

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 25 September 2025 at 19.00.

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

Cllr. A. Whittaker, Councillors: D. Larner, D. Williams, L. Fleming, R. Patel, R. May, S.

Goodyear, W. Cooper, C. Quirk, T. Sheath. Deputy Town Clerk 1 member of the public.

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath welcomed Julian Wandsworth to the meeting. Julian updated members thus: A general update about what they do in the community. Identify areas and youths (ASB) hot spots, works closely with police to identify individuals that need intervention. Works with local schools in the Bay. Pre-employment course for 16–18-year-olds. Social care target intervention 10–17-year-olds. Social worker now employed for 18 hours a week.

PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised: None.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Town Clerk RFO. Councillors' M. Beston, 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 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 hope this report finds you well now that Autumn is very much here. I start this report with a reflection on a special graveside service at Sandown cemetery, that I had the privilege of being invited to that honoured pilot officer John Arthur Joseph Davey from 1 Squadron, Royal Air Force. He died on 11 August 1940 aged 20 as

he was attempting to land his hurricane in Sandown after being shot down during the battle of Britain. Pilot officer Davey is buried in a commonwealth grave and his name is also commemorated at Sandown Bay Secondary.

The service was led by Rev Mark Williams and brought together Town and Parish Councils from Lake Sandown and Shanklin, 85 years to the day to mark the anniversary of pilot officer Davey's sacrifice during the battle of Britain.

On the 14 August I was invited to attend the Shanklin Regatta in its 172nd year I was given the privilege of awarding the medals and trophies in the shore sports on small Hope Beach. Many children and adults took part in traditional races from flat races through to wheelbarrow races. Small Hope Beach was the perfect setting and allowed many friends and families to support and cheer on the competitors during the afternoon I judged the drawing competition. The children's work showed real creativity and flair. I would like to thank the Regatta Committee and Chairman Emily Davies for all the work that goes into making the Regatta such a fantastic event for our Town. Regarding fantastic Town events, I would like to thank Shanklin Carnival Committee for this years events, the weather was kind to us and the atmosphere was wonderful, thank you so much for all of your hard work. This month I was honoured to be invited to an event at Havenstreet which celebrated 20 years of the Community Rail Partnership. Two groups who have benefited from the CRP Suit Yourself and Community Action gave interesting and thought-provoking speeches. Finally, I would like to welcome our two new Councillors Councillor Sheath and Councillor Beeson to Shanklin Town Council. This completes my report.

4. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

To approve the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 31 July 2025 & to note matters arising, which do not require formal resolution

RESOLVED: Unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting of 31 July 2025.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

5. ACCOUNTS:

5.1 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL JULY 2025

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

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for June in the sum of £34,771.86.

5.2 BANK RECONCILIATION JULY 2025

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

5.3 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AUGUST 2025

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

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for July in the sum of £34,133.78

5.4 BANK RECONCILIATION AUGUST 2025

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

6. CONSULTATION- PUBLICATION OF KING CHARLES III ENGLAND COAST PATH ISLE OF WIGHT 1

Members agreed not to make any comments.

7. BEACH MANAGEMENT ZONING SERVICE

RESOLVED: To extend our commitment to cover 2026-2027 in the sum of £4150.15 – s.234 Public Health Act 1936.

8. BUILDING THE BAY WEBSITE PHOTOGRAPHY

RESOLVED: To contribute £500 for photography. S.144 Local Government Act 1972.

9. FALCON CROSS HALL WAIVE HIRE FEE FOR POLICE BEAT SURGERIES

RESOLVED: Unanimously to waive the hire fee.

10. GRANT APPLICATION SHANKLIN TOWN BRASS BAND S.145(1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED: Unanimously to pay a grant in the sum of £5000.

11. CONSULTATION- ISLAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2025-2040

Members unanimously agreed the following: That a future transport and infrastructure plan needs to include all current roads used by motorised vehicles, specifically the sustainability and/or options of the full length of the A3055. The re-instatement of Appley and Osborne steps is vital for Esplanade access from the Town/Cliff path allowing for future business and social development. The future transport links on and off the Island, currently by ferries but we also need to look at alternatives and their viability in any future models, allowing for easily accessible and cost targeted connections. These are vital to sustain the Islands wider economy moving forward.

RESOLVED: To comment the above to Isle of Wight Council.

12. EXTERNAL AUDIT

12.1 TO APPROVE & ADOPT THE COMPLETED & CERTIFIED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN & EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT, LETTER & SECTION 1,2 & 3 FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

RESOLVED: Unanimously to approve & adopt the completed & certified Annual Governance & Accountability Return & External Auditor's Report, letter & section 1,2,& 3 for the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

12.2 TO CONSIDER THE MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REVIEW AS SET OUT IN THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT & CERTIFICATE SECTION 3

RESOLVED: Members noted there was no matters arising from the report or certificate.

12.3 TO NOTE THAT SECTIONS 20(20 & 25 OF THE LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATION 2015 (Si 215/234 REGULATION 16 THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 REGARDING THE CONCLUSION OF AUDIT HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH

RESOLVED: Members noted that all regulations have been complied with.

13. GRANT APPLICATION – SHANKLIN MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION – TO CONSIDER A GRANT S.19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted to agree a grant in the sum of £2000.
Cllrs S. Sheath, L. Fleming, T. Sheath, M. Sheath abstained.

RESOLVED: To pay a grant of £2000.

14. PLANNING & LICENSING

No recommendations from the planning application working party.

Members agreed the following:

Councillor M. Beston & Cllr C. Quirk declared an interest being IW Councillors.

RESOLVED: The recommendations of the Town Council on the following applications are as listed below:

1. Application No: 25/00825/HOU Parish(es): Location: Proposal: Easting: Case Officer: Web Link: 25/00825/HOU Shanklin 1 Wentworth Close Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6QD Ward(s): Shanklin South Proposed detached garden room and gym with roof canopy; patio area (revised application)(revised description) (readvertised application)

NO COMMENT BY THE COUNCIL AS MOST KNOW THE INDIVIDUAL PERSONALLY.

2. Application No: 25/01164/FUL Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin South Location: Foxhills 30 Victoria Avenue Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6LS Proposal: Change of use from hotel to a single residential dwelling.

3. Application No: Parish(es): Location: Proposal: Easting: Case Officer: Web Link: 25/01295/CLEUD Shanklin 15 Atherley Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 7AT Ward(s): Shanklin Central Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of property as a single dwellinghouse

4. Application No: 25/00626/RVC Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin Central Location: Palm Court Hotel 5 Culver Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6ER Proposal: Variation of condition 1 on 23/02232/RVC to allow alterations including the loss of overhang of roof to western side, internal alterations, change to wall in front of main entrance including new section of wall and loss of parking space, alterations to porch roof over main entrance, change of materials, alterations to pool terrace,

new patio/terrace to rear of pool, new steps to patio and surface-water drainage arrangements (revised description, revised plans)(readvertised application.

15. MEMBERS UPDATE

Cllrs T. Sheath, & Beston working with St. Blasius School on the art project and sustainable transport.

Benches big mead.

16. IW COUNCILLOR/S UPDATE

Cllr. Quirk – Coastal path route, comment as needed by individuals. Devolution & Re-organisation multi-tier to single system IWC is already a unitary authority.

27 November 2025