

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 28th April 2022 at 19.00.

PRESENT: Councillor C. Quirk (in the Chair)
Deputy Town Mayor Councillor S. Godden
Councillors: A. Whittaker, L. Fleming, R. May, D.G. Williams, S. Parkes, W. Hilton-How, R. Lansdell, S. Knight, D. G. Williams, D. Lerner, Town Clerk RFO No County Press.
No members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised: None.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors' P. Barry, D. Cable.

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

Members' were in receipt of a written report.

Councillor Godden updated Members: Meeting with new railway general manager re upgrading, & changing CCTV to digital.

4. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

Two recent events, stabbing & a murder, I circulated an update earlier today. Vandalism Hope Road toilets & last night at the theatre. Good CCTV images of the offenders at the toilets. Myself & Chairman of Lake have asked for a meeting with Crime Commissioner to discuss the situation. Senior police officers emphasis is on serious crime e.g., rape, murder etc minor crimes have been left alone. There are to be 600 extra police officers for Hampshire & the Island, the first 450 are being trained now. Myself & Town Clerk will write to Chief Superintendent, Chief of Police, Crime Commissioner, Cllr. Ian Stevens re the problems we are facing. We have not had a police officer at a meeting for a long time. The Queen's Jubilee Street parties details in Beacon and Shanklin magazine. There will be a hog roast, music, hula hoop competition, limbo dancing, on the Saturday Rotary have a sale in Falcon Cross Hall, buskers around the Town. Sunday Rylstone Gardens event. Company B, Band, weekend of activities, Pimm's tent, cream teas. If residents are organising events contact details are in the Beacon & Shanklin magazine. Church service at the band stand on Sunday & church gazebo on the seafront.

5. MINUTES 24th MARCH 2022

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2022 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

Members proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

6. ACCOUNTS

6.1 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL MARCH 2022

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve.

RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £49,676.21 be approved for payment.

6.2. BANK RECONCILIATION MARCH 2022

Town Mayor Cllr. C. Quirk confirmed the bank reconciliation as correct.

7. INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2021/2022 (FINAL) REGULATION 5(1) ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Councillor C. Quirk commented it is a good report.

RESOLVED: Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to adopt the Internal Auditor's report.

8. **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2022 S.11 THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015**
Councillor S. Knight proposed a vote of thanks to the Town Clerk RFO for her work on the accounts.
RESOLVED: Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve & adopt the internally audited annual accounts.
 9. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2021 – 2022 (Pgs 1 & 2)**
RESOLVED: Members received the document.
 10. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2021-2022 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT (Pg 3)**
RESOLVED: Members received the Internal Auditor's report.
 11. **SECTION 1 – THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021 – 2022 (Pg 4) S.12(2)(A)(B) THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015**
RESOLVED: Members received & approved Section 1 & the signing thereof of Section 1 by the Town Clerk RFO & Chairman.
 12. **SECTION 2 – THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2021 – 2022 (Pg 5) S.12(2)(C) THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015**
RESOLVED: Members received & approved Section 2 & approved signing by the Chairman.
 13. **SECTION 3 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2021 - 2022 (Pg 6) EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT & CERTIFICATE**
RESOLVED: Members noted that the External Auditor will complete in due course.
 14. **NOTICE OF PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS & OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY S.12(3)(A)(B) & S.14 THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015**
RESOLVED: Members noted that notices will be displayed in accordance with the Regulations at the appropriate time.
- Mr. J. Gilbey joined the meeting.
15. **ARMADA COAST FOUNDATION S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT1972**
RESOLVED: To write agreeing in principle to pay a contribution towards the registration of a trademark.

16. **SHANKLIN CARNIVAL AGM S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**
Councillors' D. Larner & W. Hilton-How declared an interest being carnival members.
RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee for Falcon Cross Hall in the sum of £25.00
17. **PAYMENT OF DONATION TO BROADLEA SCHOOL IN LIEU OF LOCUM CLERK & FIRST AID TRAINING**
RESOLVED: To pay a donation in the sum of £250.00 to the school.
18. **POLLING CARDS – FORTHCOMING ELECTION S.36(5) REPRESENTATIONS OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983**
RESOLVED: To issue polling cards for the upcoming by-election.

Under s.100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public & press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1(3) of Schedule 12 of the Act

19. **TOILET MAINTENANCE QUOTES FOR CONSIDERATION S.87 PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1937**
Jon Gilbey answered Members questions. Members thanked Jon for his hard work.
- 19.1 **HOPE ROAD – Wallgate new units/lights**
RESOLVED: To accept the quote in the sum of £24925.29 plus VAT.
- 19.2 **FALCON CROSS ROAD – Electronic door system**
RESOLVED: To accept the quote in the sum of £3220.00 plus VAT.
- 19.3 **RYLSTONE GARDENS – Wallgate repairs/Service contract**
RESOLVED: To accept the quote in the sum of £3131.88 plus VAT.
20. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**
Pond – IW Council still in talks with Southern Water.
Clock – IW Council awaiting a report they have commissioned.
Rotary – STC Crest.
21. **ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE**
Councillor Beston updated Members thus:
Shanklin Railway Station Car Park Our thanks go to Phil Dominey, the Senior Regional Development Manager at South Western Railway for his swift intervention regarding the Station car park surface repairs. A member of the public had reported to a large pothole adjacent to the tactile paving ramp. Being that this area is off the highway network and not the responsibility of Island Roads, the repairs were swiftly carried out by the SWR maintenance team.

Should you need to report, view, or discuss local problems such as graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, pot holes or street lighting, please use the 'FixMyStreet' website that goes directly to Island Roads:

www.fms.islandroads.com or alternately, contact us for any assistance.

Shanklin Theatre Break-In The theatre suffered a break-in last week from a handful of hooded individuals. They managed to gain access under one of the back stage doors and into one of the dressing rooms. Various items of costumes were disturbed and the room was trashed. The perpetrators left evidence of discarded cigarettes and burnt paper. Although there was not significant damage, this could have led to more serious damage and of course the risk of fire throughout the building. It is understood that those responsible could be the same individuals responsible for the vandalism at Hope Hill conveniences. Images were captured on the theatre's CCTV recording equipment but were deemed unusable by the police. The theatre management is now reviewing its intruder alarm and CCTV systems.

Police and Crime Commissioner

As part of the Safer Streets initiative, just over 13,500 police officers have now been recruited across the UK. Hampshire & the Isle of Wight Constabulary have now recruited over 450 new officers already with another 150 to go. Almost half of all recruited are female officers.

Shanklin Performing Arts Centre

The legal documents relating to the purchase of the property by the theatre's trustees have now been signed off with the solicitor and directors. IWC legal team have also signed off on them this afternoon. Following a series of false alarms at the Arts Centre, the security Alarm System on the building has been checked and adjusted remotely by the alarm company.

Six 3ft x 7ft rehearsal mirrors that were ordered some time back are now ready for delivery to the Island; these will be affixed to the dance floor walls. Bookings and enquiries to hire the centre continue at a steady rate which in turn will now cover our utilities bills. Extra lower space storage area used by the Island Savoyards has now had additional lighting and power points fitted. Various items of electrical equipment have been PAT (portable appliance testing) tested and the relevant certificate issued. Ron Bird at the theatre has kindly offered the resident piano in the old council chamber room for use at the Arts Centre. Once in place, Ron will install a heating device inside the piano to take care of cold temperatures.

Thursday 26th May 2022