

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at the Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Wednesday 21 May 2025.

PRESENT: Town Mayor S. Sheath (in the Chair)
Deputy Town Mayor A. Whittaker
Councillors' D. Lerner, D.G. Williams, P. Barry, L. Fleming, S. Goodyear, R. Patel,
W. Cooper, R. May, T. Sheath. 3 members of the public. Town Clerk RFO, Deputy
Town Clerk J. Gilbey. No press.

Before commencement of the meeting, Members introduced themselves, read and signed their declaration of acceptance of office which was countersigned by the Town Clerk RFO.

PUBLIC FORUM

Town Mayor Sara Sheath thanked ex Councillor Sue Godden for her contribution and work regarding Green Towns. Sue thanked the Town Clerk for her support and advice over the years.

A resident said she did not like the politicization of the Town Council during the recent elections.

Town Mayor Councillor S. Sheath commenced the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2024/2025 PURSUANT TO s.41 (1), 15(1), 15(2), 33(1), 34(1) 34(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

As it is not permissible to preside over your own election, Cllr. S. Sheath vacated the Chair and Cllr. A. Whittaker took the Chair for this item.

The Chair informed Members' that there were 2 nominations for Town Mayor for 2025/2026 Councillors: S. Sheath & D. Lerner Members' duly proposed, seconded both candidates and a written vote took place.

RESOLVED: Councillor A. Whittaker declared Councillor S. Sheath duly elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year 2025/2026.
Councillor Sheath took the Chair.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

RESOLVED: Town Mayor, Councillor S. Sheath made & signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office pursuant to The Local Elections (Parishes & Communities) (Declaration of Acceptance of Office) Order 1990.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. C. Quirk & M. Beston.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

4.1 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. A copy of the form is appended to the filed minutes.

4.2 DISPENSATIONS - WRITTEN REQUESTS

None.

4.3 TO GRANT DISPENSATIONS AS APPROPRIATE

None.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2025/2026

Town Mayor Councillor S. Sheath informed Members' that there were two nominations for Deputy Town Mayor for 2025/2026 Councillors' D. Larner & A. Whittaker Members' duly proposed, seconded and a written vote took place.

RESOLVED: Town Mayor Councillor S. Sheath declared that Councillor A. Whittaker be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor A. Whittaker took the seat next to the Town Mayor.

6. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 29 APRIL 2025 & TO NOTE MATTERS ARISING WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE FORMAL RESOLUTION

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: Cllrs: D. Larner, D.G. Williams, L. Fleming, S. Goodyear, R. Patel, R. May, T. Sheath, S. Sheath, A. Whittaker Cllrs: W. Cooper & P. Barry abstained.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes 29 April 2025.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

7. MAYORAL ALLOWANCE

Town Mayor Councillor S. Sheath having declared a pecuniary interest left the room for this item & Deputy Town Mayor Councillor A. Whittaker took the Chair. Members' duly proposed, seconded and a vote took place which was unanimous.

RESOLVED: that pursuant to s.15 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Mayoral Allowance be fixed at £1,500 for 2025/2026.

Town Mayor Councillor S. Sheath re-joined the meeting and took the Chair.

8. TO CONFIRM DATES & TIMES OF MEETINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

8.1 The last Thursday in the months of July, September, November, January, March, April, May at 19.00.

Members proposed but did not second.

8.2 To keep meetings dates, times as they are currently – Last Thursday of the month at 19.00.

Members proposed, seconded and voted unanimously for last Thursday of the month at 19.00.

RESOLVED: Meetings to take place the last Thursday of the month except August & December when no meetings take place.

9. TO CONFIRM MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES & OUTSIDE GROUPS

RESOLVED:

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mike, Thomas, Sara, Den, Raj, Steve, Lyn, Robert

FALCON CROSS HALL MANAGEMENT & STAFFING COMMITTEE

Sara, Den, Raj, David.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Wendy, Mike, Thomas, Sara, Adrian, Steve, Lyn, Robert, David.

OUTSIDE BODIES

BAY AREA PLACE PLAN

Chris, Lyn.

10. REGISTER OF FINANCIAL & OTHER INTERESTS

All Members' were in receipt of a Registration of Interest form to be completed and returned to the Town Clerk RFO at this meeting or direct to County Hall thereafter.

11. COUNCILLOR CONTACT INFORMATION

All Members' were in receipt of a contact form to be completed and returned to the Town Clerk RFO at this meeting.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT

All Members were in receipt of a copy of the Code of Conduct.

13. CIVILITY & RESPECT

All Members were in receipt of a copy of the Civility & Respect Policy.

14. COUNCILLORS EMAIL POLICY

All Members were in receipt of a copy of the Councillors Email Policy,

15. COUNCILLORS APOLOGY POLICY – TO ADOPT

All Members were in receipt of a copy of the Councillors Apology Policy Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to adopt the Councillors Apology Policy.

16. STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members were informed these are available on the Town Council website.

17. PLANNING & LICENSING

COMMENT

1. **Application No: 25/00456/3MAPA** Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin South
Location: **Knights Rest Guest House 20 Queens Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6AW** Proposal: Prior approval for change of use from guest house to 1 residential dwelling. Members commented that this is another loss of a tourist facility.

NO COMMENT

2. **Application No: 25/00659/HOU** Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin South
Location: **6 Hungerberry Close Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6LX** Proposal: Proposed raised decking area; extension to outbuilding; new retaining wall
3. **Application No: 25/00480/FUL** Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): **Shanklin Central**
Location: **Shanklin Bowling Club Brook Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 7LD** Proposal: Proposed excavation of bank; retaining wall and replacement fence adjacent to Hyde Road.

Members discussed bringing back the Planning Committee. Agenda item for June.

Town Mayor invited those present to partake of refreshments.

Thursday 26 June 2025.....