



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON THE 23rd JANUARY 08 AT 7.0PM.

7.0pm to 7.15pm Time allocated for residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town Matters.
The Council Meeting will commence at 7.15pm

3 Members of the public were present.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Young(Mayor) Cllr Woolley, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers,
Cllr Beevers, Cllr Wright, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Dupre.

156/08 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stephenson due to illness and Cllr Ward due to having to attend an Isle of Wight Council meeting.

**157/08 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 10TH JANUARY 08**

Prior to the approval of the minutes the following points were raised by a Councillor who thought the following comments should be in the minutes.

- a. A question was raised regarding the circulation of a list of correspondence with the agenda. The Council had not passed a resolution on this matter so it was not recorded.
- b. A question had been raised at the previous Council Meeting why there were no detailed budget papers circulated. The Clerk responded that she had already said at the previous meeting there were no detailed papers to circulate.

It was agreed that minute **154/08** should be amended to read:- That the date of the Town Council Meeting to include the budget to be held on the 23rd February 08 was noted.

RESOLVED:-

THAT with the alteration to minute 154/08 the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2008 were approved.

158/08 TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

159/08 TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2008/09

The Clerk presented a proposed budget to the Council together with the Risk Assessment she had taken into account when setting the proposed 2008/09 precept of £98000. She reported the cost to the ratepayers of Sandown based on the number of Band D properties in Sandown of 2876.50 (which were figures given by the Isle of Wight Council on Monday 21st January 08) would be £34.07 per year in comparison to a budget set last year of £32.90 per Band D properties. It would give an increase of 2p per week.

Included in next years budget was Decorative lighting for the Esplanade, Buoys for Sandown Bay, Cold Calling Zones and money to cover the maintenance and day to day running of the skate park.

The cost of the Chronicle was raised and the Council was informed that this would be an agenda item for discussion at the March meeting.

Cllr Blezzard proposed an amendment to the budget. He stated the overall cost to the tax payer would not be that great but the overall addition to the precept is almost 10%. He raised the matter of previous meetings two years ago that the post of Clerk be made part time.

He proposed the overall staffing budget be reduced by £14000 and the NI budget be reduced by £1000; the Mayors allowance of £1000 be taken out of the budget and the Councillors expenses of £100 be reduced and the proposed precept be reduced by £15000. This proposal was seconded and a recorded vote was requested.

Voting for the proposal Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Wright.

Voting against the motion Cllr Dupre, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Young, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Teasdale

RESOLVED:-

THAT the amendment was lost.

Cllr Young raised the issue of a Youth Council and proposed an amendment that £1000 be used from the reserves for this project but it would stay in the reserves until the Youth Council is functioning and then it is taken out. This amendment was seconded and was put to the vote.

RESOLVED:-

THAT £1000 can be used from the reserves for this project but it stays in the reserves until the Youth Council is functioning and then it is taken out.

The budget for 2008/09 as presented by the Clerk was duly proposed and seconded

RESOLVED:-

THAT the budget for 2008/09 as presented by the clerk was accepted. That the precept for 2008/09 be £98,000.

160/08

TO RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONSULTATION ON ORDERS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS IN ENGLAND.

This will be an agenda item at our February 08 Meeting.

This agenda item was advance notice of what was to be discussed at the February Council Meeting. Councillors have been given information to access the website so they can read the proposals as the document was too large to circulate. The questions in the document will be circulated to all Councillors so they can consider them before the next meeting.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this item is noted.

161/08

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE BROADWAY CENTRE FULL STRUCTURAL SURVEY AND CARBON FOOTPRINT.

The Clerk reported that a Structural Engineer, Tony Ballard, had been engaged and would commence the structural survey next Wednesday.

Enginious is going to be doing the carbon footprint survey. A question was raised on the cost of the survey and the Clerk reported that depending on what was found on the survey and any further investigations that were needed the estimated cost would be no more than £4000 as reported at the previous Council meeting.

162/08

TO NOTE DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

13th February 08

RESOLVED:-

THAT the date of the next Town Council meeting to be held on the 13th February 08 was noted. That the following be agenda items at that meeting.

- a. School Reorganisation.
- b. Circulation of list of Correspondence.

Signed