:-

- a. Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils Special General Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Planning meeting be changed to Thursday 29th November 07 to allow members to attend.

- b. Sandown Youth and Community Centre letter
Cllr Beevers left the room. A letter has been received from the Youth Service asking the Council for financial support for a new Youth Project.
RESOLVED:-
THAT £600 is given from the Youth Project money to Sandown Youth and Community Centre and that we review giving them an additional £400 when the budget is looked at.
- c. Charity coffee morning.
The Council had received a letter from the Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council regarding a coffee morning he was holding in aid of the Hospice on 17th November at the Dinosaur Museum Postal Ballot.
RESOLVED:-
THAT this item is noted.
- d. Postal Ballot.
The Clerk reported that the legal advice had been received and we are able to hold a consultation ballot which is in the process of being done at this moment in time.
- e. An invitation had been received from the Rail Partnership for the opening of a walk way from the Railway station and this was being held on the 4th December. All Councillors are invited to the opening
RESOLVED:-
THAT this item is noted.
- f. A letter received from Isle of Wight Health Authority thanking the Council for meeting them and the help they had received for the Public Meeting.
- g. A letter had been received asking Councils to nominate to the Parish Task Group
RESOLVED:-
THAT this item is noted.
- h. Christmas Eve Fun Day is going ahead. A new group is now working on the Fun Day. It is going ahead and could the Councillors support it.
- i. Data Protection
The Clerk reported that our Data Protection Registration is up to date.
- j. Quality Council
The Clerk reported that Cllr Beevers has resigned for the working party. The portfolio for Quality Council is nearly completed and it will be submitted shortly.
- k. Island Core Strategy Plan meeting is to be held on 9th January at Falcon Cross Hall Shanklin. Three representatives from this Council can attend.
RESOLVED:-
THAT Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Cowley and Cllr Mereweather to attend.
- l. It was reported that the Remembrance Day Service went well this year and a request was made that that the Market is not held on that day in future.
RESOLVED:-
THAT no market is held on Remembrance Day
- m. Sandown In Bloom Awards Evening.
It was reported that the Awards Evening was a very successful evening and a thank you was given to the Clerk for organising it..
- n. Sandown Forum
Complaints had been received that no Town Council Representatives attended the Sandown Forum Meeting. It was reported that some Councillors had sent their apologies as they were unable to attend.

140/07

TO RECEIVE PAPERS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

Cllr Cowley Island Waste.

RESOLVED :-

THAT the report be noted.

Cllr Blezzard Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the report be noted.

Cllr Stephenson gave an update on the progress of the Skate Board Park and it was reported that Hampshire constabulary was giving £3000 towards the project.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Skate Board Park is an agenda item every month.

141/07 TO RECEIVE THE BROADWAY CENTRE MINUTES FOR THE 18TH JULY 07

- a. Recommendation from the Broadway Centre to pay an honorarium to Miss Mereweather for the report and advice that she has given regarding the archives. The Chairman complimented Miss Mereweather on the professional report that she had produced and the advice she had given to the Council

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the Broadway Centre be noted.

Cllr Mereweather left the room for the recommendation from the Broadway Centre.

RESOLVED:-

THAT an honorarium of £200 be paid to Miss Mereweather.

142/07 TO NOTE DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

10th January 08

RESOLVED:-

THAT the next Town Council meeting would be on the 10th January 08.

Signed

Cllr Mereweather reminded the Council that Sandown Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society in conjunction with the Town Council were putting on the Spirit of Christmas together with the Mountbatten Hospice Light of Life Service on the 14th December at the Broadway Centre.

