SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

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

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

Councillors: D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, W. Cooper, D. Beeson, A. Whittaker, S. Goodyear, P. Barry.
Town Clerk RFO, Deputy Town Clerk.

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath welcomed Rev. Mark Williams & Andrew Gardner from Flourish to the meeting to give an update on the Bay breakfast club.

Rev. Mark Williams confirmed that questions regarding the accounts have been addressed. The club serves breakfast to 100-150 children daily from Shanklin, Lake and Sandown, with the school providing facilities for free. The requested funds are critical to sustain the program until the next funding cycle in April. The school's 30.3% free school meal rate is below the 35% grant threshold. The requested funds will be ringfenced for the club. Flourish plans to seek further funding from other Councils and businesses in the autumn. Donations are treated as restricted funds, and the budget is managed to avoid shortfalls. The program has run successfully for nearly two years. A grant application has been sent and will be a future agenda item.

PUBLIC FORUM
One resident present no points raised.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE R. Patel, L. Fleming, M. Sheath, T. 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).

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. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS UPDATE

Town Mayor Councillor Sheath read a note from Cllr. Cooper saying she would no longer attend or submit reports to our meetings as things would be covered by Cllrs. Llewellyn and Cllr. Renyolds. Isle of Wight Councillor Llewellyn – **Southern Water** he had voted against a "no confidence" motion in favour of one allowing more scrutiny, as he felt politics were weakening the IW Council's position. **Shanklin Lift** one lift is working, the second is expected by the end of the month. A survey will be conducted to identify and pre-emptively replace aging parts. **Sea Defences** the next stage was approved with the Environment Agency covering all the costs. The work will occur in stages over four years. **Remembrance Day** It was confirmed that IW Cllrs can provide their own wreaths.

4. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

I hope this report finds you all well now that Summer is very much here.

I start with a reflection on a recent visit to the Shanklin Age Concern 50 Plus centre, I received a very warm welcome from the Chairman Mr Hamish Boyd, he explained how the centre was one of the oldest charities on the Island and will be celebrating it's 50th year in August. The charity offers companionship and social interactions to over 150 members with more joining daily. He also informed me the centre would continue to adapt to be here in another 50 years time. I wish the centre a wonderful 50th year and appreciate all the support they give our residents.

The most recent beat surgery was attended by more than 10 residents our PCSO Matt Wheeler will send some more dates to the Town Clerk.

The summer reading program at our library is going very well already over 30 pupils have signed up. Our thanks must go to our library volunteer co-ordinator Helen and her team of volunteers for promoting this programme so well. The 173rd Shanklin Regatta will be held on Saturday 22nd of August from 10am until 21.45pm on Hope Beach and car park The event will be free with lots of things to do from beach sports to the closing fireworks at 21.30pm.

Shanklin Carnival will be starting this Sunday with the children's procession with the main carnival next Wednesday and the illuminated on the Saturday night.

Please could all members support these two organisations and pass on to others the dates.

Finally, I wish all Council members a good summer recess and I look forward to seeing you all back at our next meeting in September.

5. MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 25 June 2026

That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 June 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: to approve & for the minutes to be signed Cllrs. D. Larner, D. Williams, C. Quirk, M. Beston, R. May, W. Cooper, D. Beeson, A. Whittaker, S. Goodyear. S. Sheath to approve. Cllr Barry abstained.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of 25 June 2026.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

6. ACCOUNTS:

6.1 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL JUNE 2026

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath declared an interest in the Mayoral Allowance payment.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for June in the sum of £23304.47

6.2 BANK RECONCILIATION JUNE 2026

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

6.3 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – APRIL – JUNE 2026

RESOLVED: Members noted the budget review.

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

Cllr. Whittaker said the band grant application was submitted in February 2026, which was untrue.

Members duly proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve to pay a grant in the sum of £5000.

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

It was agreed that in future the Town Clerk RFO will review the organisations bank statements and provide a bank balance only to members to protect personal information.

8. BUILDING THE BAY MEETING UPDATE – CLLR W. COOPER, CLLR. C. QUIRK

Cllr. Cooper updated Members Building the Bay are seeking funding from the three Councils for a youth work readiness feasibility study. JR. will be invited to a future meeting. Cllr. Quirk was not at the BTB meeting but updated members that an expression of interest was submitted to the Arts Council for funding for the Performing Arts Centre project. Councillor Cooper was appointed as the new representative for the BB group.

9. PLANNING/LICENSING

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

NO COMMENT

26/00897/HOU - Proposed extension at first floor level and new roof to provide accommodation within new roof space and changes to external materials/finishes

22 CHATSWORTH AVENUE SHANKLIN SOUTH.

10. MEMBERS UPDATE

Marshalls needed for the carnival. Dominoes parking. Decorative lights will be on for the carnival.

Isle of Wight Councillor Renyolds joined the meeting Town Mayor Cllr Sheath gave him permission to speak: Tourist homelessness presents challenges. Victoria Avenue closed. Osborne steps are open, but the adjacent derelict toilet block is a safety concern IW Council to be asked to demolish it. Spa site toilets a prior commitment to tidy the toilets has not been fulfilled. Big Mead Pond – water is being added and shingle stone may be installed.

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Sheath asked Members of the Finance Group to look out for email/documents regarding an up-coming finance meeting.

Deputy Town Clerk Jon Gilbey asked Members to respond to a test email with regard to the new IT system.

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