

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 27th January 2022 at 19.00.

PRESENT: Deputy Town Mayor Councillor S. Godden (in the Chair)
Town Mayor Councillor C. Quirk

Councillors: A. Whittaker, L. Fleming, R. May, S. Knight, D.G. Williams, S. Parkes, W. Hilton-How, R. Lansdell, D. Lerner, Town Clerk R. Priest standing in for Town Clerk No County Press. No members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised: None.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors' D. Cable, P. Barry, M. Hailstone, M. Beston.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

2.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Members were invited to declare any interest, including the nature & extent of such interests, that they may have in any items to be considered at the meeting. (If the interest was pecuniary, members should have left the meeting at the appropriate time). Members' to declare by voicing and/or completing the form distributed at the meeting or emailing the Town Clerk RFO before the meeting.

2.2 DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (If any)

2.3 TO GRANT REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AS APPROPRIATE

Councillors C. Quirk & M. Beston have dispensations to participate (speak & vote) granted to them until May 2025 (or until the next election if sooner) with regard to IW Council items, & Shanklin theatre & community trust.

3. GREEN TOWNS REPORT

Councillor S. Godden gave a verbal update: The group unable to access the platform garden & need to plant bulbs. There was a zoom meeting on crime prevention following recent incidents, & there was contact with the British Transport Police with a text number available to report incidents. Plan for a beach clean on 20 February 2022 from 10am.

4. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

Councillor Quirk reported on a meeting with the National Trust over Luccombe footpaths & recent planning application that Cllr. Quirk is objecting to, & may be appropriate for Town Council to submit comments accordingly Town Clerk noted that the planning item was not on the agenda but understood details had been circulated and members were able to comment individually, or submit a collective response outside of meeting. Cllr Quirk updated members on coastal footpath, and central government funding, including works on Appley Steps, and the issues with the Old Village duck pond was linked to drainage work by Southern Water in connection with local farm. Guidance was for the Jubilee was also discussed, and the need to progress work on the pier apron flag pole and Esplanade clock in time for the Jubilee.

5. **MINUTES 25th NOVEMBER 2021**
That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 25th November 2021 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.
Members proposed, seconded and voted to approve the minutes.
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes.
MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.
6. **ACCOUNTS**
- 6.1 **ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL NOVEMBER 2021**
Question Danfo payment Cllr. Knight confirmed background to contract & the arrangements in place. Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve.
RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £45123.10 be approved for payment.
- 6.2. **BANK RECONCILIATION NOVEMBER 2021**
Town Mayor Cllr. C. Quirk confirmed the bank reconciliation as correct.
- 6.3 **ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL DECEMBER 2021**
Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve.
RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £4928.86. be approved for payment.
- 6.4 **BANK RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 2021**
Town Mayor Cllr. C. Quirk confirmed the bank reconciliation as correct.
7. **GRANT APPLICATION – MEN IN SHEDS**
Members discussed the application and the need for more detail, which the Clerk had sought to secure from the applicant. Members noted the absence of a specific request for a specific amount, and also that the completion date for the project has passed. It was noted that Lake PC had made a contribution, and that the organisation was different to that set up by Age UK originally.
RESOLVED: Town Clerk RFO to seek more details from applicant and re-agenda.
8. **GRANT APPLICATION 4th SHANKLIN BROWNIES**
Members discussed the work of the group, Cllr. Whittaker noted that no specific amount had been requested, Cllr. Godden said she had been in touch with the group & that increased cost was impacting on the activities that could be provided. Cllr. Parkes said the group provided much needed services for young people. Cllr. Quirk said the Town Council should encourage and support the Brownies, and proposed a grant of £500. Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve a grant of £500.
RESOLVED: To pay a grant in the sum of £500.
9. **UPDATE ON ISSUES RAISED WITH THE IWC**
Cllr. Quirk reported on the pond, & Esplanade clock issues and Cllr Fleming noted the ongoing issues at the pond and the need for urgent action, Cllr. Knight highlighted the water source and the history to the site, as well as the contribution of the Fire Service in the past. Members noted possible seepage from the pond and damage to the clay base. Cllr. Whittaker said he had explored the route of the stream feeding the pond, including where it had been diverted, & Cllr. Williams noted that at present only rainwater was getting into the pond. Members agreed that urgent action was needed by Southern Water & the Council would continue to monitor the situation.

10. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

Cllr. Quirk updated members on the recent meeting of the working party and plans for kit bags for school pupils to save costs; Cllr Parkes outlined possible events at Big Mead & involvement of dancers & singers, as part of a programme of events, Cllr. Quirk added that bell ringing & the lighting of a beacon could also be added and a possible event on the beach, and asked for a budget of £10,000. This would be in addition to the works proposed on the clock and flagpole, and the working party would work up a list to consider at a future meeting, the working party asked for provision to be made in the budget. Members also noted correspondence with former Cllr. Richard Priest, who highlighted previous events involving schools, local churches and other organisations, and that, with Lake and Sandown, this had been taken forward in 2018 for the centenary of the end of WW1, the clerk would circulate further details, as well as details of possible funding.

11. IWALC

Members' discussed the correspondence from IWALC, & Cllr. Williams highlighted history of previous involvement. Cllr. Quirk noted the role of his sister-in-law as Treasurer of IWALC, and proposed joining at a reduced cost for 2022.2023 of £960.02 Members noted the need to make a budgetary provision if this was decided, and HALC was also an option. Members' noted there was a training budget, and members had already taken part in training. Cllr Parkes proposed joining IWALC, seconded by Cllr. Whittaker. Cllrs. Parkes, Whittaker, Quirk, May, Lansdell voted to join IWALC, Cllrs' Knight, Fleming, Larner, Hilton-How, Williams, & Godden voted against joining IWALC
RESOLVED: Not to join IWALC.

12. GREEN FLAG

Cllr. Quirk outlined the need to submit an application for the Green Flag, as well as securing blue flag for Shanklin beaches. The Clerk noted that Shanklin VYCC had applied for and received the Green Flag for 25 years, and that there was a considerable amount of work involved in the application for the environmental award, the Clerk also advised on dates. Cllrs. May & Whittaker noted that Sandown had the Blue Flag and thought Shanklin should also apply, the Clerk advised of the dates for application as well as the volume of work and investment required, and that members would need to consider the time pressures on the Town Clerk RFO and capacity to take this forward, when previously the applications were undertaken by a Town Councillor, members agreed to consider this at a future meeting once details have been circulated.

13. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Cllr. Larner raised resident's concerns about removal of shrubs outside of Brunswick Hotel, Cllr. Hilton-How highlighted raised drain cover in Regent Street, Cllr Whittaker expressed concern about not being allowed to speak on a matter & concerns about the use of his phone during the meeting & requested a copy of the audio recording of the meeting, and the Clerk would advise accordingly. Cllr. Quirk asked if Members could comment on the Luccombe planning application and the Clerk confirmed that members could submit comments individually if they so wish or via the Town Clerk RFO as usual.

14. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE

Cllr Quirk had replied during the meeting.

Thursday 24th February 2022