



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON 12TH NOVEMBER 08 AT 7.0PM.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Young, Cllr Mereweather

In the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor Cllr Young was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

278/08 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wright, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Ward, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Dupre.

279/08 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 and item 289/08 b.

280/08 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM DAVID BALL AND LEE MATTHEWS ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF SANDOWN IN THE ISLAND GAMES.

The presentation has been deferred until the 28th January 09.

281/08 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OPTIO CAR SCHEME.

Cllr Young welcomed Janet Short who is a representative of the Optio voluntary car service She informed us that her role was to raise the profile of the Optio car scheme. Optio does 12500 trips a year there are 2000 users of which 529 are from Brading, Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor. It is used by the frail and housebound who are not able to access public transport. There are 10 drivers who are all volunteers and is available 24/7, 365 days a year. It is used to take people to doctors, hospital appointments, and even onto the mainland. It is well appreciated by the users. All drivers are CRB and enhanced checked. They really enjoy driving people and it fulfils a social need. Volunteer drivers are always wanted. Mrs Short commented that there are still a lot of people who don't know about Optio. The Clerk agreed to put an article in the next edition of the Chronicle together with the help line number as well as put information about it on the web site. Councillors suggested that she went and talked to Members of Sandown Forum. Councillor Young thanked Mrs Short for coming to talk to them.

**282/08 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH OCTOBER 2008
RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 08 were approved and duly signed.

283/08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR.

A written report was received from the Mayor.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the report was noted.

Cllr Blezzard raised the Remembrance Service and thanked the Clerk for the work she had done. He reported that he had attended the War Memorial for the 2 minutes silence on the 90th year and ended up organising it. It was requested that on the 11th of November next year we organise something such as a bugler for next year.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk would calendar it for next year and Cllr Blezzard would supply her with the name of the Havenstreet bugler.

284/08 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD

Written reports were received from Cllr Humby and Cllr Ward. Discussion took place that the best option for the Sandown Primary School is to have 2 freestanding schools

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council reiterate that they favour retaining the 2 Primary Schools on their present sites with their own management, and that the Council supports the 2 tier system.

285/08

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE WRITTEN REPORT FROM THE TOWN CENTRE MANAGER

Stuart Marlton informed the Council on the new structure which he said they tied in with the new Police areas. He will be known as Environment and Neighbourhood Officer from 1st December. Sandown will come under Patrol Area 4 covering 11 areas. Officers will now work as a team of four but he would be still be based in Sandown and if required he can give a monthly report on Sandown. It means the whole Island is now covered. Concerns were raised that Sandown could lose out to Ryde.

286/08

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

- a. Payments and Receipts for September 08 and October 08
- b. September 08 and October 08 Summary of Payments and Receipts.
- c. To report on an electricity bill that is due for payment for street lighting.

The Clerk reported that the buoys had been lifted and were being stored at Attrills Boat-builders. Question was raised regarding the opening of other bank accounts and the Clerk reported that this was in progress. The Clerk reported that NALC was in talks with the Government regarding protection of Council money but so far nothing was forthcoming.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the September 08 and October 08 financial reports be accepted.

A recorded vote was requested.

For the resolutions Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Young
Against Cllr Blezzard.

The Council was informed about an electricity bill that had been received for the town illuminated lights for the last two years. The Clerk had got Southern Electric to reduce the bill. Geoff Woodhouse has checked the new bill and says that it is correct.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the bill of £2616.08 is paid but we express concern that it has taken so long to be billed and that we query the fact why we are being billed when there is an overall saving in power to the company as the street lights are not on at the same time.

The Clerk will look at other budget headings to vire back into the Esplanade Lighting Budget.

287/08

CONSULTATION REGARDING THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYELAWS.

The Council discussed the consultation questions in the document and gave the following answers to be sent forward from the Council:-

Question 1.

We agree with the list of byelaws that you are proposing no longer would require the Secretary of State confirmation for Local Authorities.

Sandown Town Council see no reason why town and parish Councils should not be given permission for byelaws.

Question 2

We agree certain byelaws should continue to require confirmation by the Secretary of State.

Question 3

We think there should be 35 consultation days not 21 days for local people to be consulted.

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Question 5

We agree that the Council will have to publicise the new byelaw once it comes into force

Question 6

We agree with your proposals for resolving challenges.

Question 7

We agree that a fixed penalty notice is the most effective form of enforcement for the new transport byelaws in the first instance.

Question 8

We think the fixed penalty amount should be £150

Question 9

We make no comment on this question as we feel it is a matter for London to comment on.

288/08

TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PROPOSED NEW TOILETS AT PIER STREET SANDOWN.

Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Cowley attended a meeting on the proposals for new toilets at Pier Street. The Isle of Wight Council is putting 50% of its allocated money into this project. It is proposed that there will be 7 ladies toilets and 3 gents' toilets and both will have disabled toilets and changing facilities. The present toilets are built on Victorian Public Baths and there is a hole under the road and a geophysical survey has to be carried out prior to any work or the road would collapse. The toilets being built is dependant on the result of the survey. If the cost of the engineering work to stabilise it is prohibitive it could jeopardise the project.

289/08

CLERK TO REPORT ON:-

a. Food what's on your doorstep

Half day workshop is taking place on 28th November at Sandown Library to try to help people with tips on affordable food and do and don't like about food shopping. This is being run by the RCC

b. Report back on liaising with Rotary on the Christmas Lights programme.

The Rotarians and Oscar Stretch are working hard around the Broadway Centre. Cllr Young has been involved in the electrics. The Clerk informed the Council of the switch on programme and that they will be collecting for 4 Charities.

RESOLVED:-

i). THAT the Council agreed to pay for an electric box at the cost of £97.53 to connect the lights.

ii). THAT the Council agreed to write to Oscar Stretch to thank him for his generosity and to thank Rotary for all the work they are doing.

c. Chairman's All Island Goodwill Fund

The Clerk reported that she has some forms for the Chairman's Goodwill Fund and that they are available for the Councillors to pass on to anyone they know that are in need of help for Christmas.

d. Informal finance meeting to look at budget for 2009/10

Thursday 11th November will be the date for the informal finance meeting.

e. To report on the S.L.C.C. Conference held at Reading.

The Clerk reported that the Conference was a very good Conference and that John Whitney, Clerk to Shalfleet Parish Council was elected President-elect of the Society of Local Council Clerks and will become the President of the Society in 2009. Not since Geoffrey Gibbons in 1981 who was Clerk to Bembridge Parish Council has there been an Islander as President.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council send a letter of congratulations to John Whitney.

d. A letter has been received from Mr and Mrs Bunkham regarding the removals of benches in the High Street and the proposed removal of benches at the Library.

The Town Centre Manager reported that there was no intention to remove the benches at the library and he also reported that he visits the site everyday but Theo is not there and he is not putting the benches out.

RESOLVED:-

THAT it was agreed to put benching as an agenda item on the additional Town Council Meeting we are to have after the next planning meeting on the 3rd December 08

290/08

ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROPOSALS THAT ARE FOR DISCUSSION AT THEIR NOVEMBER MEETING.

Cllr Blezzard reported to the Council on the Parish Charter and reported on the amendments suggested by the Vice-Chairman of IWALC. Concern was raised that the Charter was tying Local Councils into Isle of Wight Council Policies that are not the policies of the town and parishes. The new terminology for town centre managers needs changing.

At the previous meeting of IWALC it had been suggested that Ryde and Newport had an additional member on IWALC

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council did not support this suggestion.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this Council oppose the additional proposed alterations.

THAT this Council support 2 voting members on the Scrutiny Committee and support Cllr Blezzard in taking our views forward.

THAT Sandown Town Council supports IWALC signing the document on behalf of IWALC but do not support IWALC signing on behalf of Sandown Town Council as Sandown Town Council would wish to sign it.

Cllr Cowley reported back to the Council on how marvellous the show My Fair Lady was, and how brilliant the costumes were, and how professional the show was.

Cllr Mereweather reported on the state of Shanklin Theatre and that it was in dire need of money spent on it.

THAT it was agreed to put Shanklin Theatre down as an additional agenda item at Town Council Meeting we are to have after the next planning meeting on the 3rd December 08

291/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WHICH IS A SPECIAL MEETING ON THE 3rd DECEMBER 08

RESOLVED:-

THAT the date of the next meeting be noted.

Signed

Dated