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**A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL THAT WAS HELD AT
THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON 14th JANUARY 09 AT 7.0PM.**

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

1 Member of the Public was present.

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

298/09 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Beevers

299/09 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.

300/08 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD DECEMBER 2008

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 08 were approved and duly signed.

301/09 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM DAVID BALL AND LEE MATTHEWS ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF SANDOWN IN THE ISLAND GAMES.

Mr Ball was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Matthews reported that the Island Games was a huge International Event with 23 Islands attending. The Island Games has an organising committee and Sandown will be very involved in the games. Sailing and windsurfing will take place at Yaverland and Athletics at Sandown High School. Sandown Council will see the youngsters they have previously supported in the 2011 Games.

Publicity for the Games will start with a publicity launch in March. They have a logo and web site and they are still developing the sponsorship. There will be a good educational link. They will be talking to hoteliers in Sandown regarding accommodation. The opening ceremony will be on 26th June 2011. There was a good chance that the opening ceremony could be held in Sandown.

Councillors asked what they could do towards the games. Mr Matthews said that volunteers will be needed to become involved. All sports at the moment are doing fund raising because it will be costing £800 per head to send a team to the 2009 Island Games.

Mr Matthews was thanked for his informative presentation and agreed to come back to the Council to update the Councillors when things have moved on.

302/09 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

a. The Clerk presented the payments and receipts for November 08 and December 08.

b Summary of payments and receipts was also presented to the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the November 08 and December 08 financial reports be accepted.

A recorded vote was requested.

Voting for the resolution Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Ward, Cllr Woolley, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Young.

Voting against the resolution Cllr Blezzard

Abstentions Cllr Wright.

The resolution was passed.

c. Mr Hughes presented his auditors report to the Council and assured the Council that everything was fine and the Council is supported by proper records.(Copy of report attached to minutes). Mr Hughes was thanked by the Council for attending the meeting and his report.

303/09 TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2009/10

The Clerk read out the RISK assessment that she had undertaken when preparing the proposed budget and precept.

The proposed budget which would mean a stand still precept of £98000 was presented to the Council. Members raised questions about various budget headings to which the Clerk answered. The budget and precept to be set at £98,000 was proposed and seconded.

Cllr Blezzard proposed an amended budget of £80000 that was to be achieved by reducing the Clerk to part time and reduce the staffing budget to £26,000, reduce National Insurance by £1000, remove the Mayors allowance of £1000 remove the £1000 fireworks grant, and remove the £2000 Sandown Community Partnership Grant. This amendment was duly proposed and seconded.

Discussion on the amendments took place. Councillor Rogers made the point that the decision to have a full time Clerk was a recommendation to the past Council by the previous Clerk and had been implemented.

Prior to the amendment being put to the vote. A recorded vote was requested

Voting for the amendment Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Wright

Voting against the amendment Cllr Ward Cllr Woolley Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Mereweather

Abstentions Cllr Young.

The amendment was lost.

The substantive motion was then put to the Council.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the proposed budget is accepted and the precept is set at £98000

A recorded vote was accepted.

For the resolution Cllr Young, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Ward, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Mereweather Cllr Woolley

Against the resolution Cllr Blezzard and Cllr Wright

The resolution was carried.

304/09

TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD

Cllr Humby congratulated the Rotary for all the work they put into the Christmas lights. She reported that the Isle of Wight Council cabinet will be discussing Shanklin Theatre and the Heights Leisure Centre. There were 40 people who attended the Sandown Community Engagement Meeting. Main items identified giving concern to the town were Anti Social behaviour, the need for a Police Station, and not enough activities for the young people.

Cllr Ward gave a Mayors report and commented on the feed back he had received from businesses on his Christmas Eve Fun Day walk about. He reported on the meeting he had been to with the ferry companies which highlighted that September visitor traffic had increased. Hovertravel reported that the day trip market had virtually disappeared. In his Councillor Report he reported on more measures to tackle under age drinking and that the planning inspector has halved the number of Residents in the HMO at 16 Grafton Street.

305/09

OLD ENOUGH TO MAKE A MARK? CONSULTATION

To respond to this Policy and Parliamentary Consultation

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council would support the voting age to be reduced.

306/09

THE CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a. Letter received from Rotary Club of Sandown.

The Council agreed to Rotary's request to have the lights this forthcoming Christmas at the Broadway Centre.

b. Letter from Isle of Wight Council regarding Allotments

Councillors requested a site visit of the allotment site. Clerk to arrange.

c. Letter from NALC setting Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2009/10

The Council noted the letter from NALC

d. Invitation from Christ Church to the Commissioning Service for Allan Peters and Monica Arguelles on 25th January 09 at 10.30am.

The Mayor said he would be attending.

e. Consultation on Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity.

To give advance notice of a February Agenda item.

This item was noted.

f. Copy of Age Concerns Annual Report

This item was noted

g. Copy of Isle of Wight Scouting

This item was noted

h. Community and Family Learning in the Bay Area.

This item was noted

i. Letter of thanks received from Chairman of the Sandown Carnival Committee.

This item was noted.

j. Shanklin Theatre

The Clerk reported that Lake and Shanklin Councils were meeting to discuss our joint concerns over Shanklin Theatre and would get back to us.

This item was noted, and Councillors asked that we are kept fully informed.

307/09

TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM COUNCILLOR BLEZZARD ON THE MEETING OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.

Cllr Blezzard reported on the IWALC Meeting and raised the concern that Brading Town Council were not being allowed to send their documents for re-accreditation by e-mail. He also reported that on the 19th February Bill Murphy would be attending the IWALC meeting if anyone was interested in attending. It was agreed the Council would write a letter to NALC supporting Brading Town Council.

TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE SANDOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FROM COUNCILLOR TEASDALE.

Cllr Teasdale reported that the lighting was now on in the evening at the skate park. The Partnership was exploring obtaining a log cabin. The Partnership has had a meeting with Sarah Mitchell and her team regarding Battery Gardens and they all are hopeful of seeing progress on this project. The Partnership will want to involve Shanklin and Lake Councils to see what sort of heritage site we are going to have.

Cllr Teasdale reported that he and the Clerk were looking into funding to organise some events for the skate park. He raised the issue that youngsters have been getting into the old building at the canoe lake and tearing things down and while the canoe lake was frozen throwing pieces of it on the ice. He expressed concerns that there could be asbestos in the building and the hazard that presented to their health. The Clerk said she would email Stuart Love straight after the meeting.

308/09

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 11th February 09

RESOLVED:-

THAT the date of the next meeting be noted.

Signed

Town Clerk

Dated