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**A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT  
THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN ON 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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 as well as Council Humby ( IWC) County Press and Mike Rowlands Senior Environment and Neighbourhood Officer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:-** Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Wright, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Young, Cllr Rogers,  
Cllr Dupre, Cllr Walter.

Due to the illness of the Mayor Cllr Mereweather was elected Chairman for the night.

**334/09 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ward and Teasdale due to illness Cllr Beevers due to her having to work and Cllr Stephenson due to special event she had to attend. Cllr Water will be late.

**335/09 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in personal by reason of being a substitute executive member of IWALC at NALC, Councillor for Ashy and Havenstreet and Councillor for Lake and Clerk to Yarmouth.

**336/09 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 09**

**The minutes were approved with the following amendments:-**

**329/09** Cllr Rogers made a statement regarding the informal Broadway Centre Meeting and Cllr Blezzard responded to it.

**330/09 Item 3** 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 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations will be made available from the Council's resources.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 09 were approved and duly signed with the alterations.

**337/09 MAYOR'S REPORT ON VARIOUS MATTERS.**

There was no Mayors report but the Clerk on behalf of the Mayor showed the Councillors the framed photograph they had received as a thank you from Sandown Rotary.

**338/09 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-**

**a. Payments and receipts for March 09**

Questions were asked about items on the receipts and payment paper to which the Clerk answered.

**b Summary of payments and receipts for March 09**

Summary of payments and receipts were presented to the Council.

**c. Total spend including 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter against set budget.**

Summary of payments and receipts together with the total spend including the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was presented to the Council.

The Clerk reported that not counting the loan the Council had a balance of £45003. This included some ring fenced items (£3283 skate park YOF money £651 Archivist and £750 One Million Bloom and £3000 Esplanade Lighting totalling £7684)

She suggested that the underspend from the Skate Park heading of £1628 is also ring fenced to build up a sum that can be used for repairs etc in the future. Cllr Wright suggested the £1570 underspend on the

Buoys should also be ring fenced. Taking out the ring fenced items would leave the Council a balance of £34138 on the 2008/09 budget.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT £1628 is ring fenced for the skate park and £1570 is ring fenced for the buoys as well as the items already ring fenced.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the March 09 financial reports be accepted.

**Voting for the resolution** Cllr Young, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Walter,  
Cllr Mereweather,

**Voting against the resolution** Cllr Blezzard

**Abstentions** Cllr Wright.

d. Bill received from Mr Henderson.

The Council discussed the bill that Mr Henderson had sent them.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council thanked Mr Henderson for his public spirit but are unable to pay this bill for work they had not asked to be carried out and suggest he contacts the Water Board who own the lane and land.

339/09

**TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD.**

Cllr Ward's report which included liaison meeting with Sandown Health Centre, Isle of Wight Youth Service, Houses of Multiple Occupancy and the Pier Street toilets was tabled. Comments made about Pier Street toilets.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Clerk would write to the Engineering Department regarding the lack of courtesy shown to Sandown Town Council for not informing them of the situation regarding Pier Street toilets and the lack of checking prior to a project being proposed to see if it was feasible.

Cllr Humby tabled her report which included the change of Police Shifts, Junction at the Iron Bridge Morton, Culver Parade Zebra Crossing that now cannot go ahead because of problems, as well as the dilapidated buildings within Sandown.

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**TO RECEIVE IF AVAILABLE REPORTS FROM THE POLICE AND ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER**

There was no Police report. Mike Rowlands introduced himself to the Council as the Senior Environment and Neighbourhood Officer. He informed the Council that due to reorganisation of the service he was taking over from Stuart Marlton in Sandown and Stuart was taking over as the ENO in Newport. Mike presented Stewarts quarterly report to the Council which was noted.

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**MOTION RECEIVED FROM CLLR BLEZZARD.**

"Sandown Town Council does not pay an allowance to the Mayor in the 2009/10 municipal year and vires the £1,000 budgeted for the Mayor's allowance into grants for outside bodies."

The motion was not seconded so it fell.

342/09

**THE CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

a. Report back on agenda items from last the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 09.

**Esplanade Lights.**

The Esplanade Lights have been ordered and should be in place by the end of April.

**Interest Rates.**

The Clerk reported that she had investigated avenues to increase the interest rate that the Council can get on their money. Lloyds TSB were offering that afternoon:-

1.25% on a 6 week deposit

1.5% on a 3 month deposit

1.9% on a 6 month deposit

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council would deposit £100,000 with Lloyds TSB on a 3 month deposit.

**Allotments**

The Isle of Wight Council reported a delay on handing over the allotments to the Town and Parish because some problems had occurred and the legal department were involved in sorting them out. Matthew Chatfield has agreed to come and talk to Sandown Town Council once the issue has been resolved.

**Land Title IW69089**

There has been no response received from the Isle of Wight Council regarding the request of a copy of the documentation if this land is out for tender. Clerk to chase up.

**Answers from Cllr Pugh.**

Sandown Town Council is awaiting answers from Cllr Pugh. Further letter to be sent requesting them.

- b. Request to use Sandown Town Council's staging. Council decision required.  
Arreton Community Theatre has requested the use of Sandown Town Councils staging.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT Arreton Community Theatre could borrow the staging subject to:-

- Sandown Town Council receive a copy of their insurance that indemnifies Sandown Town Council against any damage or claim against them by anyone using the staging or any member of the public coming into contact with it.
- That a deposit of £100 is paid to Sandown Town Council
- That Arreton Community Theatre will meet the cost of replacing any damaged staging.
- That a minimum donation of £25 for the loan of the staging is given to Sandown Youth Club.

- c. Invitation received from RCC for 23<sup>rd</sup> April 09 Review and Development Day.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this invitation was noted.

- d. **Report on Pollarding.**

Because of the concerns raised about the pollarding of trees in Sandown, Matthew Chatfield has walked round the streets of Sandown and inspected the trees that have been pollarded. He has reported that the work has been done correctly and at the right time. Some trees needed pruning well as they were old and this is done periodically to extend their lives.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT this report was noted.

- e. **Traffic Plan.**

The Clerk reported that a new staffing structure was being put into place in the Isle of Wight Council to help Councils deliver a traffic plans for their areas. Kevin Burton has offered to come along to the July meeting of Sandown Town Council to talk to them about the new structure and the delivery of local traffic strategy which would lead to a Sandown Traffic Plan. The formal review of traffic orders will take place in January 2010.

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the Council agree to ask Kevin Burton to attend the July 09 meeting.

**343/09 TO REPORT ON BID SUBMISSION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup>/3<sup>RD</sup> PHASE OF PLAY AREA.**

The Clerk reported she had submitted the Sandham Gardens phase 2 and phase 3 bid to the Isle of Wight Council who had been awarded £1,200,000 to be spent on 11 bids per year for 2 years by the Lottery. The bids would be considered by Play England who would decide which bids would be awarded the money.

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Council supported the submission and hoped it would be successful.

**344/09 REPORT BACK ON POLICE WORKING PARTY**

Police are reviewing the Perowne Way Crossing and the problems caused at school times from the station to the High School including the yellow lines outside the High School.

**345/09 TO REVIEW RISK MANAGEMENT (Copy emailed to you)**

The Risk management Policy was reviewed and with some minor changes was adopted.  
(Copy attached to minutes)

**346/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> May 09**

**RESOLVED:-**

THAT the date of the next meeting be noted.

**Signed**

**Dated**