

# SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 19.00.**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Councillor R. May (in the Chair)  
Councillors: A. Whittaker, D.G. Williams, S. Parkes, S. Knight, D. Larner, S. Godden, S. Sheath. P. Barry, M. Beston. Town Clerk RFO No County Press.  
No members of the public.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Points raised: None.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors' D. Cable, L. Fleming, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, R. Lansdell.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

**Councillor P. Barry joined the meeting at 19.04.**

**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 written reports for May & June (copies of which are appended to the filed minutes). Councillor Godden further updated Members: They finally have access to the railway station garden & recently had a successful clean-up & have unearthed the boat.

The Chair thanked Sue and Green Town members for all their hard work.

#### **4. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr. Mike Beston read out the Town Mayor's Report in his absence:

There is lots of news this month. Firstly, the good news that the repairs to Appley Steps are complete and this access from Luccombe to the beach are now fully open. The Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II was celebrated with street parties around the Town and two major free events organised by the Town Council. On Friday 3rd June there was music and dancing on the Pier Apron, with music from Harry Lee on the Piano Accordion, Maurice Kachuk singing and tap dancing, Dance Vibez performing two dance shows (before some of them went off to London to lead the Jubilee procession down the Mall with Shade Makers), plus music from Break the Ice with EMZ Wight on vocals, Steve Parke's on Keyboard, Special guest Roland McCabe on Saxophone along with the rest of the band James Harwood, Kev Bev-Fields and Pete on drums. The event was attended very well during the day and in spite of a cloudburst in the afternoon there was a Hula Hoop competition and Limbo Dancing. The Hog Roast raised nearly £500 for the Sandown & Shanklin Inshore Lifeboat. The event was attended by a changing crowd of several hundred during the course of the day. On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June there was an event as part of the National Big Picnic with Music from Company B UK, Break the Ice, Derek Sandy, Shanklin Brass Band, Maurice Kachuk and Jake & Tilley, followed by a Jubilee Service led by the United Shanklin Churches. The Pimm's' tent raised around £200 for the Shanklin Performing Arts Centre: there was also a Tea Tent, a Church Tent and a Strawberries and Cream stall run by "It's About Thyme." Our thanks to Sam from MMC for providing the extra stage and to Shanklin Brass Band for letting us hijack their usual Sunday event and turn it into a Jubilee Big Picnic. A headcount at the events busiest point was around 475 attendees. Also worthy of note is the restoration of the Pond at Big Mead adjacent to St Blasius. The Town Council and Isle of Wight Council are working together to restore the pond, and qualified fisheries volunteers removed over 150 carp from the pond under an Environment Agency License, and transferred them to another local pond on the same water course. Our thanks to the Fire Service for filling the holding pond for us. The Big Mead Pond has been drained and the IOW Council will fund the partial dredging of the pond, also ensuring that the retaining walls are sound. A link to a new spring to feed the pond has been established. We still hope to remove the dinner plate sized terrapin; we assume an over-grown pet, which someone released into the pond. I would like to thank Cllr Adrian Whittaker for acting as the lead on this project, and for the close liaison with IOW Council Officers.

#### **5. MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 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. Cllrs' R. May, A. Whittaker, D.G. Williams, S. Parkes, S. Knight, D. G. Williams, D. Larner voted in favour of accepting the minutes. S. Godden, S. Sheath. P. Barry abstained.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes.

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

**6. MINUTES ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2022 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. Cllrs' R. May, A. Whittaker, D.G. Williams, S. Parkes, S. Knight, D. G. Williams, D. Larner S. Godden voted in favour of accepting the minutes. S. Sheath. P. Barry abstained.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes.

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

**7. ACCOUNTS:**

**7.1. BANK RECONCILIATION APRIL 2022**

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

**8. CONSULTATION DIY WASTE**

Councillor Beston informed Members the survey takes four minutes to complete. There is no definitive answer on what constitutes DIY waste.

**RESOLVED:** That Members' would complete the on-line survey as individuals if they so wished.

**9. GRANT APPLICATION NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES**

**RESOLVED:** Members' unanimously resolved not to give a grant.

**10. GRANT APPLICATION VICTIM SUPPORT S.111 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES**

**RESOLVED:** Members' unanimously resolved not to give a grant.

**11. BIG MEAD POND S.19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 APPLIES TO AGREE CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF PIPES**

Councillor Whittaker updated Members: The fault does not lie with Southern Water as first thought, it goes back to an accident in the 1970's. 153 fish have been taken out of the pond. Cllr. S. Godden asked Cllr. Whittaker if he was acting as an individual and Cllr. Whittaker said he was with the permission of IWC, and landowners. Cllr. Beston said he was satisfied that Cllr. Whittaker was

acting with the requisite permissions. Cllr. Whittaker asked if Green Towns would help with the pond? Cllr. Godden explained this was outside of their remit. Cllr. Larner expressed concern over the disease from the many rats at the pond. Councillor Beston on behalf of STC thanked Cllr. Whittaker for his work on the pond. The IWC are paying for the dredging of the pond thought to be in the region of £5000. Town Clerk RFO explained the increase of the quoted amount to £2000 for the pipes with £500 if this was needed for pointing. Members' duly proposed, seconded and voted to agree the amounts above. Cllrs. R. May, D.G. Williams, S. Parkes, S. Knight, D. G. Williams, D. Larner, S. Godden, S. Sheath. P. Barry voted in favour. Cllr Whittaker abstained.

**RESOLVED:** To agree to pay up to £2000 for the new pipes at Big Mead Pond, with a reserve of £500 for pointing if needed. All liabilities to remain with the IWC.

**12. GRANT APPLICATION SHANKLIN TOWN BRASS BAND S.145(1)(C) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES**

Councillor Parkes expressed his opinion that the Band's accounts are complicated.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to give Shanklin Brass band a grant in the sum of £5000.00.

**RESOLVED:** To give a grant in the sum of £5000.00.

**13. MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Cllr. Larner expressed thanks to the Pay Back Team for their work on the carnival float and the hut.

Cllr. Parkes thanked the mayor (in his absence) and fellow Councillors for their work at the Jubilee events.

Cllr. Godden said the Brook by the British Legion is in a mess she will pass photos to Cllr Beston.

Cllr. Sheath said it was nice to be back.

Cllr. Whittaker said it was nice Cllr. Sheath was back but why did she resign? he had heard it was because she was being bullied.

Cllr. Sheath said she resigned for personal reasons.

The Chair told Cllr. Whittaker the reason a person resigns is a personal matter, nothing to do with anyone else. The Chair asked Cllr. Whittaker several times to apologise to Cllr. Sheath but he refused.

Cllr. Whittaker asked why the Town Mayor was not invited to the recent Royal visit by The Earl & Countess of Wessex and why Shanklin Town Council was not represented when Lake and Sandown were, and that the Town Mayor should have been there.

Town Clerk RFO said invites were extended to: Town Clerk, Cllrs' Knight, Godden, Larner, & Hilton-How. It is up to the host of any event who they wish to invite.

Cllr. Whittaker persisted to ask why the Town Mayor was not invited. The Chair suggested Cllr. Whittaker take that up with the person whose event it was & who sent out the invitations, but it was not Cllr. Whittaker's or anyone else's business.

**14. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE**

Cllr. Beston updated Members: Appley Steps has been covered.  
As part of the Queens Jubilee Celebrations, the Shanklin Scouts under the direction of Carol Harvey have purchased 3 mature Oak saplings to be planted in pre-agreed locations with the IW Council within the Big Mead. The tree planting will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. Each Oak sapling will also have its own personalised plaque dedicated to the Shanklin Scouts, Beavers and Cubs.  
Shanklin Performing Arts Centre - As you know, the Trust is now the owners of the old library building. A feasibility study was conducted last September to provide the Trustees with various viable options on how to develop the site for a community-based Arts Centre. A preliminary design and plan have been chosen and the Trust has submitted Pre-Application planning advice to the IW Planning Officers. Working with the Officers will determine the acceptable finalised design of the building. We have paid for Platinum Service, meaning that a planning performance agreement is in place and that the application will be progressed within specific set times scales. This also includes actions and resources for handling our application. Our aim and aspiration would be to create: A large studio space with retractable seating and stage area. A second smaller studio space. Customer toilets. Performers changing area and loos. Entrance and foyer at street level, bar and merchandise space. Access to upper auditorium seating with the auditorium providing a cinema screen. The plans are not live at the moment but we will inform you when it goes into public consultation.  
Shanklin Carnival - The Friends of the Theatre will be taking part in the Main Carnival this year. The theme will be 1930s style clothing, with Straw Boater hats, striped jackets for the gents and floral dresses for the ladies.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 .....