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**A MEETING OF SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE BROADWAY CENTRE SANDOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 09 AT 7.0PM.**

5 Members of the Public were present.

Mrs Saunders and Mrs Ormond both asked/raised points about the Broadway Centre.

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Ward(Mayor), Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Blezzard, Cllr Dupre, Cllr Patel, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Humby and Cllr Cowley.

379/09 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Davis and Cllr Beevers.

380/09 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To invite members to declare any interest they may have in matters on the Agenda

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest as he was a Councillor on Havenstreet and Asheby Council and also Yarmouth Town Clerk

381/09 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH JULY 2009.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 09 were approved and duly signed.

382/09 TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH AND 26TH AUGUST 09.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 5th and 26th August were noted.

383/09 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM CLLR HUMBY AND CLLR WARD.

Cllr Humby presented her written report and informed the Council that the Police Office opposite the Pier was not going ahead as Engineering Services are going ahead with new loos. She said she had written to Cllr Pugh to consider the Town Hall if the reorganisation of schools goes ahead.

Cllr Ward reported on the Fire and Rescue Consultation. Cllr Blezzard stated that the Fire Chief's preferred option is to have 2 fire appliances in Sandown. Cllr Blezzard raised a question as to why he was not invited to the meeting with Highways about the speeding problem in Perowne Way that Oscar Stretch and Cllr Cowley attended with Cllr Ward. Councillor Cowley informed the Council that Oscar had informed her of the meeting and she had asked to attend to raise the problem of speed humps at the other end of Perowne Way. Oscar had attended the meeting regarding the speed problem with 2 other local residents.

384/09 TO RECEIVE IF AVAILABLE REPORTS FROM THE POLICE LIASON WORKING PARTY AND ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OFFICER.

No reports were available.

385/09 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS:-

- a. **Payments and Receipts for July and August 2009**
- b. **July and August 2009 Summary of Payment and Receipts against the budget.**
- c. **To receive internal auditors report from Mr Gareth Hughes.**
- d. **To receive report from the Audit Commission.**

c. Mr Hughes presented his auditors report to the Council. He asked if there was anything the Council would like examined in more detail. Nothing was requested.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Auditors report be noted.

d. The Clerk reported that the Council had received a clear audit from the Audit Commission for the 2008/09 Accounts. The Notice with the relevant documentation has been posted on the Town Council notice board.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the report from the Audit Commission be noted.

a/b The Clerk presented the July and August Payments and Receipts, the July and August Summary of Payments against the budget. Various questions were raised to which further information was given.

A recorded vote was requested.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the July and August 09 financial reports be accepted.

Voting for the resolution

RESOLVED:-

THAT the May 09 financial reports be accepted.

Voting for the resolution Cllr Dupre, Cllr Patel, Cllr Beasley, Cllr Humby, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Ward, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Mereweather and Cllr Stephenson.

Voting against the resolution Cllr Blezzard

The resolution was carried.

386/09 RESOLUTION FROM CLLR MEREWATHER

- a. That the Council agrees to investigate the possibility of funding from the Youth Opportunities Fund for play equipment for the Foxes Bridge playing field.

Cllr Mereweather presented her resolution and informed the Council that they wanted to aid a group of young people to apply for £20000 from the Youth Opportunity to reinstate goal posts and equipment to make a small area for children to play. Consultation would be carried out especially with the Residents.

It was suggested that plastic screening was used so that grass could grow through it and it could be used to overcome the goal post area problems.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council agrees to Cllr Mereweather and Cllr Stephenson investigating the possibility of obtaining funding from the Youth Opportunities Fund for play equipment for the Foxes Bridge playing field.

RESOLUTION FROM CLLR STEPHENSON AND CLLR MEREWATHER

- b. That the Council look into putting the goal posts that had been removed from Foxes Bridge being put up at Los Altos.

Cllr Stephenson presented the resolution. The Council thought it was a good idea to put goal posts in Los Altos.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council look into goal posts being put up at Los Altos.

RESOLUTION FROM CLLR TEASDALE

- c. That the Council requests that the environmental agency as a matter of urgency to put back into a good condition and maintain the Sandown sea wall.

Cllr Teasdale presented the resolution as he was very concerned about the state of the sea wall. It was reported that at the Yaverland Residents Meeting concerns were also raised.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Council requests that the environmental agency as a matter of urgency to put back into a good condition and maintain the Sandown sea wall.

RESOLUTION FROM CLLR BLEZZARD.

- d. That the Council erect a welcome to Sandown Sign at the beginning of Perowne Way.

Councillor Blezzard moved next business due to the present financial climate.

RESOLUTION FROM CLLR HUMBY

- e. That Sandown Town Council considers an Honour Walk and explores possible locations.

Cllr Humby presented the resolution as it is a way of raising funds by people buying a brick. It serves 2 purposes it allows people to pay their respects and it raises funds.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Councillor Humby investigates and presents the Council with the details including costings and Councillors are to bring forward suggestions as to where it could be located.

387/09 BROADWAY CENTRE

- a. To discuss the way forward.

The Mayor introduced this agenda item by saying that he wanted the Council to explore the way forward. Tonight was not for making decisions but other Councillors may wish to come forward with further ideas than the 3 options that he saw which were:-

1. That the Council spends £400,000 on the building and takes out further loans.
 2. That we let South Wight Housing Association build a brand new Centre in an exchange of land and also getting some money.
 3. That part of the Broadway Centre is sold and the remaining part is done up and we could be debt free.
- He then opened up the meeting and a very lively debate took place resulting in a 4th option of exploring a Trust being suggested.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the Clerk investigated all 4 Options and presents the details to the Council.
The Clerk reported that she would try to get the information back to a meeting in October but it would not be the Council Meeting on the 14th October 09.

b. To review the hire charges.

Cllr Blezzard declared a personal interest in this agenda item.

The Clerk presented the suggested revised hire charges to the Council:-

Los Altos £10 per hour, Main Hall £8 per hour, Yaverland Room £6 per hour, Culver Room £5 per hour and that the Council would cease to charge for the kitchen.

Various options were discussed. Worry was expressed about organisations that were on tight budgets. The following resolutions were agreed:-

RESOLVED:-

THAT the hire charges would be Los Altos £10 per hour, Main Hall £8 per hour, Yaverland Room £6 per hour, Culver Room £5 per hour and that the Council would cease to charge for the kitchen.

RESOLVED:-

THAT charges are reviewed in 12 months time.

388/09 GAMBLING ACT 2005 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

To make any comments on the Isle of Wight Council's Proposals.

RESOLVED:-

THAT we note the public consultation on the Gambling Act 2005.

389/09 CLERK TO REPORT ON:-

a. ANNUAL SKATE PARK SAFETY INSPECTION. For noting.

The Clerk reported that the Skate Park had received its RPII Annual Inspection and had passed.

RESOLVED:-

THAT we note that the Skate Park had received its RPII Annual Inspection and had passed.

b. Correspondence received from clubs and organisations. For noting.

The Clerk reported on the letters and cards the Council had received from the organisations that had been received Council Grants. She also reported that Broadway Stage Production had sent the Council a plant.

RESOLVED:-

THAT the correspondence from clubs and organisations be noted.

Email received from Oliver Dunn regarding the use of the café under the band stand being used for a Police Office.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Councillor agreed they have no objection to the Police Moving to the Bandstand at Sandham Gardens but they would prefer the Town Hall.

A brochure had been received from Brading Roman Villa together with CD and if a Councillor wanted to look at them please let the Clerk know.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this is noted.

A booklet had been received from the Southern Housing Group.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this is noted.

c. Correspondence had been received from the RCC on the 1200 Strong Autumn Fayre that is being held on 19th September 09 at Brading Roman Villa.

RESOLVED:-

THAT this item be noted.

d. A letter has been received from St John Ambulance regarding raising £35000 towards the cost of a new ambulance.

RESOLVED:-

THAT Sandown Town Council will give a grant of £100 to St John Ambulance.

Prior to the meeting closing Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Dupre and Cllr Beasley apologised to the Council.

390/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14TH OCTOBER 09

RESOLVED:-

THAT the date be noted.

Signed

Date