

# SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 30 January 2025 at 19.00.

**PRESENT:** Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath (in the Chair)

Deputy Town Mayor Cllr. A. Whittaker

Councillors: D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, D. Williams, S. Parkes, S. Knight, S. Godden, L. Fleming, Deputy Town Clerk  
one member of the public,

Councillor Parkes was given permission to record the meeting.

**PUBLIC FORUM** One resident present who did not wish to speak.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Town Clerk RFO. Councillors' D. Cable, R. Patel, P. Barry

## **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**

I hope this report finds you all well and I wish all members a Happy New Year. I start this report with a reflection of the official "switch on" of the Christmas lights at Springfield nursing home. It was part of a national switch on of nursing homes owned by Hartford Care and the event was recorded and put out on Springfield nursing home and Hartford care social media. It was a huge honour to officially switch on the lights, it was lovely to see the residents staff and visitors enjoying the festivities. Also, in December we had our traditional annual Town Council service, arranged by our wonderful Town Clerk. This year it was held in the Town Square next to our Christmas tree and the Town Clerk selected a festive poem for me to read. Many thanks for Shanklin Town brass band for playing at the event which really created a festive atmosphere. During this month I attended the official opening of the Shanklin Rotary sale which has been part of Shanklin's community calendar for more than 50 years! Many residents look forward to the Rotary sale once Christmas is over and it's a wonderful example of recycling with residents generously donating items to the sale for people to buy. More than a hundred residents queued up for the official opening! This year it was opened by the owner of Shanklin Chine and former High Sheriff Anne Springman and Debbie Dunford Rotary District Governor. Finally, I wish to inform members that a new defibrillator has been installed outside Falcon Cross toilets by our council. This means Shanklin now has even better coverage in the event of a medical emergency.

### **4. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 31 OCTOBER 2024**

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 31 October 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 to approve the minutes, Cllrs D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, D. Williams, S. Knight, S. Godden, L. Fleming, S. Sheath voted to approve. Cllrs A. Whittaker, & S. Parkes abstained.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes from the meeting of 31 October 2024.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Item 9. Cllr. Beston - Environment Officer – discussion for finance group next month.

**5. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2024**

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 November 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 to approve the minutes. Cllrs D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, D. Williams, S. Godden, L. Fleming, S. Sheath voted to approve. Cllrs A. Whittaker, S. Parkes & S. Knight abstained.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes from the meeting of 28 November 2024.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Item 8 – Cllr Parkes – Foot Print Trust we said to invite them to a meeting.

**6. ACCOUNTS:**

**6.1 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL NOVEMBER 2024**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts for November in the sum of £81,811.77.

**6.2 BANK RECONCILIATION NOVEMBER 2024**

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath confirmed the bank reconciliation for November 2024 correct.

**6.3 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL DECEMBER 2024**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts for December in the sum of £17,374.93.

#### **6.4 BANK RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 2024**

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath confirmed the bank reconciliation for December 2024 correct.

#### **6.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2024**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the quarterly budget review.

### **7. PLANNING**

Councillors C. Quirk & M. Beston declared an interest being IW Councillors & on the IWC Planning Committee.

**RESOLVED:** To comment on item 4 24/01897/full – only (comment attached to the filed minutes).

### **8. GRANT APPLICATION - SHANKLIN REGATTA 2024/2025 S.145 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Cllr. L. Fleming took no part in the vote being a member of Shanklin Regatta.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted to pay a grant in the sum of £5000

Cllrs D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, D. Williams, S. Knight, S. Godden, S. Sheath, A. Whittaker, S. Parkes voted to approve.

**RESOLVED:** To pay a grant in the sum of £5000.

### **9. GRANT APPLICATION – VERNON SPENCER TRUST SHANKLIN ROTARY CLUB RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS DINNER IN THE SUM OF £355**

Cllrs Sheath, Fleming, Godden did take part in the vote being members of Shanklin Rotary. Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: Cllrs D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, D. Williams, S. Knight, A. Whittaker, S. Parkes to pay a grant in the sum of £355.

**RESOLVED:** To pay a grant in the sum of £355.

### **10. FALCON CROSS HALL – FREE HIRE – TO CONSIDER WAIVING THE HIRE FEE SHANKLIN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IN THE SUM OF £30 S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Councillors L. Fleming declared an interest being a member of the association, Cllr Beston because his wife is a member.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: Cllrs D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, R. May, D. Williams, S. Knight, S. Godden, S. Sheath, A. Whittaker, S. Parkes voted to waive the hire fee.

**RESOLVED:** To waive the hire fee for Shanklin business association in the sum of £30.00.

**11. TO CONSIDER PAYING FOR THE RE-LOCATION OF THE ELVIS PLAQUE IN RYLSTONE GARDENS – SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL TO TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FUTURE MAINTENANCE**

Councillor A. Whittaker declared an interest and took no part in the vote.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: Cllrs D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, D. Williams, S. Knight, S. Godden, S. Sheath, L. Fleming, S. Parkes voted to pay for the re-location of the Elvis plaque in the sum of £175.00. Shanklin Town Council taking no responsibility for any future maintenance.

Cllr. A. Whittaker abstained being involved in the project.

**RESOLVED:** To pay £175.00.

**12. TO APPROVE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CLLR. D. CABLE (IF NEEDED DUE TO ILL HEALTH) FOR THE NEXT 3 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS (FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL,) OR UNTIL THE DATE OF THE ELECTION S.85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED:** Members unanimously voted a leave of absence to Cllr. D. Cable for six months or until the election whichever comes first.

**13. TO CONSIDER ASKING IW COUNCIL TO RETURN THE MONIES WE GAVE LAST JUNE TOWARDS THE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT BIG MEAD IN THE SUM OF £9600.00 – LETTER TO INDICATE WE ARE OPEN TO CONSIDER WORKING WITH THEM ON FUTURE PROJECTS THEY IMPLEMENT**

Much discussion took place. The IW Council entered into a legally binding contract with us when they took the monies, this contract has been breached. IW Council has statutory duty for the park they cannot delegate that to us. A new proposal was put forward “to encourage the IWC to deliver on the current contract & for Jon to liaise with the IW Council to achieve that end.”

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: Cllrs D. Larner, W. Hilton-How, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, D. Williams, S. Knight, S. Godden, S. Sheath, L. Fleming, S. Parkes voted for Jon to liaise with

IW Council to encourage IWC to deliver on the current contract. Cllr. A. Whittaker abstained.

**RESOLVED:** Jon to liaise with IW Council to encourage IWC to deliver on the current contract.

#### **14. INTERNAL AUDITOR**

##### **14.1 AUDITOR'S REPORT – INTERNAL REPORT 2024/2025 REGULATION 5 (1) ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 - TO RECEIVE, APPROVE & ADOPT THE INTERIM AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

Members unanimously voted to receive, approve & adopt the interim Auditor's report for the year ending 31 March 2025

**RESOLVED:** to receive, approve & adopt the interim Auditor's report for the year ending 31 March 2025.

##### **14.2 INTERNAL AUDITOR LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT – TO CONFIRM LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT & INSTRUCT TOWN CLERK RFO TO SIGN**

Members unanimously voted & confirmed the letter of engagement & instructed Town Clerk RFO to sign

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the letter of engagement & instruct the Town Clerk RFO to sign.

##### **14.3 TO CONFIRM NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN AUDITING SOLUTIONS LTD AND SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL & ITS MEMBERS**

Members unanimously voted & confirmed no conflict of interest between Auditing Solutions & Shanklin Town Council & its Members.

**RESOLVED:** No conflict of interest.

#### **15. CONSULTATION – IWC LCWIP SPD'S**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the document.

#### **16. CLOCK TOWER – CLLR ADRIAN WHITTAKER**

Cllr. Whittaker updated Member IWC are looking to us for additional monies. They will also need to obtain a grant. This is on the Finance Committee's agenda.

**17. MEMBERS UPDATE (BRIEF POINTS NOT FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISIONS)**

Cllr. May = Crime increasing in businesses.

Cllr. Parkes = Rail users group meeting. Xmas tree in situ longer.

Double yellow lines Regent Street a problem. Landguard Rd. resurfacing 2 shops at end complained cars driving faster & mounting pavement maybe poles.

Empty shops. Empty hotels. Bay revetment working group disbanded superseded by the Bay Place Plan. Shanklin carnival garage roof repairs we gave grant.

Cllr. Quirk = Christmas tree.

Cllr. Beston = responded to Cllr. Parkes re his update, it is in all our remit to report issues in Shanklin e.g. pole on the pavement to deter fast cars mounting pavement suggest to Island Rds. Report issues to highways.

Cllr. Whittaker = Resident has sectioned off part of the footpath enforcement are looking into it. If grant monies paid, can we ask for unpaid grant back.

IWC looking to repaint the lift.

**18. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS UPDATE**

Cllr. Mike Beston - **Carter Avenue Horse Field** After a year of delay and constant email exchanges between the IWC Estates Surveyor, I now have a firm commitment on the cutback of the overgrown field to the rear of properties along Carter Avenue. I will be meeting contractor Groundsells, and the resident concerned next week to discuss and confirm exactly what needs to be done and completed before this year's nesting season starts. (March – September).

**Oakhills Flooding** Another issue that has been ongoing for two years is the flooding issues to one property in Oakhills. A broken culvert had been identified in the Rush Close area behind Oakhills causing overground rainwater to flood this property. Following ongoing conversations with Southern Water, I have now had confirmation from the IWC Planning Policy Manager and Southern Water that the broken culvert will be connected to the surface water system to re-direct water away from the property to help alleviate the flooding issues. **Pavement A-Boards** Following the Licensing Committee meeting in June 2024, a business consultation was

conducted on whether A-Boards under 1.5 mtrs in height should be included in the licensing regime. Island Roads currently enforce the safety and location of business A-boards on roads and pavements. Sixty-seven replies were received from the consultation and the majority of responses indicated that businesses did not want the extra administration or charges required for licensing A-boards under 1.5mtrs. The committee agreed that this would place a significant administrative and financial burden on both local businesses and increase the workload of the Licensing team. The agreed recommendation from the Licensing committee is not to include A-Boards under 1.5mtrs in height into the licensing regime. The final decision will go to full council in March this year. Cllr. Chris Quirk = Should know next week if there will be an election or not. Culvert work seems to be successful. Brook cleared but issue with residents dumping garden rubbish.

- 19. Under s.100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public & press may be excluded from the meeting for the following item/s 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**
  
- 20. BUILDING THE BAY (PREVIOUSLY BAY PLACE PLAN)**  
Cllr. Sheath updated Members thus: Building the Bay have suggestions for projects which along with the Regeneration Officer's role will be discussed at next month's finance meeting & then at our February meeting.

Thursday 27 February 2025 .....