



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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**THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 08 AT 7.00 PM.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:-** Cllr Young, Cllr Ward, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Rogers.

**203/08 ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr Young called for nominations for the position of Town Mayor. Cllr Young was duly nominated and Cllr Ward was duly nominated. A ballot took place and Cllr Ward was elected and declared Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr Ward then took the chair and made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office. A vote of thanks was proposed for Cllr Young and for all his hard work he had put in over the last year.

**204/08 MAYOR TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Cllr Ward thanked Cllr Young and his wife Irene on behalf of the Council and the people of Sandown, for all the work he and Irene had done and that he had guided this Council over a difficult year and done a sterling job and kept us all together. He would like to see our Town Council focus on the town and what happens out there and perhaps the Council has been too inward looking and has lost sight on what the people had put us here to do. Positive things are happening in the town.

**205/08 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Beevers and Cllr Dupre

**206/08 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008  
RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 08 were approved and duly signed.

**207/08 TO ELECT THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

Cllr Ward called for nominations for the position of Deputy Town Mayor. Cllr Stephenson was duly nominated and duly elected as Deputy Town Mayor.

**208/08 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. Cllr Mereweather declared a personal interest in item 209.08 Sandown Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. Cllr Rogers declared a personal interest in Sandown Community Partnership.

**209/08 TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES FOR THE YEAR 2008/09 (The Mayor is ex-officio on all committees with voting rights.)**

The Clerk read out Cllr Beever's email regarding her request to stay on Events, Broadway Centre and Forum.

**PLANNING MEETING.** Discussion took place on the number of members that were needed on the Planning Committee.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Planning Committee be reduced to 9 Members and a quorum will be 3 Members.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Young, Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Beevers and Cllr Teasdale be appointed to the Planning Meeting.

**BROADWAY CENTRE MEETING 7 Members**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Young, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Beeves, and the number of Members be increased to 8.

**EVENTS MEETING 7 Members**

It was proposed that the Events Committee be abolished.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the events committee be abolished and working parties appointed where appropriate.

**OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the following Members are appointed to the outside bodies.

Isle of Wight Town and Parish Association	Cllr Blezzard
Sandown Community Partnership	Cllrs Young, Stephenson, Teasdale and Woolley.
South Wight Youth Theatre	deferred
Isle of Wight Waste Management	Cllr Cowley
Sandown Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Dupre
Sandown Forum	

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the number of appointed members be reduced to 2 and that Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers be appointed.

Sandown Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society	Cllr Mereweather
St Pete Beach Sister City Association	deferred until next meeting
Tonnay-Charente Twinning Association	Cllr Wight. The Council write to the Twinning Association with a request for Sandown to have 2 Members and the second Member to be Cllr Mereweather.

**210/08 TO AGREE DATES OF MEETINGS FOR ENSUING YEAR.**

Cllr Blezzard proposed that the meetings of Sandown Town Council meetings are reversed and the Council meeting be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and Planning Meeting be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.

The proposal was defeated.

It was proposed that the dates that were circulated be agreed.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the meetings stay as they are and the circulated dates be agreed.

**Notice of Meetings 2008-09**

Council Meetings +	Planning Meetings
Planning Meetings	28 <sup>th</sup> May 08
11 <sup>th</sup> June 08	25 <sup>th</sup> June 08
9 <sup>th</sup> July 08	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 08
10 <sup>th</sup> September 08	24 <sup>th</sup> September 08
8 <sup>th</sup> October 08	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 08
12 <sup>th</sup> November 08	26 <sup>th</sup> November 08
14 <sup>th</sup> January 09	28 <sup>th</sup> January 09
11 <sup>th</sup> February 09	25 <sup>th</sup> February 09
11 <sup>th</sup> March 09	25 <sup>th</sup> March 09
8 <sup>th</sup> April 09	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 09
13 <sup>th</sup> May 09	Annual Town Council Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 09 Annual Town Meeting 7.0pm after the Planning Meeting.	

**211/08 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-**

- a. **Payments and Receipts for April 08**
- b. **April 08 Summary of Payment and Receipts.**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the payments and receipts and the Summary of payment and receipts be approved.

**c. Auditors Report on the 2007/08 Accounts from Mr Gareth Hughes.**

Mr Hughes presented his auditors report to the Council. He reported he had done substantial audit work on the accounts over the last few weeks. He had checked the systems and substantial records. The accounts are well supported. He had checked the security of information and the safe keeping and the downloading of information. He told the Council that he has had no problem in signing the audit statement for the Council

**d. The accounts for 2007/08**

The Clerk presented the accounts for 2007/08 to the Council

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the accounts for year ending March 2008 be adopted.

The Council were informed that Mr Hughes would be reporting to the Council quarterly. The Council thanked Mr Hughes for his thoroughness in his audit.

The Clerk said that she had some items from finance that need to be covered at the end of the meeting under exclusion of press and public.

**212/08 TO DISCUSS THE REMOVAL OF THE SEAT FROM THE NATWEST CORNER.**

The seat has been removed. The Council was concerned that the seat has been removed prior to it being discussed.

The Clerk reported that letters of complaint and phone calls had been received because the seat has been removed and complaints about people putting their A boards out have been received.

The Town Manager reported that after a disturbance involving 20 youths where the restaurant owner received racial and physical abuse and the restaurant window was damaged, the police requested the Isle of Wight Council remove the seat immediately. The Town Manager reported that the restaurant owner had purchased 2 lighter seats that he could put out during the day and take in at night as he realised a lot of elderly people used them during the day. He also reported he was talking to the owners of the A boards to see about placing them more appropriately.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT we write to the Isle of Wight Council regarding lack of consultation.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT we write to the new Police Chief regarding policing and the youth.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT we write to the owner of the restaurant and thank him for his generosity and express our sadness that he has come into our town and has been both racially and physically abused.

**213/08 CLERK TO REPORT ON:-**

**a. Date of Meeting with the Isle of Wight Council Director of Finance and Director of Regeneration.**

The Clerk reminded that the meeting will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 08 at 6.0pm.

**b. Reply received from Cllr Miller Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel.**

The Clerk reported that she had put out a press release on behalf of the Council and she then reported on Cllr Miller's letter that she had forwarded by e-mail to the Councillors. It was agreed that the Mayor and Cllr Teasdale put some bullet points together and they will be emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting and it was important to keep to the subject of Bay Regeneration.

**c. Big Green Picnic on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May**

The Council noted the invitation to attend the Big Green Picnic.

**d. Cold Calling Zones**

The papers are being printed and Jean Ormond has been contacted and her ladies will be putting the packs together in June ready for distribution by the person who distributes the Chronicle.

**e. The Clerk reported that we have got permission for 6 buoys to be placed in Sandown Bay and she thanked Mark Watson from the inshore rescue for his help. It was going to be reported in the next issue of Yachting World**

**f. Older Persons Champion.**

A meeting was held at the Broadway Centre to try to get someone willing to take on the role of Older person Champion. Mr Richard Davis of Station Ave Sandown is willing to do it and his name has been passed onto the Parish Team.

**g. The Clerk had received a letter from the Isle of Wight Association of Councils regarding proposed representation on the Isle of Wight Councils Standards Committee. It would be increasing the Town and Parish representation from 1 to 3.**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this change is noted.

**214/08 REQUEST FROM CLERK FOR TIME OFF.**

This item was deferred until the end of the meeting.

**215/08 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD**

Councillor Humby and Cllr Ward presented their written reports to the Town Council. They covered, The Heights Leisure Centre, Dilapidated Buildings, the No 10 Bus Service, Houses of Multiple Occupancy and the New Police Superintendent. Cllr Humby received from Yarmouth Town Trust a document dated 1655 which was the bill on moving Sandham Fort which has been handed to the County Archivist and it has been recorded in the name of Sandown Town Council. The Archivist is sending a copy to Sandown Town Council.

It was agreed to have Ward Councillors' reports at the beginning of the meeting. The Clerk said she would add the Isle of Wight Councillors contact details to the list of Town Councillors on the Town Council Notice Board.

**216/08 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS REPORT**

Meeting with police tomorrow to discuss summer events. The new dog bylaw is in place. Cycling on the revetment safe and sensible cycling is being encouraged and walkers are being encouraged to use the cliff path. Stephen Jenkins play ground is to be repainted.

The issue of cycling on the Revetment was raised and the Clerk reported to the Council that only this morning the Lake Parish Clerk had phoned her about the Revetment and was surprised that we were not being consulted on this matter as Lake was.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this Council write a formal letter of complaint regarding the Revetment and the lack of consultation with this Council.

**217/08 COUNCILLOR BLEZZARD TO REPORT ON POWER OF WELL BEING - BRIEFING FROM SERCAF.**

Prior to the meeting members were circulated with the SERCAF briefing notes.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the SERCAF briefing be noted.

It was duly proposed and seconded that the exclusion of press and public was moved to discuss items deferred from agenda number 211/08 and 214/08

**RESOLVED:-**

**“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”.**

The press and public left the meeting.

Matters relating to staffing issues, rates and printing contract were discussed and agreed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 11<sup>th</sup> June 08 at 7.0pm.

## MINUTE OF CONFIDENTIAL MEETING SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 08

### 1. SKATE PARK

Now it has started we need to employ someone to do risk assessment every day. We now need to go out for advert to employ someone to do the job and it would be useful to look for additional flexibility.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Clerk was given permission to advertise and employ a person to cover the skate park.

### 2. PRINTING QUOTE

A printing quote has been received from Grosvenor Press and the Council was informed of the quote. In the quote it was requested that the 5 year contract was awarded with it to run for a minimum of 2 years before the 6 month clause came into effect.

#### **RESOLVED :-**

THAT Grosvenor Press be awarded the 5 year contract with it to run for a minimum of 2 years before the 6 month clause came into effect.

### 3. RATES DEMAND

The Clerk reported that we have got business rate relief. When the rate demand came in the amount wanted was more than the Council had been quoted. On enquiring it was found that we could apply for business rate relief. This has been done and we have also got rate relief for last year.

### 4. TIME OFF

The Clerk reported that she has holiday booked for next week and during her holiday she is attending the NALC Conference which she has paid for herself. She was not asking the Council to pay for her to go but to give her time off to attending the conference instead of taking it as her holiday.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council would allow the Clerk to take the days off to attend the conference and not use her holiday days to attend.

