



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD
AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON THE 13th FEBRUARY 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 commenced at 7.15pm

6 Members of the public were present and various questions and comments were made.

MEMBERS PRESENT: - Cllr Young (Mayor) Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Ward, Cllr Mereweather.

156/08 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wright, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Beevers, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Woolley.

157/08 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd JANUARY 08

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd January 08 were approved and duly signed.

158/08 SPEAKER

Hannah Birks from Island 2000 Trust spoke to the Council about the art project at Eastern Gardens which is a Public Art project in Sandown for Sandown which has been funded by the Arts Council. Local people are being asked to come up with ideas. Proposal is for a 2 D piece of art work on the wall in Eastern Gardens.

The less maintenance option is for it to be done in enamel especially with it being a seaside project. Five artists will be asked to create designs for that space and then local groups will be involved in choosing it. The artwork will be made off site. It is hoped it will be up for the summer.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council was appreciative of the effort that Hannah had put into this project for Sandown and gave it their fullest support.

Stuart Marlton the Town Centre Manager reported that he had been dealing with problems of people parking on the new verges at Yaverland. In March drop down posts are going to be put in to stop this continuing and to protect the verges. The fence at the canoe lake has deteriorated even more and he is now in discussion with Colonade regarding the state of it. On the 1st April he will be empowered to issue fixed penalty charge notices. There will be a publicity campaign prior to this to inform and educate the residents regarding fixed penalty notices. A request was made that more dog bins were required.

159/08 TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rogers declared a personal interest 163/08 and 165/08c

160/08 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

a. Payments and Receipts for January 08

The Clerk presented the payments and receipts for January 08

b. January 08 Summary of Payment and Receipts.

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RESOLVED:-

THAT the financial reports for January 08 be approved.

- c. To appoint Mr Gareth Hughes as the Councils internal auditor.
Due to the resignation of the internal auditor the Council discussed the appointment of a new internal auditor.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Mr Gareth Hughes be appointed as Internal Auditor to Sandown Town Council.

- d. To Review and Adopt Sandown Town Council Risk Management 2008.
The Clerk presented the Risk Management Policy for 2008. The back up of information was raised and it was reported that the back up information is kept outside the Centre.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Risk Management Policy for 2008 be adopted.

- e. To receive notice of completion of annual audit.
The Clerk reported that she had received the certified annual return for the 2006/7 accounts and we had a clean bill of health from the Audit Commission.

161/08

TO ADOPT SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL CHILD PROTECTION POLICY.

The Clerk presented a proposed child protection policy to the Council. Regarding CRB checks the umbrella organisations was Island Volunteers who do not exist now but agreement has been reached with the Riverside to do our CRB checks. Our lettings policy documentation will have to be altered to cover child protection.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council Policy be adopted.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Cllr Stephenson be the nominated as the child protection Councillor.

162/08

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

To review and pass on the Town Councils comments on this consultation.
Councillors have received the consultation orders prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this Council supports the comments sent in from the Island of Wight Standards Committee.

163/08

ISLE OF WIGHT EDUCATION REFORM

To consider proposals from the Isle of Wight Council and letter from the IW Association of Local Councils.

Cllr Blezzard's letter setting out his comments was circulated to all Councillors present at the Meeting. A lively discussion took place with all members of the Council wishing to keep our local primary schools especially St Johns where Parents were very angry.

Councillors were disturbed about the rumours that were circulating that it has been alleged that some Councillors have been given a nudge and a wink that their schools will not close and that is why they have not been protesting about their schools closing. It was felt that assurances are needed on this point.

Both Cllr Humby and Cllr Ward are supporting St Johns school staying open and have been on protest marches. Cllr Ward has emailed Jim Knight for clarification and asked him what exactly the changes in funding will be as no one has this information. The Council was informed of the motion by Cllr Joyce that is to be debated next week at the Isle of Wight Council Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council does not support any of the proposals for school closures and cannot support any of the three Options at present.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Mayor will write to Cllr Joyce on behalf of the Council supporting his motion and that a copy of the letter be sent to the Leader of the Council.

164/08

CONSULTATION INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2007-09

Isle of Wight Fire Brigade, Councils comments are requested.

The Council noted the work they were doing for the elderly and the other projects they were involved with. The Council reiterated it wishes to ensure the Fire Brigade is kept on the Island under the control of the Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council support the three areas of the plan and congratulate the service on its achievements.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this Council continues to support the retention of the Fire Brigade on the Island under the control of the County Council.

165/08

THE CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRSPONDENCE RECEIVED:-

a. Letter from Isle of Wight Council regarding Los Altos Park.

The letter was concerning an application from a Showman's Guild to hire Los Altos. Concern was raised whether heavy traffic would go down Station Avenue as in the past a carousal and a ghost train were brought down the road and it collapsed the sewers. Traffic is parked on both sides of the road and it will not allow large vehicles easy access.

RESOLVED:-

THAT The Clerk contact Trish Stillman for more information and email councillors for their comments.

b. Letter from Andrew Turner regarding the request to the Office of Fair Trading.

The Council discussed the letter from Andrew Turner regarding the ferry fares.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this Council totally supports the ferry fares fair campaign and urges the Office of Fair trading to investigate the Isle of Wight ferry services to examine if they provide a fair deal for Islanders.

c. Letter from Mrs Winter-Goodwin regarding Yaverland Car Park.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council noted the letter from Mrs Winter-Goodwin on behalf of Yaverland Ladies Club but regret that we as a Council can do nothing as it is an Isle of Wight Council matter and due to the Health and Safety Executives instructions to the Isle of Wight Council they had to comply with the height of the wall. The appearance could be broken up by installing seats and flower boxes.

d. Letter of thanks from Sandown Youth Club.

The Council has received a letter of thanks from Sandown Youth Club for the grant that the Council gave them towards their new project. And the Clerk reported the project was going well.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the letter be noted.

e. Letter from Operational Manager regarding Beach Cleaning and Public Cleansing contracts

The Council discussed the letter regarding the tendering for the beach cleaning and public convenience cleansing contracts.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council would like to see a schedule of cleaning and wish to ensure there is more frequent cleaning of toilets in the new contract.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council requests a copy of the proposed draft tender document so they can make comments prior to it being finalised and it goes out to tender.

e. Observers Meeting

It was reported to the Council that the Observers' minutes that the Clerk had received were inaccurate as she had not said no to a bid for money but had told Dadina that the grant money for this year had been spent and there would be an advert in the Chronicle advising people to apply for grants in the new financial year. Advice and help had also been given to Dadina regarding the print run as it had been vastly overestimated.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this item be noted.

f. Councillors Training Sessions

It was reported that 3 Councillors and the Clerk will be attending the training session on the 19th March 08 which will cover bid writing. The Clerk is also attending a training session on the 4th March to cover the role of the Town and Parish in Emergency.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this item be noted.

166/08 CIRCULATE LISTS OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Council to decide if Clerk is to circulate a list of all correspondence. The Council discussed this agenda item.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk will not circulate a list of correspondence with the agendas but would continue to report to the Council relevant correspondence as before at her discretion.

167/08 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes and correspondence from the IWALC was noted. Cllr Cowley circulated the report from the Island Waste Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the report was noted.

168/08 TO NOTE WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS.

Cllr Humby reported that both she and Cllr Ward are totally opposed to the proposed closure of St Johns School. There are 142 children attending and are only 8 children short of the school role. She touched on the safety works at Yaverland Car Park, Litter bins, cigarette butts and that White Air Extreme sports that will take place on the 18th to 21st September 2008.

Cllr Ward also reported on his opposition to the closure of St Johns School. He talked about his concern about the trend in the town for hotels to become hostels. He was keeping an eye on three applications at the present time.

169/08 TO NOTE DATE OF NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

12th March 2008.

The Clerk reported that she is on holiday for the next planning meeting on the 27th February 08 but the meeting will be clerked by Rebecca Tuck, the Brading Town Clerk.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the date of the next Town Council meeting is the 12th March 08, and to note that Rebecca Tuck will be clerking the planning meeting while the Clerk is on holiday.

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”.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the exclusion of press and public was agreed.

170/08 TO DISCUSS VARIOUS STAFFING MATTERS.

Various staffing matters were brought to the attention of the Council and duly resolved.