

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 25 April 2024 at 19.00.

PRESENT: Town Mayor Councillor R. May (in the Chair)
Deputy Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath. Councillors: D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, S. Parkes, D. Williams, C. Quirk, S. Godden, M. Beston, L. Fleming, D. Miller, S. Knight, A. Whittaker.
Town Clerk RFO. 3 members of the public & Cllr. P Brading.
Councillor S. Parkes recorded the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised: Ventnor meeting no emails received.

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. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

Numerous reports to Island Roads, dog poo, benches. Attended meeting with Cllr. Quirk Bay Place Plan re members for the Bay Place Plan committee.

4. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 29 FEBRUARY 2024

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 February 2024 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: Cllrs R. May, S. Sheath, D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, S. Parkes, D. Williams, C. Quirk, S. Godden, M. Beston, L. Fleming, D. Miller, S. Knight, voted to approve. Cllr. A. Whittaker abstained.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of 29 February 2024.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

5. ACCOUNTS:

5.1 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL FEBRUARY 2024

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for February in the sum of £46670.00.

5.2 BANK RECONCILIATION FEBRUARY 2024

Town Mayor Cllr. R. May confirmed the bank reconciliation for February 2024 correct.

5.3 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL MARCH 2024

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for March in the sum of £28135.70.

5.4 BANK RECONCILIATION MARCH 2024

Town Mayor Cllr. R. May confirmed the bank reconciliation for March 2024 correct.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2023/2024 REGULATION 5(1) ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Councillor C. Quirk thanked RFO for her work. Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve & adopt the Internal Audit Report 2023/2024.

RESOLVED: To approve & adopt the final Internal Auditor's Report for the year ending 31 March 2024.

7. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024 S.11 THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve & adopt the internally audited annual accounts as prepared by the Town Clerk RFO.

RESOLVED: To approve & adopt the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2023/2024 PAGES 1 & 2

RESOLVED: Members received & noted pages 1 & 2.

9. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2023/2024 PAGE 3

RESOLVED: Members received & noted the Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/2024 as completed by the Internal Auditor.

- 10. SECTION 1 – THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/2024 PAGE 4**
Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve Section 1 & to approve the signing by the Town Clerk RFO & Chairman s.12(2)(a)(b) The Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015.
RESOLVED: To approve Section 1 & to approve the signing by the Town Clerk RFO & the Chairman.
- 11. SECTION 2 – THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2023/2024 PAGE 5**
Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve Section 2 & to approve signing by the Chairman s.12(2)(c) The Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015.
RESOLVED: To approve Section 2 & to approve the signing by the Chairman.
- 12. SECTION 3 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2023/2024 EXTERNAL AUDITOR’S REPORT & CERTIFICATE 2023/2024 PAGE 6**
RESOLVED: Members noted that Section 3 will be completed by the External Auditor in due course.
- 12.1 STATEMENT OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH EXTERNAL AUDITORS BDO LLP & AGREE FOR CHAIR & TOWN CLERK RFO TO SIGN THE REQUISITE FORM**
Members duly proposed, seconded and voted to confirm no conflict of interest with External Auditors BDO LLP & for Town Clerk RFO & Chair to sign the requisite form. Councillors R. May, S. Sheath, D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, S. Parkes, D. Williams, C. Quirk, S. Godden, M. Beston, L. Fleming, D. Miller, S. Knight, voted to approve. Cllr. A. Whittaker abstained.
RESOLVED: No conflict of interest & Town Clerk RFO & Chair to sign the requisite form.
- 13. NOTICE OF THE PERIOD OF THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS & OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY S.12(3)(A)(B) & S.4 THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015**
RESOLVED: Members noted the requisite notices will be displayed in accordance with the Regulations at the appropriate time.
- 14. ARMED FORCES COVENANT**
- 14.1 TO CONSIDER SIGNING THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT**
Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to sign the armed forces covenant.
RESOLVED: To sign the Armed Forces Covenant.

14.2 TO CONSIDER OUR COMMITMENT

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to commit to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant as suggested in the agenda paperwork in its entirety.

RESOLVED: To commit to upholding the principles agreed.

14.3 INVITATION TO ATTEND 80 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF D. DAY

RESOLVED: Members noted the date and time of the invitation.

14.4 TO CONSIDER SIGNING THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT AT THE ABOVE EVENT

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously for the Town Mayor Cllr. R. May to sign the armed forces covenant at the event on 19 May 2024.

RESOLVED: Town Mayor Cllr. R. May to sign the armed forces covenant at the event on 19 May 2024.

15. GRANT APPLICATION – COMMUNITY ACTION ISLE OF WIGHT £10,000 S.19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 APPLIES

It was noted that no request was made in advance of the Town Council's budget being prepared.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to pay a grant in the sum of £10,000.

RESOLVED: To pay a grant in the sum of £10,000.

Deputy Town Clerk J. Gilbey joined the meeting.

16. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE HIRE FEE FALCON CROSS HALL – S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

16.1 SHANKLIN CARNIVAL JUMBLE SALE 24 FEBRUARY IN THE SUM OF £63.00

Councillors D. Larner & W. Hilton-How declared an interest being members of Shanklin Carnival committee.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to waive the hire fee.

RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee in the sum of £63.00.

16.2 IW CARNIVAL FEDERATION 8 FEBRUARY IN THE SUM OF £27.00

Councillors D. Larner & W. Hilton-How declared an interest being members of Shanklin Carnival committee.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to waive the hire fee.

RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee in the sum of £27.00.

17. IW COUNCIL RECHARGE OF BAY PLACE PLAN LAUNCH EVENT IN THE SUM OF £353.90

Much discussion took place on this item. We were not asked to contribute to the launch event just sent an invoice & then a demand for payment. Cllr. Whittaker stated that Lake Parish Council are not contributing to the costs. Sandown Town Council will end up paying the full amount if we do not contribute.

17.1 TO AGREE THE £353.90 SHOULD HAVE COME FROM THE £10.000 WE HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted to agree the above Councillors S. Sheath, D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, S. Parkes, D. Williams, C. Quirk, S. Godden, M. Beston, A. Whittaker, L. Fleming, D. Miller, S. Knight, voted to approve. Cllr. R. May abstained.

RESOLVED: Members agreed that the £353.90 should have come from the original £10,000 we paid.

17.2 TO AGREE TO PAY A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE BAY PLACE PLAN LAUNCH EVENT

An amendment was proposed: That we contribute nothing to the costs. This amended motion failed. Members reverted to the original motion that we pay a contribution that being £353.90 Members duly proposed, seconded and voted to pay a contribution of £353.90 Councillors C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, S. Sheath, D. Miller voted for the motion. Cllrs. D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, D. Williams, S. Godden voted against. Cllrs R. May, S. Parkes, S. Knight, A. Whittaker abstained.

Town Clerk RFO to write to IWC regarding the way they have acted.

RESOLVED: To pay a contribution of £353.90 towards the Bay Place Plan launch event.

18. CHINE BLUFF TOILETS

18.1 STRUCTURAL INSPECTION REPORT

Members were in receipt of the full document & noted the document.

18.2 EDDISON'S VALUATION REPORT

Members were in receipt of the full document & noted the document.

The Chair asked each individual member having read the reports what they felt should be done with the toilets the majority view was to sell.

19. MEMBERS UPDATE

Cllr. S. Knight suggested to Cllr. A. Whittaker that he apologises to Green Towns for untrue comments made about Green Towns at a previous meeting, including accusing Green Towns of stealing. Cllr. Whittaker said "he was approached by the Mayor to apologise to Green Towns & told them where to go, I stick by what I said if Green Towns wanted to bugger off, they could do so" Cllr. Knight said he would bring it up at a later date. Cllr. Whittaker asked that it be minuted that Cllr. Knight

threatened him by saying he would take it up with him later on. Mayor replied that there was no threat and told Cllr. Whittaker to calm down.

L. Fleming = Regatta 8 August Hope Rd & Lift Rd toilets open until 23. Tables.

D. Lerner = Signage station = Island Roads/IW Council.

S. Parkes = Revetment signs no more information.

A. Whittaker = Green Towns EGM (there was no EGM) silly article dealt with

D. Miller = Lift being painted in August.

M. Beston = Referred to Cllr. Parkes previous question for an update Cllr. Beston pointed out that grazing field were in the last minutes, & St. Blasius Church field update in the minutes before. Mike has met up with Katherine and walked around the town Members are invited to join Mike & Katherine on future walks. 31 Carter Avenue the police & care services are involved. The Government Chair read out an invitation to Members inviting them to a meeting in June. Town Clerk will email Members the invite on Monday.

20. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE

Cllr. Quirk = Luccombe landslips. Tea Gardens condemned. IW Council fixed walkway at pond.

Cllr. Beston = Dog poo issues, posters have been put on lamp posts and this has reduced the issue.

Thursday 27 June 2024