SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 25 June 2026 at 19.00.

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

PUBLIC FORUM
One resident present no points raised. IW Cllr. S. Renyolds attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. 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
Cllrs' Quirk, Beeson & Beston have a dispensation until 2029 for agenda items appertaining to Shanklin theatre Community Trust & Shanklin Performing Arts as they are trustees.

3. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR
I hope this report finds you all well now that the summer season is here. I start with a reflection on my visit to the IW Prostate Cancer Support Group PSA blood test event at Sandown and Shanklin Rugby club where 412 men were tested that day. I was shown around by Alan Taylor and I was very impressed with the speed and efficiency of testing; it was also interesting to learn about the programme of tests being run by the IOW PCSG around the Island. I was honoured to be asked to open this year's Shedfest first day at Wight Aviation Museum. It was the third year that this event has been held to celebrate the Island wide shed groups. I was given the

opportunity to be taken round to meet the different `sheds'. This was very informative, and it was interesting to see how each `shed' was quite unique with different skills and interests, but above all each `shed' had a feeling of support, belonging and friendship. Finally, I would like to remind members that this year's Dash & Splash will be held on Sunday 19 July 2026. Starting at Shanklin Rowing Club at 09.00. Proceeds benefitting Aspire Ryde.

Councillor Whittaker raised the question of Lake Parish Chairman Cllr. Paul Brading being unhappy that Shanklin Town Mayor attended & opened Men in Sheds in Lake wearing the chain of office. Shankin Town Mayor's attendance was by invitation & request to wear the chain which was deemed appropriate.

4. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 30 APRIL 2026

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 April 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 unanimously to approve & for the minutes to be signed.
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of 30 April 2026.
MATTERS ARISING: None.

5. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 28 MAY 2026

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 May 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 unanimously to approve & for the minutes to be signed.
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of 28 May 2026.
MATTERS ARISING: None.

6. ACCOUNTS:

6.1 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL APRIL 2026

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the accounts.
RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for April in the sum of £ 26848.84

6.2 BANK RECONCILIATION APRIL 2026

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

6.3 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL MAY 2026

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the accounts.
RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for May in the sum of £30036.04
Cllr. Whittaker questioned a payment for cleaning supplies of £20.26 & a payment to BT of £122.20 for internet, phone charges.

6.4 BANK RECONCILIATION MAY 2026

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

7. GRANT APPLICATION – FIRST ACT S.144(1)(B) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Town Mayor Cllr. Sheath declared an interest being an usherette at the theatre & did not vote. Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus Cllrs. D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, D. Beeson, A. Whittaker, S. Goodyear, M. Sheath, R. Patel voted to approve a grant in the sum of £500.

RESOLVED: To pay a grant in the sum of £500.

8. GRANT APPLICATION – SHANKLIN, SANDOWN ROWING CLUB S.19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

Cllr. Whittaker stated the grant application was retrospective, Town Clerk RFO confirmed the grant is not retrospective it is in the correct financial year.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: Cllrs. S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, D. Beeson, S. Goodyear, M. Sheath, R. Patel voted to approve a grant in the sum of £300. Cllr. A. Whittaker abstained.

RESOLVED: To pay a grant in the sum of £300.

9. GRANT APPLICATION – FOOTPRINT TRUST S.111 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted thus: Cllrs. S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, L. Fleming, R. May, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, D. Beeson, S. Goodyear, R. Patel, A. Whittaker voted not to approve a grant but to offer use of Falcon Cross Hall for an event. Cllrs. M. Beston, C. Quirk & M. Sheath abstained.

RESOLVED: Not to give a grant but to offer use of Falcon Cross Hall for an event.

10. TOILET CONTRACT – NEW DOCUMENT

Sandown Town Clerk has offered to write the new tender contract for the three Councils (economises of scale) Town Clerk RFO suggested we pay her for her work. Members proposed, seconded & voted unanimously to agree in principle to pay, authorising Town Clerk RFO to agree a fair cost. S.87 Public Health Act 1936 applies.

RESOLVED: In principle to pay, authorising Town Clerk RFO to agree a fair cost.

11. S.65 ENGLISH DEVOLUTION & COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT 2026

Councils to no longer publish elected or co-opted Members' home addresses

RESOLVED: Members noted the above.

12. CONSULTATION IW COUNCIL – DRAFT ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY MAIN MODIFICATION

RESOLVED: Members' noted the modifications & will respond individually if they so wish.

13. BEACH RINGS UPDATE – CLLR COOPER, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JON GILBEY

Deputy Town Clerk Jon updated Members' thus: Danfo temporary coverage as variation to toilet contract, the issue of bags being removed noted. We will monitor the situation and may consider alternatives for 2027.

14. LOCATION OF BENCHES ON BIG MEAD – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JON GILBEY, CLLR. MIKE BESTON

Cllr. Beston – offer of 2 benches from Conservative Club due to works awaiting confirmation of ownership.

Jon Gilbey - One bench at Smugglers Haven which is a resident (they will pay for theirs to be installed elsewhere) suggested location is Big Mead ; existing concrete plinths already in situ. Bin relocation at Big Mead suggested.

Proceed in principle pending ownership/location details.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve.

RESOLVED: To proceed in principle pending ownership/location details.

15. GRANT APPLICATION FLOURISH CHRIST CHURCH C OF E SANDOWN S.111 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Cllr. Whittaker declared an interest being a member of Lake Parish Council.

Members discussed this item in detail.

The grant requested is £4000. Bank statements were provided but were re-dacted the only income showing was £14000.00 from Sandown Town Council. We gave a £1400 grant to the Bay breakfast club in August 2025.

A letter containing statements by Cllr Alex Lightfoot of Sandown Town Council that there was "an understanding, expectation, indication, & commitment between Shanklin Town Council, Lake & Sandown that Shanklin would pay £4000 a year towards the project is pure conjecture, there has never been any meetings between the 3 Councils regarding the breakfast club, no commitment made to Sandown and or Lake Council. Shanklin Town Council decide who they give their grant funding to it is not decided by Sandown or Lake Councils.

Town Clerk RFO to request from Flourish a set of un-redacted bank statements and answers to questions.

Members then further discussed the letter from Cllr Alex Lightfoot, which they found to be untrue, disrespectful, inflammatory and of a threatening and bullying nature.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted to request further information from Flourish & for Town Clerk RFO to proceed with a complaint to the Monitoring Officer regarding Cllr. Alex Lightfoot. Members voted thus: Cllrs. S. Sheath, D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, L. Fleming, R. May, W. Cooper, T. Sheath, D. Beeson, S. Goodyear, M. Sheath, R. Patel voted for the above. Cllr. A. Whittaker voted against.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to request further information from Flourish & to proceed with a complaint to the Monitoring Officer regarding Cllr. Alex Lightfoot.

16. PLANNING/LICENSING

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

NO COMMENT

Application No: 26/00593/HOU Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin Central Location: Proposal: Demolition of garage; Proposed two storey front extension, single storey side and rear extensions, garage and swimming pool; Proposed roof alterations to include change of roof material, two replacement dormers on front elevation and full width dormer including Juliet balconies on rear elevation; Proposed alterations and additional fenestration to all elevations and external finishing materials; landscaping including retaining walls and terraced garden/raised patio.

Application No: 26/00641/FUL Parish(es): Shanklin Ward(s): Shanklin Central Location: 14 St Pauls Crescent Shanklin Isle Of Wight PO37 7AN Proposal: Proposed alterations and change of use of garage/workshop/store to form a flat; alterations to vehicular access; proposed parking area.

17. MEMBERS UPDATE

Member stepping down from the Building the Bay group – Item for next meeting.
Town Square planters next week.
Vegetation maintenance cliff path IWC to cut back.
Sign Keats Green deteriorated IWC.
Drainage issues Coach House.

18. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE

Councillors' D. Llewellyn & Ros Freeman submitted written reports that are appended to the filed minutes.
Cllr. Renyolds updated Members re damaged furniture Big Mead (IWC)
this has been reported to the IWC. Regent Street footfall down. Environment Agency groin repairs in summer 2027.