

# SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at the Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

PRESENT: Councillor - Town Mayor J. Gilbey  
Councillor – Deputy Town Mayor S. Knight  
Councillors’ R. Priest, Mrs. L. Fleming, Mrs. D. Larner, D. Cable  
J. Fleming, Mrs. E. Knight, Mrs. S. Sheath, R. May, A. Whittaker,  
S. James, M. Beston, C. Quirk & Town Clerk RFO. Councillor P.  
Brading. Nine members of the public were in attendance. County  
press.

Town Mayor Councillor welcomed new Councillors A. Whittaker and S. James to the meeting, both having signed their declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Town clerk RFO before commencement of the meeting.

Town Mayor Councillor J. Gilbey presented to David Hailstones, David Crouch & Terry Carpenter the Sybil Bodycomb IW Society award for renovations to the war memorial.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Lesley gave a Green Towns update. This has been a busy month for Green Towns Shanklin. We have had two sessions at the War Memorial Garden on 4 and 25 May, during which we cut back overgrown bushes and began new planting. Some watering was also necessary at intervals due to the continuing dry weather. We are still hoping that the seats can be installed this year as members of the public would be grateful for somewhere to pause and reflect. Two of our volunteers who have taken on the upkeep of the planted area in Tower Gardens have spent many hours restoring it so that it looks cared-for and welcoming for visitors. The litter pick on 12 May was in response to an increasing awareness of the problem of plastic items being discarded in and around the town. In a short time we collected 16 bags of rubbish just from the brook, and the town centre. More than half of this was plastic which we feel speaks volumes. The Mother’s Union Beach Clean on 26 May was an annual event for which Green Towns provides the equipment and back-up. The beach itself was relatively litter-free due to high tides but there was a large amount of (mostly barbecue) rubbish left above at the bottom of

Appley steps which was cleared by the volunteers. The station garden was given a makeover on 11 May and the forecourt tubs were replanted later in the month. The saga of the hanging baskets has largely been resolved but had to include a risk assessment (advised by the police) with the recommendation that the baskets should be hung beneath the canopy and the timer for the automatic watering system be sited inside the station store. This meant swapping the light-sensitive timer for one which would work inside the store; drilling through the wall to link up with the mains water supply and altering the chain length for the baskets to name but a few of the modifications. Our thanks to Dave Woods for all his hard work in setting up what we hope will be an effective and vandal-proof system. Falcon Cross planted area was cut back and tidied up on 28 and 30 May by Sara Sheath's team of volunteers. In my absence during the summer the work of Green Towns will continue, thanks to our volunteers and above all to Bridget Biddlecombe who holds it all together.

**1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR 2018/2019 PURSUANT TO ss.14 (1), 15(1), 15(2), 33(1), 34(1) 34(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Councillor J. Gilbey informed Members' that there were 2 nominations for Town Mayor for 2018/2019 Councillor S. Knight & Councillor S. Sheath. Members' duly proposed & seconded and a written vote took place.

**RESOLVED:** Councillor J. Gilbey declared Councillor S. Knight duly elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

Councillor J. Gilbey handed the chain of office to Councillor S. Knight and Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight took the Chair.

**2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

**RESOLVED:** Town Mayor, Councillor S. Knight made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office pursuant to The Local Elections (Parishes & Communities) (Declaration of Acceptance of Office) Order 1990, this was counter signed by the Town Clerk RFO.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor S. Godden.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

**4.1 Declarations of Interest** - Members were invited to declare any interest, by voicing and/or completing the form – a copy of which is appended to the filed copy of these minutes.

**4.2 Dispensations - Written requests**

None.

**4.3 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate**

None.

Councillors C. Quirk & M. Bestons' dispensations stand.

**5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2018/2019**

Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight informed Members' that there were four nominations for Deputy Town Mayor for 2018/2019 Councillors' S. Sheath, D. Larner, R. May, A. Whittaker.

Members' duly proposed & seconded and a written vote took place.

**RESOLVED:** Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight declared that D. Larner be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

**6. MAYORAL ALLOWANCE**

Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight having declared a pecuniary interest left the room for this item.

**RESOLVED:** that pursuant to s.15 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Mayoral Allowance be fixed at £1,500 for 2018/2019.

**Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight re-joined the meeting.**

**7. APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

**RESOLVED:** Members' will serve on the following groups respectively:

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE CONTROL GROUP**

JON GILBEY, LYNDA FLEMING, DENYSE LARNER, CHRIS QUIRK, JOHN FLEMING, STEVE KNIGHT

**FALCON CROSS HALL MANAGEMENT & STAFFING GROUP**

JON GILBEY, LYNDA FLEMING, DENYSE LARNER, STEVE KNIGHT, JOHN FLEMING, SARAH SHEATH.

**HIGHWAYS GROUP**

JON GILBEY, CHRIS QUIRK, DAVID CABLE, ADRIAN WHITTAKER.

**TOWN OFFICE GROUP**

JON GILBEY, LYNDA FLEMING, DENYSE LARNER, JOHN FLEMING, STEVE KNIGHT, E. KNIGHT.

**VERNON SPENCER BEQUEST GROUP**

JON GILBEY, LYNDA FLEMING, CHRIS QUIRK, JOHN FLEMING, STEVE KNIGHT.

**TOWN IMPROVEMENT GROUP**

JON GILBEY, STEVE KNIGHT, RICHARD PRIEST, LYN FLEMING, ESTHER KNIGHT, MIKE BESTON.

**GREEN TOWN GROUP REPRESENTATIVES (ON GT STEERING GROUP)** SARA SHEATH, SARAH JAMES, ROBERT MAY.

**LOCAL ACTION GROUP** J. GILBEY, STEVE KNIGHT, MIKE BESTON.

**LIBRARY MAINTENANCE GROUP**

JON GILBEY, STEVE KNIGHT, ESTHER KNIGHT, SARA SHEATH, TOWN CLERK.

**TOILET GROUP** TOWN CLERK, J. GILBEY, R. PRIEST, ROBERT MAY, ADRIAN WHITTAKER.

**HEALTH & WELL BEING REPRESENTATIVE** S. SHEATH.

**8. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES TO OPERATE ALL ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE ELECTORAL TERM:**

Town Clerk, Councillors', Mrs Denyse Lerner, Mrs L Fleming, S. Knight & J. Gilbey.

**RESOLVED:** Confirmed and noted by Members'.

**9. ACCOUNTS**

**9.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT DURING APRIL & MAY**  
**Councillors R. Priest & J. Gilbey declared an interest in cheque 4251 being involved with the youth club.**

**RESOLVED:** That the accounts, as circulated in the sum of £12183.81 be approved for payment.

**9.2 BANK RECONCILIATION APRIL 2018**

**RESOLVED:** Town Mayor Cllr. J. Gilbey confirmed the bank reconciliation as correct.

**10. PLANNING.**

There were no planning applications. Members' noted road works.

**11. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Item 30 Members' questions Cllr J. Fleming asked for a progress report on the sun recording equipment. Cllr Quirk responded a visit is scheduled to ascertain a suitable place for the equipment. Item 31 IW Councillor's update Cllr Quirk updated Members re dredging in the Bay, in talks with Southampton University the Bay is a breeding ground for a particular type of fish.

**12. REGISTER OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS**

**RESOLVED:** All Members' to review their existing Register of Financial and Other Interests to complete a new form and return said form to the Town Clerk within the requisite time period.

**13. COUNCILLOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED:** All Members' to complete the form and return said form to the Town Clerk.

**14. ANNUAL REPORT**

**RESOLVED:** All Members' present received the Annual Report for 2017/2018.

The meeting concluded and Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight invited those present to join him for refreshments.

Thursday 28th June 2018.....