



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON 13TH JUNE 07 AT 7.0PM.

5 Members of the Public were present. Questions on the Broadway Centre Referendum and Sandown Archives were raised.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Young (Mayor) Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Ward, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Wright, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Mereweather. Also in attendance Mr Keith Fagan Independent Member of the Standards Board.

70/07 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Cowley and Cllr Stephenson due to them being away on holiday.

71/07 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND MAY 2007

With the amendment to 65/07 by changing on line 4 the words meeting to members and mirror to shadow the minutes were approved.

72/07 TO MAKE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Blezzard declared personal interest in the remaining items on the agenda as a member of the Isle of Wight Council Scrutiny Committee.

Cllr Beevers declared a personal interest in agenda item 79/07 as a volunteer for the Isle of Wight Bat Hospital.

73/07 TO ADOPT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 NUMBER 1159.

The new model code of conduct was discussed by the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this would be an agenda item in September 07.

74/07 TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

The Council received the letter from the Chairman of the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED

THAT the date of the training session on the new Code of Conduct to be held at the Broadway Centre Sandown on Thursday 12th July starting at 7.0pm is noted.

75/07 TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

- a. The Council received the finance reports for 1-30th April 07 and also for 1-31st May 07. The Clerk agreed to show the archivist account as a separate heading on the balance sheet.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the finance reports for April and May 07 were approved.

- b. The Council received the annual accounts for 2006-2007.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the annual accounts for 2006-2007 be accepted.

For the resolution:- Cllr Rogers, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Young, Cllr Teasdale,
Cllr Ward, Cllr Woolley.

Against the resolution:- Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Wright, Cllr Beevers.

Abstentions:- Cllr Dupre.

Following the vote the resolution was carried.

- c. The auditors report was presented to the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the auditors report was noted and the clerk would have all councillors if they so wished as a signature on the bank mandate.

76/07

MOTION FROM COUNCILLORS MEREWATHER AND COWLEY.

For this Council to consider setting up a small working party to monitor this Councils progress in complying with requirements for Quality Status.

Cllr Blezzard submitted the following amendment to the motion:-

Delete everything after "This Council" and insert "monitors progress in meeting Quality Status requirements and includes this as a standing agenda item at future Council meetings until Quality Status is achieved."

Following debate the amendment was lost.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this Council sets up a small working party to monitor this Councils progress in complying with requirements for Quality Status and reports back to the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Cllr Rogers Cllr Mereweather Cllr Beevers form the working party and that it meets during the day.

77/07

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DUPRE

a. That this Council passes a resolution in Principle supporting the Yaverland Area Development for the future survival of our town.

b. That this Council invite the new Regeneration Director to meet our Council

c. That this Council forms a Regeneration Working Party.

A wide ranging discussion took place on the proposed motions. It was felt that Sandown was the bottom of the list as far as regeneration was concerned and a regeneration working party was needed to fight for Sandown. The Council discussed Development that should be of quality and good for the town.

Cllr Blezzard submitted the following amendment to the motion:- Delete paragraph a and renumber b. and c. After discussion and a new resolution in place of a. was proposed and Cllr Blezzard withdrew his amendment.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this Council supports the need for appropriate Regeneration of Sandown for the future survival of our town.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Regeneration Director is invited to a meeting of the Town Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT a Regeneration Working Party is formed.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Cllr Young chairs the working party and that the working party comprises of Cllr Young, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Wright, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Dupre and Cllr Teasdale

RESOLVED:-

THAT the working party is given delegated powers to be proactive and for it to report back to the Council.

78/07

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MEREWETHER.

That this Council seeks approval from the IW Council to purchase with our Parish Award money a Merida TFS 800 D bike for our Sandown Safer Neighbourhood Team This would allow high visibility patrols as well as rapid response in areas having problems with young people. Sandown at the moment cannot be covered effectively on foot. By being visible and being able to reach more areas during a patrol would add to the public reassurance especially our elderly population that are being terrorised at the present time. By doing this we will help to raise the profile of policing in the trouble spots.

The Council discussed the resolution.

The resolution was not supported so the motion fell.

79/07

MOTION FROM THE BROADWAY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a. That the Town Council have a full debate at to-nights meeting about the Broadway Centre and any other options that the Councillors wish to bring forward so that all options can be put to the residents of Sandown in a referendum.

Cllr Rogers Chairman of the Broadway Management Committee opened the discussion with 3 options:-

1. Retain status quo.
2. Sell Los Altos for Development and use the money raised to upgrade the main building and return loan.
3. Relocate to centre of the Town and the residual amount to fund local organisations and create a Town Trust to regenerate the town.

It was reported that only 1 in 10 bookings for the Broadway Centre are from people living in Sandown. In answer to a question raised the amount of hire fee we receive from Los Altos is approximately £5000 a year.

A wide ranging discussion took place. Two Councillors spoke in favour of option 1. (Retaining the status quo.)

Views were expressed that the ratepayer of Sandown has to pay three times for the upkeep and use of the Broadway Centre and it is a letting agent for the majority of hirers who use it from outside Sandown. Borrowing of £120000 is obscene when our youth have no facilities and we have a town falling down round our ears. The Council was reminded if they got the Town Hall it was to try and regenerate money into Sandown and take the burden away from the tax payers of Sandown.

Comments were made about Sandown Town Council not hearing from the Isle of Wight Council about the Town Hall as well as the agreement that this Council gave to put the Town Hall option in front of the Sandown electorate in a referendum.

Cllr Ward offered to go back to the IWC and to get a decision.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this Council serves a 215 notice on the Isle of Wight Council because of the state of the Town Hall

RESOLVED:-

THAT this item is deferred for 1 month to allow Cllr Ward to talk to the Chief Executive.

- b. That the Town Council decides how many flags they would like to fly at the Broadway Centre.

RESOLVED:-

THAT delegated authority is given to the Broadway Centre Management committee to deal with flag and flag pole issue.

80/07

MOTION FROM CLLR WARD

- a. That this Council appoints Councillors to be the named person for the following areas:- Planning, Highways, Policy and Standards, Transport, Environment, Social and Community, Economy, Communications, Events and Youth.
- b. That any documents that come in from other bodies on those subjects are passed on to the appropriate Councillor or Councillors for them to disseminate and bring a report to the Council.
- c. That we publish in the Chronicle the Councillors areas of responsibilities so local residents can contact them on issues within those areas that effect our residents and our town.
- d. That working parties are set up by this Council to deal with major issues.

On introducing the motion the comment was made that as a Town Council we should be proactive and so people know who we are and what we are doing for the town. It was suggested we reorganise ourselves into groups along the lines of subject matters.

It was said Councillors should take up issues directly with the Isle of Wight Council and also Officers at the Council. It was reported as a Council we have done things such as a report on the toilets and also we have looked into the problems that the local nursery had but have not done things as a body.

Disagreement was expressed that we are not the Isle of Wight Council and do not need to imitate it. It was expressed that we do not push our own publicity and that we should be issuing press releases. Town Councillors need to make themselves heard and to contact the Officers and the Isle of Wight Council.

Cllr Blezzard moved next business. Cllr Ward withdrew his motion and said he would reword it and bring it back to the Council.

81/07

CLERK TO REPORT ON:-

The Council were informed that a letter from Mr Ed Macalister-Smith Chief Executive of the Isle of Wight Primary Care Trust had been received and he was offering to have a further meeting with the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Mr Ed Macalister be invited to the next planning meeting on the 27th of June 07.

82/07

TO AGREE THE DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Council discussed Cllr Blezzard's motion on the six weekly cycle of meetings motion.

Following debate the motion was lost.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the following dates for Council Meetings were approved

Town Council Meetings + Planning Meeting	Planning Meeting	+	Broadway Meeting
13 th June 2007.	27 th June 2007.		27 th . June 2007
11 th July 2007.	25 th July 2007.		25 th July 2007

12 th September 2007.	26 th September 2007.	26 TH September 2007
10 th October 2007.	24 th October 2007.	24 th October 2007
14 th November 2007.	28 th November 2007.	
	13 th December 2007	
9 th January 2008.	23 rd . January 2008.	23 rd January 2008.
13 th February 2008.	27 th February 2008.	
12 th March 2008.	26 th March 2008.	26 th March 2008.
9 th April 2008.	23 rd April 2008.	
Annual Town Meeting	23rd April 2008 prior to the Planning Meeting.	
Annual Council Meeting	14th May 2008	

The Events Committee will meet as and when required

- 83/07 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM CLLR MEREWETHER AND CLLR COWLEY ON THE TRAINING SESSION THEY ATTENDED AT COUNTY HALL.**
The Council received the report from Cllr Mereweather and Cllr Cowley.
RESOLVED:-
THAT the report be noted.
- 84/07 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLR WARD & CLLR HUMBY.**
The Council received the reports from Cllr Ward and Cllr Humby.
RESOLVED:-
THAT the reports be noted.
- 85/07 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS.**
The Council received the minutes of the Isle of Wight Association of Parish and Town Councils.
RESOLVED:-
THAT the minutes were noted.
RESOLVED:-
THAT the appointment by this Council of an older person's Champion for older voices is an agenda item at the next Town Council Meeting.
- 86/07 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**
The Council was informed that the AGM meeting is being held at the Broadway Centre on 15th June 07 at 7.0pm Any Councillor or Clerk is eligible to attend.
RESOLVED:-
THAT the Annual General Meeting notification be noted.
RESOLVED:-
THAT the Mayor has Sandown Town Councils voting card.
- 87/07 TO NOTE DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**
The date of the next meeting of Sandown Town Council is the 11th July 07

Signed

11th July 2007

