

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 26 June 2025 at 19.00.

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

Deputy Town Mayor Cllr. A. Whittaker, Councillors: D. Larner, D. Williams, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. Patel, R. May, P. Barry, S. Goodyear, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, Town Clerk RFO, Deputy Town Clerk 1 member of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised: None.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors' C. Quirk

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 ~~G. Quirk~~ & M. Beston have dispensations to participate (speak & vote) granted to them until May 2029 (or until the next election if sooner) with regard to IW Council items, & Shanklin theatre & community trust.

3. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

I start my report with a reflection on the town councils work regarding restoration of structures of historical importance to our town. The restoration of the Victorian clock on the seafront looks to be gaining some pace finally with the removal of the red fencing and the erection of Harris fencing with artists impressions around it. The Coastal Defence Strategy to future proof the seafront is shown on the impressions along with some historical pictures. Work has also been done on the lower lift canopy. I would like to thank Jon Gilbey our Deputy Clerk and Deputy Town Mayor Adrian Whittaker for their hard work around the restoration of the clock.

Big Mead play park is now upgraded and back open for residents and visitors to enjoy. The play park upgrade showed real collaborative working between the Town Council and the IW Council for the good of the Town. I would like to thank our Town

Clerk Stella and Deputy Town Clerk Jon for all their hard work and patience in achieving this outcome. Finally, I would like to remind members of the date of the Shanklin Regatta which is on the 14 August and Splash & Dash on 16 August.

4. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21 MAY 2025

That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 May 2025 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of 21 May 2025.

MATTERS ARISING: Item 9. Bay Area Place Plan – To ask Laura if a substitute Cllr may attend a meeting if one or both of the Cllrs are absent.

5. ACCOUNTS:

5.1 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL APRIL 2025

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

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for April in the sum of £17,254.56.

5.2 BANK RECONCILIATION APRIL 2025

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath confirmed the bank reconciliation for April 2025 correct.

5.3 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL MAY 2025

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

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath declared an interest in the payment to the IW Music, dance & drama festival being their treasurer & did not vote.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: A. Whittaker, D. Lerner, D. Williams, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. Patel, R. May, P. Barry, S. Goodyear, W. Cooper, T. Sheath voted to approve the accounts for May. Cllr. S. Sheath abstained.

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for May in the sum of £21,578.02.

5.4 BANK RECONCILIATION MAY 2025

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath confirmed the bank reconciliation for May 2025 correct.

6. GRANT REQUEST – SHANKLIN IN BLOOM S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to pay a grant in the sum of £350.00.

RESOLVED: To pay a grant in the sum of £350.00.

7. **GRANT REQUEST - THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF CHRIST CHURCH SANDOWN – BREAKFAST IN THE BAY S.137 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES**
Members agreed not to pay a grant at this time and to invite a member of the church involved with the breakfast group to a meeting & to ask for updated accounts.
Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously not to pay a grant
RESOLVED: Not to pay a grant on this occasion.

8. **REQUEST TO WAIVE THE HIRE FEE FALCON CROSS HALL – BUILDING THE BAY MEETING 25 JUNE S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES**
Cllr. M Beston declared an interest & took no part in the vote his wife is a member of the Building the Bay Group.
Members duly proposed, seconded and voted to waive the hire fee: S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, R. Patel, R. May, P. Barry, S. Goodyear, W. Cooper, T. Sheath. Cllrs L. Fleming, M. Beston, A. Whittaker abstained.
RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee for Falcon Cross Hall in the sum of £49.00

9. **REQUEST TO WAIVE THE HIRE FEE FALCON CROSS HALL – SHANKLIN ROTARY CLUB 14/15 NOVEMBER S. 144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES**
Members duly proposed, seconded and voted to waive the hire fee: D. Larner, D. Williams, R. Patel, R. May, P. Barry, S. Goodyear, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, M. Beston. Cllrs L. Fleming, S. Sheath & A. Whittaker abstained.
RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee in the sum of £203.

10. **CO-OPTION 2 SEATS NORTH WARD**
RESOLVED: Members noted that the co-option process has begun.

11. **UPDATES DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JON GILBEY – UTILITIES, CLOCK TOWER**
Jon updated members thus: The utilities have been fixed once again this time until 2031 resulting in a considerable saving to the Town Council.
Regarding the Clock Tower unfortunately we are not allowed to apply for the English Heritage grant as the tower is not classed as a building. So, lottery funding is being applied for.

12. **PLANNING & LICENSING COMMENT**
Application No: 25/00824/FUL Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin
Central Location: **Edgecliffe Hotel 7 Clarence Gardens** Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6HA Proposal: Change of use from hotel to a single residential dwelling *Members commented if change of use given it should be for a single residency and not an HMO.*

Application No: 25/00653/3MAPA Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin
South Location: **53 High Street** Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6JJ Proposal: Prior approval for change of use from Use Class E to 1 residential flat (Use Class C3 *Members commented they do not agree with the policy that allows*

change of use from shops/business to residential they would like to maintain shops in the High Street.

NO COMMENT

Application No: 25/00615/FUL Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin
Central Location: **Palm Court Hotel 5 Culver Road** Shanklin Isle Of Wight
PO37 6ER Proposal: Retention of PV panels and equipment.

13. PLANNING COMMITTEE

13.1 DO WE NEED A PLANNING COMMITTEE?

RESOLVED: To have a Planning Application/Licensing Working Party.

13.2 MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the following Cllrs be members of the Working Party: C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, S. Goodyear, A. Whittaker

13.3 PLANNING COMMITTEE DATE, TIMES

Members of the working party agreed to meet as and when necessary and to a rotation of Chair.

RESOLVED: Working Party to meet as and when necessary.

13.4 PLANNING COMMITTEE FORMAT

Town Clerk RFO distributed a paper outlining the following:

Planning List *will be emailed weekly to all on a Monday (usually)

A full planning list * for the month will be emailed Monday before our STC meeting

Working Party to review planning lists & offer any recommendations in writing via email to the Town Clerk before noon on the Tuesday proceeding our STC meeting.

A copy of the paper is appended to the filed minutes.

RESOLVED: Working Party members agreed to the above.

14. MEMBERS UPDATE

L. Fleming = Men in sheds having to leave their premises. Cllr. Fleming will suggest they apply for a grant.

A. Whittaker = McDonalds coming to Merrie Gardens. Big Mead pond.

15. IW COUNCILLOR/S UPDATE

Hursts. Signage being installed re drinking in the Town. Osborne Steps. Theatre grant.

31 July 2025