SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held at the Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Wednesday 28 May 2026.

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

PUBLIC FORUM
3 residents present none wished to speak.

Town Mayor Cllr. Sara Sheath welcomed Cllr David Llewellyn, Cllr. Ross Freeman, & Cllr. Stephen Reynolds all recently elected to IW Council & representing Shanklin South, Lake South, Shanklin Central respectively.

The meeting commenced.

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. R. Patel took the Chair for this item.
The Chair informed Members' that there were 2 nominations for Town Mayor for 2026/2027 Councillors: S. Sheath & D. Larner Members' duly proposed, seconded both candidates and a written vote took place.
RESOLVED: Councillor R. Patel declared Councillor S. Sheath duly elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year 2026/2027.
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. Town Clerk RFO counter signed the document.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None all present.

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 2026/2027

Town Mayor Councillor S. Sheath informed Members' that there were three nominations for Deputy Town Mayor for 2026/2027 Councillors' D. Larner, Rajesh Patel, Robert May Members' duly proposed, seconded and a written vote took place.

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

6. MAYORAL ALLOWANCE

Town Mayor Councillor S. Sheath having declared a pecuniary interest left the room for this item along with Cllr. M. Sheath. Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Patel 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 2026/2027.

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

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

7.1 The last Thursday in the month except August & December when no meetings take place.
Members proposed, seconded and voted unanimously for last Thursday of the month

7.2 To keep meetings times as they are currently at 19.00
Members proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to keep meeting time at 19.00.

RESOLVED: Meetings to take place the last Thursday of the month except August & December when no meetings take place, time 19.00.

8. 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 with Wendy as reserve in case of no attendance by Chris or Lyn.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – It was agreed to dissolve the planning committee.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. CODE OF CONDUCT

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

12. CIVILITY & RESPECT

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

13. COUNCILLORS APOLOGIES POLICY

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

14. STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

15. PLANNING & LICENSING

NO COMMENT

Application No: 26/00616/HOU Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin South

Location: 13 Hungerberry Close Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6LX

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and pitched roof on front bay windows.

Application No: 26/00644/16APA Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin Central Location: Land Rear Of Woods Trade Supplies 24 Wilton Park Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight Proposal: Prior approval for removal of existing 15m monopole and replacement with 18m monopole with 3 relocated antennas and 1 relocated dish; removal of existing cabinet; proposed cabinet and PSU; installation

of 6 new antennas, remote radio units (RRUs), break out boxes (BOBs), GPS node and associated apparatus and ancillary works (Cllr Beston declared an interest as the same company provide the poles & antennas on Shanklin theatre roof,
Application No: 26/00651/HOU Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin South Location: Mead House Rectory Road Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 6NX
Proposal: Demolition of boiler extension; Proposed two storey rear extension; alterations to fenestration on rear elevation and replacement windows to all elevations.

Town Mayor invited those present to partake of refreshments.

Thursday 25 June 2026……