

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 11th January 2018

PRESENT: Town Mayor Councillor J. Gilbey (in the Chair)
Councillors' S. Ward, C. Quirk, R. May, L. Fleming, J. Fleming, S. Sheath, R. Priest, Town Clerk RFO. seven members of the public
County Press. Cllr Paul Brading, Cllr Dave Stewart.

PUBLIC FORUM

Email re hedges. Big Mead playground swing – IWC responsibility Cllr Quirk will take up with IWC parks department. Road crossing patrol funding.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors' D. Cable, E. Knight, S. Knight, A. Godden, S. Godden, D. Lerner, M. Beston

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

2.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Members were invited to voice their declarations and complete the form – a copy of which is appended to the filed copy of these minutes.

2.2 DISPENSATIONS

Councillor C. Quirk & Councillor M. Beston both have dispensations to participate (speak & vote) granted to them until May 2021 (or until the next election if sooner).

2.3 TO GRANT ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AS APPROPRIATE

3. REPORT FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

None present.

4. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

I would like to start this month's report with wishing everyone and very Happy New Year. The last few months leading up to Christmas and into the New Year have been extremely busy which was to be expected. So I would like to thank the many organisations and individuals for the some 20 plus invites to

events I've had. Many thanks to the Methodist Church, in Regent Street, for hosting the annual Decorated Christmas Tree Festival, and all churches in the Town for Christmas Services, local schools for hosting seasonal fayres; Shanklin Rotary, Age Concern and the Town Council for supporting the annual Christmas dinner, Shanklin Old Village's Festival Day including Treasure Hunt, Competitions, Dancers, entertainers for all generations, and with local shops offering special discounts, many thanks to Martin Eccott for organising this very first event. Shanklin Town Brass Band had its concerts at the URC (where I got stitch up again with the twelve days of Christmas), St Blasius church Crib Festival, the Lights of Love at the Crab Inn (we raised just over £160 for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice), Shanklin's Santa Saturday arranged by the Carnival Committee, First Act's 'The Snow Queen' and Spotlight presenting 'Dick Whittington' tops off some of the events I attended. Apologies if I missed anyone out and of course my apologies if I was unable to attend your event this time. I could actually do with a clone sometimes, although I'm sure some would think that's not such a good thing. At the beginning of December I had the honour of being presented with two Platinum 'National Loo of the Year' awards at a very snowy and cold Birmingham venue. This is the very first time that any Isle of Wight Town, Parish or County Council has received this award since it began 30 years ago, and it was certainly something I knew nothing about until I received the phone call. This is a big positive for the Town as its also published nationally, showing we value the facilities we provide not just for our residents but visitors to our Town and the Island. Finally a few of you may be aware that we now have a number of defibrillators around the Town, so I thought it might be helpful if everyone was aware of their locations. The Salix Cafe Hope Beach, Shanklin Rowing Club/Neil Coles Kiosk opposites the Cliff lift, Shanklin Conservative Club, Shanklin Methodist Church Regent Street, Shanklin Bowls Club Brook Road, and Shanklin Theatre. We will hopefully be adding one to a location in the Old Village before the summer. We are pretty lucky to have most of the Town Covered and I'm sure the numbers will continue to increase as you can never have enough of these lifesaving bits of equipment.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

MATTERS ARISING – None.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 23rd November 2017 having been previously circulated be adopted & to note matters arising, which do not require formal resolution.

MATTERS ARISING: - None.

7. ACCOUNTS

7.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT DURING RECESS

RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £9575.24 be approved for payment.

7.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT 11th JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £200254.24 be approved for payment.

7.3 BANK RECONCILIATION NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: Town Mayor Councillor J. Gilbey confirmed the bank reconciliation correct.

8. PLANNING

No planning applications. Members' noted TPO's & road works.

9. GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST – IW MUSIC, DANCE & DRAMA FESTIVAL S.145 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Councillor Sheath declared an interest being a steward at the event.

RESOLVED: To give a grant in the sum of £100. s. 145 Local Government Act 1972 applies.

10. REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FEE FOR FALCON CROSS HALL – SHANKLIN CARNIVAL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee for the event in the sum of £166 s.145 Local Government Act 1972 applies.

11. MMO RESPONSE TO REPRESENTATION – DREDGING THE BAY

Disappointing response. Discussion on going with Cllr Dupre. Southampton University may put cameras on the sea bed. Robin McInnis has concerns Cllr J. Fleming to pass Robins contact details to Cllr Quirk.

12. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017-2018 (INTERIM) REGULATION 5 (1) ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Town Mayor Cllr Gilbey thanked the Town Clerk RFO for her hard work. Town Clerk has updated various policies & procedures for adoption before the year end.

RESOLVED: Members' noted & adopted the interim report.

13. COUNCILLOR R. PRIEST – UPDATES

Councillor Priest updated Members' thus:

Sea side award application completed, Southern Water grant. Lack of buoys may be an issue. Weather recording equipment another location has been found with internal access to the roof. SSE in bloom briefing session Ryde Town Council have pulled out due to not being able to justify staff hours. Carnival street party for Royal wedding in May. Grant applied for re the library. Commitment to move library and Clerk's office into the centre of Town. To future consider increasing the amount given to carnival, regatta & band. To future consider a Honoria to whoever is collecting revenue from the toilets & liaising with Top Mops etc.). WWI centenary joint project with Lake & Sandown with the schools, poems, service etc.

Councillor Priest & Councillor Gilbey attended the award ceremony re the 2 platinum awards we won for the 2 new toilets funded by themselves at no cost to the Town Council.

14. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Library – we have some plans from Danfo with internal measurements (may be some on the DVD). Structure of the roof. Green Towns beach clean. Amey meeting – can ask for items to go on their agenda. Tree surrounded by resin – Cllr Gilbey to talk to resin company & Lesley. Cllr Gilbey has secured £2000 funding from IWC re hedge cutting & Rylstone. Guest Cllr. Paul Brading, Paul said he will take back dredging & WWI project to his Council.

15. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE

Councillor Quirk – Meeting re railway, SHAA, bus/rail users, steam railway agreement as to the importance of the railway. Motion to full council to support recommendation & possibly extending steam rail line to Newport. The priority is to get the Ryde to Shanklin line secured.

Councillor Beston submitted the following written report:
Planning Applications - TCP/17648/E, P/01481/17 - N R Welch & Co, 33 Landguard Road, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, PO377JU
Proposed conversion from current office use to residential apartment. Island Roads have recommended approval for this application; no other comments or representations have been received to date. Local Issues - Regarding the Pigeon congregation and mess to the rear of the Bakery along Regent Street as previously reported, environmental Health have reported back and categorically state that no action can be taken to remove the Pigeons. I had asked Ben Gard & Justin Thorn from legal to consider the issue, Ben has come back to me saying that unless Environmental Health takes action no formal letters of legal action can be issued or enforced to the businesses encouraging and feeding the Pigeons. The resident along North Road that had been experiencing wheelie bins being placed on her property from neighbouring flats has now been addressed, the wheelie bins have now been removed and replaced by Gull Proof Sacks by Amey, residents of the flats were visited by our local Environmental Officer Sam Kinnaird and re-educated on the use of the sacks and collection frequencies. So far to date there has been no reported problems at the property. On the 21st December, I met with residents of Atherley Cross Road and the Crescent off Silver Trees to discuss parking & access issues with contract manager Garry Stretch and Network Manager Kevin Burton, between us we have agreed that a drop kerb needs to be applied for & funded by the resident concerned in Atherley Cross Road, once that has been done the whole layout of the road can be re-jigged to ease parking provision and access for the residents. APB's (Access Protection Bars) for the areas between driveways in the Crescent off Silver Trees has now been agreed in principle by Island Roads, the two residents involved will now have to apply and pay for these bars to be painted on the Crescent itself. My thanks go to Margaret Brian Platt who

reported that the cycle path at the Upper Hyde Holiday Park was flooded last week; I then reported this to Island Roads and Rights of Way, the path was pumped out and the blocked gully that caused the problem was also cleared. Residents have expressed their concerns regarding parking at the junction of Clarendon Road & North Road, continual parking on Clarendon Road outside the launderette on double yellow lines causes restriction of the carriageway and makes exiting and entry to Clarendon Road hazardous, a formal meeting with the Network manager and Contract manager has now been arranged. Re: Agenda item 9. Grant application request - I fully support this request from the IWMDDF as a registered charity, the total amount of funding to be decided and agreed by STC. Other correspondence - I have responded to a letter from Mr Issac Farnbank re Island Line published (IWCP 5-1-2018). My letter of response addresses some interesting questions raised regarding the future of the Island Line rail network, it also answers Mr Farnbank's concerns regarding an 'open access' agreement and mixing a heritage railway alongside a public train service. My full letter of response can be obtained from Cllr Quirk if required. (Cllr Michael Beston Shanklin Central.

Guest Councillor Brading submitted the following written report: Sandown Bay Academy Update - On 22nd December I had the great pleasure to make my delegated decision to agree to the setting up of the Bay Through School. This follows that statutory 4 week consultation where we received 34 responses only. Results were 6 said they agreed, the other 28 all raised the 6th form issue, but did not disagree with the principle This decision has now been communicated to the DofE as conformation that all conditions have been met. He will then make the final decision by early February. However we are already planning the new School structure, including securing significant funding streams for the premises improvements. An operating budget projection, and staffing and curriculum structure, have already been done, as well as securing an Associated Head, and Head of School from Hampshire. These people have proven Secondary School track records, so all looks good and exciting for the future Education in the Bay. Christ the Kings Update - I'm sure you have read all the press releases about the sad position at CTK, but facts are facts. The Council cannot keep supporting the School by increasing its overdraft to

cover their loan payments! The School has never come up with a recovery plan they would or could stick to, and now won't even come up with a plan. To put things in some perspective their overdraft is now approximately £2.7 million, one of the biggest in the Country, and their loan is in arrears as £705k and increasing at £98 per day interest penalty since 4th September. Current position is now a legal matter, but actions are being taken by the Council, completely supported by the 2 Dioceses, to move things forward by mid February. Planning Issues in Lake - Spithead Business Park have still not submitted a revised tree planting scheme for bank at the rear of the estate from the rejected planning application in October. I arranged for the temporary signs on the grass bank at the front to be removed, and thankfully they have not returned. There is a new application in for a large sign proving the Business Park on the end wall by Aldi, which I see no problem with. Morrison's have submitted a planning application to extend and modernise their store. I have reviewed and discussed these plans and in principle support what I have seen. Floating Bridge Update - Now working after being reintroduced into service. Councils full investigation and report completed and is on the Councils website. The 2 Main findings are complete lack of project management by Council officers, and no monitoring or control at all by the previous independent administration. Other Matters - Recently privileged to attend the Isle of Wight Children in Care Awards, and had great honour of presenting the awards and Certificates. The children were a great inspiration and proof that the system we have on the Island does work. Upcoming Events - Follow up Regeneration "the Wight we Want" event, date to be confirmed. Please try and attend. First ever Island Youth Conference, to engage all Schools, and our Young People in seeking their views and visions on the Island they want for the future. Should be enlightening. (Councillor Paul Brading)

Thursday 8th February 2018.....