



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON 11TH JUNE 08 AT 7.0PM.

7. 0pm to 7. 15pm Time allocated for residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town Matters.

4 Members of the Public were present. Questions were asked regarding the Broadway Centre and St Johns School to which appropriate answers were given.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Ward (Mayor) Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Young, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Teasdale.

218/08 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cowley Cllr Woolley and Cllr Dupre.

219/08 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH MAY 2008

With the alteration of the Confidential Minute to read Minute of the Confidential Meeting, Minute 209/08 replace the word meeting with committee, Minute 210/08 after the proposal was defeated on the casting vote of the Mayor.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the meetings held on the 14th May 08 together with the amendments were approved and duly signed.

220/08 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To invite members to declare any interest they may have in matters on the Agenda

Cllr Blezzard declared personal interest in the remaining items on the agenda as a member of the Isle of Wight Council Scrutiny Committee and a personal interest in item 227/08b as Cllr Wrights partner.

Cllr Wright and Cllr Rogers both declared a personal interest in item 227/08a.

221/08 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

a. Payments and Receipts for May 08

b. May 08 Summary of Payment and Receipts.

The Town Clerk presented the financial reports to the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the May 08 financial reports be accepted. A recorded vote was requested.

For the Resolution Cllr Young, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Ward, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Stephenson.

Against the Resolution Cllr Blezzard

Abstentions Cllr Beevers and Cllr Wright.

The resolution was duly carried.

222/08 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD

Cllr Ward tendered his apologies for not writing a report. Cllr Humby presented a written report. She has complained about the placing of the bins at the bottom of Pier Street. Concerns were expressed about young people with drinks being on the town streets. She informed the Council that the police were reintroducing operation dragon. Cllr Ward reported the news letter has produced many positive responses. Progress was being made on shabby properties in Sandown. Compulsory purchase order has been made against one property and others were being dealt with. Cycling on the revetment was again raised. It was felt the issue of cycling along the revetment should have been left alone. Concern was raised again about the lack of consultation with the town Council. The Clerk reported that a response had been received from Stuart Love

on the matter of the Revetment and the Town Council should have been consulted and not informed on this matter by the Town centre Manager but by the appropriate Council Officers.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted

223/08 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT

The Town Centre Manager reported on the various things he had done including the fact that barbecues, were banned from the beach, he had talked to children in School about litter. He has reported cars racing around the town to the police. He is pursuing the problems with the litterbins outside Somerfields and that Stephen Jenkins playground is being repainted. Complaint has been made about the gully cleaning starting at 3.15hrs in Sandown High Street and this has been reported. He informed the Council that the Isle of Wight Council were trying to trace who owned a wall at the station that needs to be removed. He reported that our Sandown sign at Yaverland had background enamel coming off it. The Clerk said she would photograph it and report it to the manufacturer.

The Mayor thanked the Town Manager for his report.

224/08 THE MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor reported that the Partnership has had an idea of holding a Car Boot Sale. This was to raise money and the proceeds would go towards the second phase of the skate park project. The Mayor reported that the Government has changed rules on street markets and this could affect the Council's income from the market. Sandown has had 2 visitors from St Petes Beach. The first visitor presented a book from St Pete Beach Fire Department Chief to the Fire Station in Sandown. He also presented a copy of the same book to Sandown Library. The second visitor was Chairman of St Pete Beach Sister City Programme Committee. He presented a letter from their new Mayor sending their good wishes to our Mayor and Town and looking forward to meeting our Mayor in 6 months time.

Cllr Ward reported he is setting up a resident's panel. This panel would ask members of the panel what they thought about various issues about the town. The Panel would be a demographic slice from teenagers up to senior citizens. It would be up to the next Mayor as to whether they continued with it.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Mayors report be noted.

225/08 CLERK TO REPORT ON:-

- a. Date of AGM of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils is to be held on Friday 20th June at 7.0pm in the Tennyson Suite Memorial Hall Freshwater.**

Cllr Blezzard confirmed he would be attending the AGM on behalf of the Council. The Councillors were asked to inform the Clerk if they were going so that Freshwater would have the number to be catered for.

- b. Reply received from Stuart Love regarding the cycling proposal for the revetment.**

The Clerk has reported on this item under agenda item 222/08

- c. Town Notice Board**

The Clerk reported that if there is space on the Town Council Notice Board for a general poster to go up and which is appropriate and John Davis contacts her, she would put the poster up. A question was raised regarding the cost of a new notice board. The councillors were informed a new notice board would cost about £2500.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the item regarding a new notice board be an agenda item for the next meeting and that advertising on the Councils website would also be an agenda item.

Cllr Stephenson volunteered to look after the Town Notice Board and keep it tidy.

- d. Correspondence from Isle of Wight Council.**

A letter had been received from Bernadette Marjoram regarding consultation on the removal of telephone call boxes. The Clerk reported that there are no proposals to removal any from Sandown.

A question was raised regarding received notification of the proposal to change the date of the Local Elections next year to coincide with the European Election. Concern was also raised about the date for the Town and Parish elections.

The Clerk said she would email Clive Joynes to find out what was being proposed.

Cllr Mereweather and the Council congratulated the Clerk in becoming a Member of her Professional Body.

TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT DOCUMENT ON THE PARISH PROTOCOL AND TO RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The Clerk congratulated Cllr Blezzard on the amended document that he had produced that was so succinct and also the alterations he had made to the planning references and the way he had put them into a sensible order. Cllr Rogers had asked that a reference to the Town Centre Manager and communication be included in section 5.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the amended version be approved with the addition of a reference to Town Centre Manager and communication in section 5.

MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLOR BLEZZARD :-

a. PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURES.

Sandown Town Council is totally opposed to the Isle of Wight Council's school closure plans published on 23rd May 2008 which involve the closure of many successful and highly valued schools including the popular and high performing St Johns C of E Primary School in Sandown. The Town Council calls on the Isle of Wight Council to withdraw the current proposals and retain the status quo until such times as it is in a position to put forward proposals which do not result in the loss of successful and popular local schools. The Town Council further calls on the local Isle of Wight Councillors to support this approach and to oppose the proposed school closures. Letters of support for the retention of St Johns C of E Primary School shall be sent to the following:-

Director of Children's Services; Council Leader; Portfolio Holder for Children's Services; Andrew Turner MP; Jim Knight MP, Schools Minister; Portsmouth Diocese Education Officer.

Cllr Blezzard presented his motion to the Council. Discussion covered the following points:-

- St Johns School has a one year entry school and should not be treated less favourably than other schools on the Island as the LEA recognises a one year entry.
- St Johns School can also accommodate having two extra years on site.
- The Council feel that it is inappropriate for Grove Road to become a three form entry school.
- Grove Road had no IT suite.
- To expand the school it would mean building on the playing field.
- It was felt some parents would move their children out of Sandown.
- It appeared that no consideration had been given to the increased population due to the amount of house building that is taking place in Sandown. There is going to be more residents and more families in Sandown.
- The Council supports both schools and recognise it will create problems for Sandown C of E Primary as well.
- It is known that St Johns can acquire some more land.
- It was reported the consultation documents are now released on line even though the consultation period starts on the 23rd June 08.
- The Councillors need to have access to them and read them.
- Support the principle of two schools in Sandown.
- Change the wording from school closure to school amalgamation.
- We invite Steve Beynon and Cllr Wells to a meeting with Sandown Town Council.
- Parents do not know what to do as they have had no communication.

RESOLVED:--

THAT Sandown Town Council is totally opposed to the Isle of Wight Council's school closure plans published on 23rd May 2008 which involve the closure of many successful and highly valued schools including the popular and high performing St Johns C of E Primary School in Sandown. The Town Council calls on the Isle of Wight Council to withdraw the current proposals and retain the status quo until such times as it is in a position to put forward proposals which do not result in the loss of successful and popular local schools. The Town Council further calls on the local Isle of Wight Councillors to support this approach and to oppose the proposed school "amalgamation." Letters of support for the retention of St Johns C of E Primary School shall be sent to the following:-

Director of Children's Services; Council Leader; Portfolio Holder for Children's Services; Andrew Turner MP; Jim Knight MP, Schools Minister; Portsmouth Diocese Education Officer.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council ask the Director of Children Services together with the Portfolio Holder to the next Council meeting to hear the concerns of the Council and to receive the concerns raised by the draft document that is available on the web site as well as receiving concerns that have been raised by parents.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Headteachers of both schools are invited to attend and take part in the Council meeting.

b. BROADWAY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Sandown Town Council co-opts Councillor Cathy Wright to serve as a voting member of the Broadway Centre management Committee for the remainder of the current municipal year.

Cllr Wright requested that this item be withdrawn.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this agenda item is withdrawn.

c. BROADWAY CENTRE USERS GROUP

Sandown Town Council establishes a Broadway Centre Users Group consisting of at least four members of the Broadway Centre management Committee and representatives of regular hirers of the Broadway centre. The purpose of the Group will be to allow the Council representatives to hear the comments and concerns of the users and to provide a Forum for the users to be kept informed of developments regarding the Broadway Centre. The Forum will meet at least on a quarterly basis (i.e. 4 times per year).

A general discussion took place. It was said that this group would be an advisory group. It was reported that 90% of bookings were from out of town. Reservations were expressed about hirers expressing views who do not contribute a penny to the Centre as do the rate payers of Sandown. It was pointed out that the Broadway Centre Management Committee meetings were always open for people to come and express their views. It was suggested that this be tried as a trial for a year.

The following motion was duly proposed and seconded:-

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Recorded vote was requested

Voting for the Resolution:- Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Young, Cllr Wright.

Voting against the Resolution:- Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Teasdale.

The Mayor did not vote but gave his casting vote against the Resolution so the Resolution was defeated.

228/08

TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE IWALC.

Cllr Rogers deputised for Cllr Blezzard at this meeting but his name had been left off the minutes and Cllr Blezzard has asked the Secretary to add his name to the people attending. Cllr Rogers agreed to deputise at the IWALC Meeting again for Cllr Blezzard in July as he would be away.

229/08

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

Cllr Beevers raised the issue of a Council representative on the South Wight Youth Theatre and offered to continue to liaise with the South Wight Youth Theatre and feed back to the Council but would not be able to attend all the meetings.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Cllr Beevers is the Councils representative on the South Wight Youth Theatre.

230/09

TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 9th JULY 08

RESOLVED:-

THAT the date of the Special Meeting of the Town Council is to be held on 25th June 08 after the Planning Committee Meeting. The date of the Next Town Council Meeting is on the 9th July 08

