SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 30 April 2026 at 19.00.

PRESENT: Town Mayor Councillor S. Sheath (in the Chair)
Councillors: D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, R. Patel, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, P. Barry, D. Beeson, A. Whittaker, S. Goodyear.
Town Clerk RFO.

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath welcomed Mr Neil Denley from the Bay breakfast club to the meeting. Neil updated members, since the club started it has increased in numbers. Five volunteers every morning. There is more attendance and less disruption in class as well as students general well-being. Breakfast costs £1600.00 a month, porridge, cereals, fruit, drinks, toast Fridays they have bacon and sausages. There is Government funding for primary schools. Broadlea does not qualify. Town Mayor thanked Neil for attending and he left the meeting.

Before commencement of the meeting Town Mayor S. Sheath read the following statement.

"Before we proceed, I need to address an incident that occurred at the extraordinary meeting held in March.
A member directed inappropriate and personal remarks towards another Councillor.
This type of behaviour is unacceptable and falls below the standards required by our Code of Conduct. I want to be clear such conduct will not be tolerated. As chair I will not allow personal comments, raised voices, intimidation or disrespectful behaviour in this chamber.
We are here to conduct the business of the Town Council professionally and in the best interests of our residents who rightly expect us to behave with integrity and respect. I ask members to uphold those standards expected of us at all times.

PUBLIC FORUM
3 residents present no points raised.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr M. Sheath.

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).
Cllr. C. Quirk & Cllr. M. Beston's stand.

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 2026 (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 summer is fast approaching.
I start this report with a reflection of a wonderful event in mid-March up at Shanklin Cenotaph to commemorate the Nations 40 anniversary of beavers. Shanklin's own beavers and their leaders, siblings and families gathered with local dignitaries including the Royal British Legion President and myself.
The curator of the war memorial garden Terry Carpenter and Tina Homden from Shanklin Green Towns who keep the garden looking at its very best helped the beavers plant 40 bulbs to recognise the 40 anniversaries. The beavers were led by section leader volunteer Dave Owen known as "Oak" a special plaque was placed with the bulbs and each beaver was given a certificate to commemorate the event which was signed by the Royal British Legion President Rev Mark Williams, County lead volunteer, and myself. I wish the Shanklin beavers a wonderful year ahead and thank you to all the volunteers who support the beavers to continue to thrive here in Shanklin. In the last few days two new businesses have opened, the first "Isle of Light" which has opened opposite Daish's Hotel at the top of the Old Village, it sells handmade craft items and can create personalised pieces to order.
The second business which I officially did a ribbon cutting for was "Eat Wight" which is a cafe selling non ultra processed foods using many locally sourced producers so in effect a local business helping other local businesses. I would like to thank both of these new businesses for choosing Shanklin as the Town to set up in and I wish them all the very best for the future.
Finally, I was given the great honour to officially open the Shanklin Men in Sheds in its new location next to the Lion's Club. Shanklin Men in Sheds have worked very hard to get it moved and set up in its new location alongside still helping with other commitments in Shanklin area, including helping at the Shanklin Rotary Sale and the installation of the new mural in Atherley Road car park to name but a few. Thank you for all you do to support our Town and I wish you all many happy years in your new location.

4. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 26 FEBRUARY 2026

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 February 2026 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: Councillors S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, R. Patel, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, P. Barry, D. Beeson, A. Whittaker, S. Goodyear.
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of 26 February 2026.
MATTERS ARISING: None.

5. MINUTES STAFFING MEETING 9 MARCH 2026

That the minutes of the staffing meeting held on 9 March 2026 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: Councillors S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, P. Barry, D. Beeson, A. Whittaker, S. Goodyear. Cllrs C. Quirk & R. Patel abstained.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the staffing meeting 9 March 2026.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

6. MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 9 MARCH 2026

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 9 March 2026 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: Councillors S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, P. Barry, D. Beeson, A. Whittaker, S. Goodyear. Cllrs C. Quirk & R. Patel abstained.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the Extraordinary meeting 9 March 2026.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

7. ACCOUNTS:

7.1 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL FEBRUARY 2026

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

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for February in the sum of £24332.07

7.2 BANK RECONCILIATION FEBRUARY 2026

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath confirmed the bank reconciliation for February 2026 correct.

7.3 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL MARCH 2026

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

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for March in the sum of £33150.14.

7.4 BANK RECONCILIATION MARCH 2026

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath confirmed the bank reconciliation for March 2026 correct.

8. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2025-2026 REGULATION 5(1) ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Members received, approved & voted to adopt the Auditor's Report for the year ending 31 March 2026

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to receive, approve & adopt the Auditor's Report for the year ending 31 March 2025.2026

RESOLVED: To approve & adopt the Auditor's Report for the year ending 31 March 2026.

9. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026 S.11 ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Members received duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve & adopt the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026

RESOLVED: To adopt the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026.

10. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2025-2026 (pages 1& 2) TO RECEIVE, APPROVE, SIGN & ADOPT

Members received duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve, sign and adopt.

RESOLVED: To approve, sign & adopt pages 1 & 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return ending 31 March 2026.

11. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2025-2026 (page 3) TO RECEIVE ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2025-2026 AS COMPLETED BY THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLVED: Members received and noted the Annual Interna Audit Report.

12. SECTION 1 – THE ANNUAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT 2025-2026 (PAGE 4) TO RECEIVE & APPROVE SECTION 1 & NOTE THE SIGNING BY THE TOWN CLERK RFO & CHAIRMAN S.12(2)(B) THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Members received duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve, and to note signing by the Town Clerk RFO & Chairman.

RESOLVED: To receive & approve section 1 adopt & note the signing by the Town Clerk RFO) & Chairman page 4 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return ending 31 March 2026.

13. SECTION 2 – THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2025-2026 (PAGE 5) TO RECEIVE & APPROVE SECTION 2 PREVIOUSLY SIGNED BY THE TOWN CLERK RFO & TO APPROVE SIGNING BY THE CHAIRMAN S.12(2)(C) THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Members received duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to receive & approve section 2 previously signed by the Town Clerk RFO & to approve signing by the Chairman.

RESOLVED: To receive & approve section 2 previously signed by the Town Clerk RFO & to approve signing by the Chairman.

14. SECTION 3 THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2025-2026 EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT & CERTIFICATE 2025-2026 (PAGE 6) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR IN DUE COURSE.

RESOLVED: Members noted the above.

14.1 STATEMENT OF NO CONFLICT OF INTERESTS WITH EXTERNAL AUDITORS BDO-LLP

Members duly proposed, seconded & voted unanimously that there is no conflict of interests with external auditors BDO-LLP either with Councillors or the Town Council as a whole.

RESOLVED: No conflict of interests with external auditors BDO-LLP either with Councillors or the Town Council as a whole.

15. NOTICE OF THE PERIOD OF THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS & OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY S.12(3)(A)(B) & S.14 THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

RESOLVED: Members noted that notices will be displayed in accordance with the Regulations at the appropriate time.

16. GRANT APPLICATION SHANKLIN CARNIVAL S.145 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Members confirmed they were happy for Cllr. Larner to remain in the room for this item so Members could ask her questions. Cllr Williams wished to thank Cllr Larner and the carnival committee for the work they do with the carnival.

At 19.50 the meeting was adjourned for ten minutes so that Cllr Larner could return home to collect bank statements. On her return the meeting re-commenced and Cllr Larner gave Members permission to peruse the statements. Members asked questions of Cllr Larner.

Cllr Larner abstained from voting and the 13 Cllrs remaining duly proposed, second and voted unanimously to pay the carnival a grant of £5000.

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

17. SEA-CHANGERS GRANT TO AGREE TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND PAY FOR INSTALLATION, LEGIONNAIRES TESTING, ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND CERTIFICATION

Members debated this at length, agreed to accept the grant subject to the above costs being reasonable & date of acceptance not passed.

RESOLVED: To accept the grant subject to the above costs being reasonable & date of acceptance not passed.

18. PLANET AWARE – CIGARETTE BUTT PROJECT S.111 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED: To allow our crest on display posters etc at no cost to us.

19. PLANNING & LICENSING

No comments received from planning group.

NO COMMENTS

Application No: 26/00306/FUL Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin South Location: 20 Church Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6NU

Proposal: Partial demolition of natural stone wall on boundary with Church Road and demolition of lean to first floor extension; replacement of extension with flat roof; formation of vehicular access and driveway.

Application No: 26/00378/FUL Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin South Location: Corydon Maythorne Way Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6RU Proposal: Use of holiday chalet as residential dwelling and retention of timber chalet to use for storage use for main dwelling.

Application No: 26/00384/HOU Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin Central Location: 16 Green Lane Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 7JF Proposal: Proposed single storey side and rear extensions.

20. FALCON CROSS HALL – FREE HIRE REQUESTS S.142 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

20.1 BUILDING THE BAY MEETING JANUARY 2026

Members duly proposed, second and voted to waive the hire fee Councillors S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, R. Patel, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, P. Barry, D. Beeson, S. Goodyear voted to approve, Cllr. A. Whittaker abstained.
RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee.

20.2 ISLE OF WIGHT CARNIVAL FEDERATION MEETING MARCH 2026

Members duly proposed, second and voted to waive the hire fee Councillors S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, R. Patel, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, P. Barry, D. Beeson, S. Goodyear voted to approve, Cllr. A. Whittaker abstained.
RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee.

20.3 R. PRIEST INFORMATION PLAQUE EVENT LIBRARY MARCH 2026

Members duly proposed, second and voted to waive the hire fee Councillors S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, R. Patel, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, P. Barry, D. Beeson, S. Goodyear voted to approve, Cllr. A. Whittaker abstained.
RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee.

21. MEMBERS UPDATE

Town Clerk RFO informed Members that our Internal Auditor is retiring and we will need to source a replacement. Town Clerk to send a letter of thanks.

Town Clerk RFO informed Members of a change to our beach ring emptier:

"We have for a few years now paid for the ten litter rings on the beach to be emptied once a week in May once a day in June, July & August once a week in September. Our current contractor is not able to supply the service this year and going forward, this is due to Sandown Town Council cancelling their contract with them which make our contract unviable for them. (Sandown Town Council did not inform us they were cancelling it would have been courteous to do so.) Jon has sourced several companies but none are able to take the work on as a stand-alone

contract. So, we are unable to have the beach rings for this summer. We will monitor the situation.
Members debated this at length, it was agreed Cllr. Cooper would liaise with IW Council on this issue & report back to a meeting.

22. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE

Non-Cllr volunteer needed for the Arts Bay Place Plan
If IW Cllrs are not Shanklin Town Cllrs to invite them to report at meetings or send a written report.
IWC sign "Do not feed the ducks".
Members were asked before leaving to collect their agenda for the May meeting which includes documents to be completed.

Thursday 25 June 2026 ……..…