



Mrs Valerie Taylor MILCM
SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk
Broadway Centre, 1 Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 9GG
Telephone 01983 408287 E-mail valtaylor@sandowntc.wanadoo.co.uk



**A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD
AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON 11th MARCH 09 AT 7.0PM.**

7.0pm to 7.15pm Time allocated for residents of Sandown to speak to the Council on Town Matters.
3 Members of the Public were present as well as the County Press and Town Manager.

- 322/09 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Young and Cllr Walter and Cllr Beevers (Cllr Woolley has got married and is now Cllr Walter)
- 323/09 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
Cllr Blezzard declared Cllr Blezzard declared personal interest in the remaining items on the agenda as a member of the Isle of Wight Council Scrutiny Committee, a Parish Councillor for Lake, Parish Councillor /Chairman of Havenstreet and Asheys Parish Council and Town Clerk to Yarmouth and a personal and prejudicial interest in item 330/09b and he will leave the room.
- 324/09 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11th FEBRUARY 09**
RESOLVED:-
THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 09 were approved and duly signed.
- 325/09 MAYOR TO REPORT ON VARIOUS MATTERS.**
The Mayor reported that we had received a book from the Mayor of Tonny-Charente and that they are looking forward to seeing us in October 09.
- 326/09 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-**
a. Payments and receipts for February 09
b Summary of payments and receipts for February 09
Cllr Blezzard raised the matter of the low interest rate. He reported on a letter he had received regarding the setting up of a banking account by the Isle of Wight Council for the Parishes on the Island and it may be possible to get more interest by doing this.
The Clerk agreed to contact the Isle of Wight Council for further information but she had been pursuing this matter and there did not appear to be any worth while interest rate available at the moment.
RESOLVED:-
THAT the February 09 financial reports be accepted.
A recorded vote was requested.
Voting for the resolution Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Teasdale, and Cllr Ward.
Voting against the resolution Cllr Blezzard
Abstentions Cllr Wright
- c. To note the completion of audit of the 2007/08 accounts by the Audit Commission.**
The Clerk reported they had had a clear audit. Two pieces of advice have been given one was that our internal auditor needed to filled in his column with yes not ticks and that the Council needed to increase its fidelity insurance. The notice of completion of audit was on public display and the increase of fidelity insurance has been arranged to be in place from the 1st April 09.
RESOLVED:-
THAT the completion of audit by the Audit Commission was noted.
- d. To approve the purchase of the Esplanade lighting. Clerk and Cllr Teasdale to report.**
Cllr Teasdale circulated a lighting brochure for the Councillors to see what designs were available for the Esplanade Lights. It was reported that various companies had been looked at but Lumalite was offering a very large discount making them the best firm to purchase from. The Councillors chose M53B the Twinkling Star.
RESOLVED:-
THAT 12 display light order number M53B are purchased for the Esplanade to go in between the Christmas lights from Lumalite.
- 327/09 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD**
Cllr Ward reported that the Island was being divided into 3 Zones. There are no plans for massive closure of Youth Clubs. The Connection Service is being amalgamated with the Isle of Wight Council and it is bringing with it £2 Million. Structures at the top have merged. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out if it was new or existing money and she would let the Councillors know.
The standard of the way the pollarding of trees is carried out was causing some concerns; Councillors requested that we get a Tree Officer to talk to them about pollarding. The state of Culver Lodge was raised and it was agreed that the address of the owner be obtained and the Clerk would pass the information onto the Enforcement Officer.

The question of dropped curbs being installed at crossing points was also raised.

328/09 TO RECEIVE IF AVAILABLE REPORTS FROM THE POLICE AND ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER

The Environment and Neighbourhood Officer circulated his written report. He informed the Council that some boards are available that are for use on the sea that make into a pontoon for anyone who can use them as they are free. Cllr Teasdale suggested that the Isle of Wight Council could tie up the insurance cover with the concessionary leases to enable them to bring back into the Bay such things as pedalos. The Council asked the Clerk to take forward Cllr Teasdale's suggestion to the Isle of Wight Council.

329/09 CLLR ROGERS TO REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL ON THE INFORMAL BROADWAY CENTRE MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY 09.

Cllr Rogers made a statement regarding the informal Broadway Centre Meeting and Cllr Blezzard responded to it.

330/09 RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED FROM CLLR TEASDALE, CLLR YOUNG AND ROGERS AND CLLR BLEZZARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDERS AND IN THE ORDER THEY WERE RECEIVED.

a. Cllr Teasdale:- BROADWAY CENTRE

Sandown Town Council will not take any decision regarding the future of the Broadway Centre until after the June 09 elections but in the meantime the Town Clerk will continue to look for grants.

c. Cllr Blezzard:- BROADWAY CENTRE

1. That no decisions shall be taken regarding the future of the Broadway Centre before the Council election on 4 June 2009 .

It was agreed to take item a and c 1. together.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council will not take any decision regarding the future of the Broadway Centre until after the June 09 elections but in the meantime the Town Clerk will continue to look for grants.

Item 2 of resolution c.

2. That in the event of any approach being received from any individual or organisation interested in acquiring the Broadway Centre site or any part of it, that it shall first be reported to the next meeting of the full Council before any other action is taken.

The resolution was proposed but not seconded so this resolution fell.

Cllr Blezzard left the meeting for the next agenda item.

3. Cllr Young and Cllr Rogers:- MEMBERSHIP OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.

The following resolution was duly proposed and seconded:-Sandown Town Council immediately ceases its membership of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils and that the money in the 2009/10 budget be put on one side to help Sandown Youth Club Members towards their 25 year celebration in October 09.

The following amendment was proposed but not seconded:- Sandown Town Council does not pay its 2009/10 membership subscription to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils at this time and leaves the decision as to whether or not to pay the 2009/10 subscription until after the election in June when there may be new members on the Council who could benefit from IWALC support. Sandown Town Council further resolves that any funding deemed necessary at the May 2009 Council meeting to support the Sandown Youth Club 25th Anniversary celebrations will be made available from the Council's resources.

The duly proposed and seconded resolution was put to the vote.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council immediately ceases its membership of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils and that the money in the 2009/10 budget be put on one side to help Sandown Youth Club Members towards their 25 year celebration in October 09.

A recorded vote was requested.

Voting for the resolution Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Teasdale, and Cllr Ward.

Voting against the resolution Cllr Wright.

331/09 CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF LOCAL BUS SERVICES

To receive comments from the Council in respect of the consultation.

A letter had been received from Cllr Humby asking the Town Council to support a later bus service to Yaverland.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council supports no reduction in Services but wishes to see an improved service including a later bus service to the Yaverland Estate. Sandown Town Council would also like the Isle of Wight Council to keep a small contingency sum for later in the financial year so it can be available in case there is a future service need.

332/09 THE CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Letter from Sandown Youth and Community Centre.

The letter from the Youth and Community Service was noted.

b. Letter received from Simon Deer Commissioner for Positive Action.

Concern was raised about a public relations disaster that has occurred and the great degree of uncertainty this has caused.

c. Letter received from Mr Henderson together with response.

The correspondence was noted.

d. Letter received from Patricia Bromley re Land Title IW69089

The Council felt that this land should be retained by the Isle of Wight Council as whoever gets it will have control of the site which could cause terrible problems for property owners.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council write to the Isle of Wight Council and ask if this land is up for sale and also request a copy of the documentation if this land is out for tender.

e. To update the Council on the proposed transfer of Allotments by the Isle of Wight Council.

This is deferred to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

f. Correspondence from Richard Day Chairman IWALC

The letter from Richard Day was noted.

g. Letter received regarding free letting.

The Council confirmed that it retains its existing policy and this group will have to pay.

Cllr Mereweather reported that Councillors had attended the scheduled meeting with IW Council officers on the future of Shanklin Theatre, and that she had received a phone call prior to this meeting about a further meeting that was taking place between Tony Wright and the friends of Shanklin Theatre with David Pugh and due to it clashing she was unable to go. She thought the Council should keep a close eye on what is happening. It was reported that the Chamber of Commerce have put Shanklin Theatre at the top of their agenda for the Bay Regeneration. The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerks of Shanklin and Lake to have the working together raised again on their agendas. She was also asked to write to John Metcalf and ask if formal documentation is ready for the formation of a Trust.

Cllr Wright reported that the Police Liaison Working Party is up and running and some very interesting points came out during the discussions including school issues and transport.

333/09

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8th April 09

RESOLVED:-

THAT the date of the next meeting be noted.

Signed

Dated