



## **SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL**

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### **A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 07 AT 7.0PM.**

12 Members of the Public were present. Various questions were raised at which the appropriate answers were given.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Cllr Young (Mayor) Cllr Woolley, Cllr Ward, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Wright, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley and Cllr Mereweather.

**118/07 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Stephenson because of illness and Cllr Beevers because of her work commitment.

**119/07 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007.**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 were approved.

**120/07 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.

**121/07 TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGER**

Rob Cambell Senior Town Centre Manager and Stuart Marlton were introduced to the Council. Rob Cambell gave a briefing on the role of the Town Centre Managers to be a single point of contact within the town. Stuart Marlton who is the Sandown Town Centre Manager spoke about the street scene services not being monitored and would act as a conduit to various departments of the Isle of Wight Council and would be working with other outside agencies and organisations. He wanted to work with the Town Council. Town Centre managers could issue fixed penalties and deal with enforcement. Financing of the Town Centre Managers was raised and it was confirmed that it was a recurring budget within the IW Council finances.

The Mayor thanked Mr Cambell and Mr Marlton for coming and talking to the Council.

**122/07 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-**

- a. Payments and Receipts for September 07
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Summary of Payment and Receipts.

The Clerk presented the September 07 Payments and Receipts and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter summary and brought to the Councils attention under Sandown in Bloom that the cost of watering would be higher than was budgeted for and would be shown in next months accounts.

A recorded vote was requested.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the financial reports for September 07 be approved.

FOR:- Cllr Young, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Woolley and Cllr Ward.

AGAINST:- Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard.

123/07

**FOR SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PLACING MOORING BOUYS IN SANDOWN BAY NEXT SEASON AND TO FINANCE THIS IN THE 2008/9 BUDGET.**

Cllr Dupre presented the case for the Council to consider placing mooring buoys in Sandown Bay to increase visitors coming into Sandown Bay and into the town.

The cost of buoys would be a one off payment of £1000 each with additional annual costs for placing and removing the buoys. The Council was also awaiting a reply from the Queens Harbour Master as his permission was required.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT a paper would be prepared by the Clerk and Cllr Dupre and be presented to the pre budget meeting for consideration.

124/07

**TO NOTE A MEETING OF THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAM WILL BE HELD IN THE BROADWAY CENTRE ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 07 AT 7.30PM**

The Council were informed of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team Meeting.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the meeting is noted.

125/07

**YAVERLAND CAR PARK: WIGHTAIR AND FUN FAIR**

To consider asking for the timing of the above events to be rescheduled from the peak season in the light of public representations.

Cllr Blezzard raised the problem of Wight Air and the Fun Fair being held in August affecting business and suggested that the funfair could be moved down to Sandham Grounds thus not taking up car parking at Yaverland and that Wight Air be moved back to October. Concerns were expressed about losing the Festival if it was moved to October

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council request a meeting with Wight Air

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT we ask the Isle of Wight Council to negotiate with the Organisers to hold the Wight Air Festival in October as in previous years rather than in the height of the holiday season.

126/07

**TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED ISLE OF WIGHT DOG ACT.**

(Available on the Isle of Wight Council web site)

The Council discussed the proposed Isle of Wight Dog Act. Concerns were raised about implementing the dog act without an increased number of bins and a frequency of the emptying of the bins.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this Council supports the proposed Isle of Wight Dog Act.

**RESOLVED:-**

That this Council writes to the Isle of Wight Council stating its concerns over the lack of dog bins and the frequency of the emptying of the dog bins.

127/07

**YOUTH PROJECT**

To update the Council on the Youth Project.

The Clerk updated the Council on the Youth Project on behalf of Cllr Stephenson. The Council has accepted a 17 year lease on the tennis courts. A Youth Grant of £20000 has been obtained by our Youth Group. A meeting has been held with Lee Mathew with a request that he explore the possibility of a grant of £60000 which is the amount that Freshwater received from the Isle of Wight Council. Another funding application was in the process of being dealt with. A specification is being drawn up. We have money in place for the first phase and we are looking at having a skate- bowl which will be the first on the Isle of Wight. Cllr Ward reported that the application for a Police grant was also looking favourable.

128/07

**THE CLERK TO REPORT ON:-**

a. Sandown Town Market.

The Clerk reported that the market took place last Sunday and the licence commences from 8am for setting up and the market finishes at 5pm. A letter of conditions has been supplied to every trader by the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council notes this item.

b. Letter received from Isle of Wight Council regarding the request by the Isle of Wight Council to conduct a postal ballot regretting they could not conduct our postal ballot. The Clerk subsequently had contacted the Electoral Reform Society who can if the Council wishes conduct an electoral ballot on our behalf at about the same cost as the Isle of Wight Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Electoral Reform Society be asked to conduct the ballot.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Clerk ensures the Council acts legally.

129/07

**TO RECEIVE CLLR COWLEY'S REPORT ON THE ISLAND WASTE MEETING.**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Cllr Cowley's report be noted.

130/07

**TO NOTE DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

14<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the date of the next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 07 was noted. Cllr Ward gave his apologies as he would be representing this Council at the St Pete Beach 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary .

**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”.

Cllr Blezzard raised a question about the Broadway Centre to which an appropriate answer was given.

