

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 28th June 2018

PRESENT: Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight (in the Chair)
Councillors' C. Quirk, R. May, R. Priest, D. Larner, S. Godden, E. Knight, D. Cable, J. Gilbey, A. Whittaker, M. Beston, L. Fleming, S. James, Town Clerk RFO. 3 members of the public, County Press.

PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised: Buoy, jet skis is a Bay issue not just Shanklin. The Buoy are the Isle of Wight Council's responsibility. The issue for the IWC is the cost of putting them out and taking them in. STC stated last year they do not want the responsibility which could be huge.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors' S. Sheath, J. Fleming. Councillor C. Quirk joined the meeting later.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

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

2.2 DISPENSATIONS

Councillor C. Quirk & M. Beston 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

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

3. REPORT FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

None present.

4. GREEN TOWNS REPORT

Councillor R. May attended the Environment workshop.

5. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

I would like to thank all of my fellow Councillors for having the faith in my ability to become Town Mayor for 2018 I will do my very best! We have started on a busy note presenting the cups and prizes at Shanklin/Sandown rowing regatta it was a super day with wall to wall sunshine and very calm sea, there were no reports of any sinking or men overboard. All in all it was a most enjoyable day. Congratulations to all the members for all their hard work.

On Friday 8th June we had the honour of opening the new Earl Mountbatten hospice shop in Regent Street where they have moved to from further up the road, the shop is a larger premises and has a better display window and an area for a cup of tea and a chat for those in need. The hospice turns over one million pounds a year from 10 shops.

Sunday 10th June the Friends of Shanklin Theatre held a garden party at The Clifton Hotel to raise funds and thank all the volunteers who work so hard. Unfortunately my wife Esther decided to fall over a pot plant, after having had a hip replacement operation so we spent the rest of the day at St Mary's where an x-ray showed no lasting damage.

I owe gratitude to Denyse Deputy Mayor for taking over for me and attending the garden party which she said was fabulous.

Sunday 24th June we had the pleasure of opening the Fairy Extravaganza at the Old Thatch Teashop in the Old Village, this was in aid of and to help the Kissy Puppy Sophie Rolf Trust set up to support children with life shortening illnesses. It is hoped that these children will be able to stay on the IW to have treatment and therapy at the EMH. Also they have just acquired a vehicle to take the children out. I would like to thank Councillor Sarah James for our invitation; the event was very well attended.

Tuesday 26th June I attended the AGM of Shanklin 1st Scouts at Scout HQ Batts Road Shanklin, it was inspiring to see the enthusiasm of the scout leaders and Cubs/Beavers/Scouts as they discussed their passed years achievements and agenda for the forthcoming year, to see what can be achieved in organised groups. On the Island there are 1300 young people belonging to the Scouting movement congratulations to the leaders for such hard work over the years. Thanks to Carol & Steve for the invitation.

Councillor C. Quirk joined the meeting.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 31st May 2018 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

MATTERS ARISING – There were no matters arising.

7. ACCOUNTS

7.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & APPROVAL JUNE 2018

Councillors' S. Knight & E. Knight declared an interest in cheque 4292 S. Knight being the recipient. Cllr. L. Fleming declared an interest in cheque 4277 being the recipient.

RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £13277.90 be approved for payment.

7.2 BANK RECONCILIATION MAY 2018

RESOLVED: Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight confirmed the bank reconciliation as correct.

8. PLANNING/LICENSING/NOTIFICATIONS

Councillors' C. Quirk & M. Beston declared an interest being IW Councillors and on the IWC Planning Committee.

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

COMMENT

P/00597/18 - Change of use of part of car park to be used for bicycle hire to include siting of gazebo and 4 x bike racks **CAR PARK SITE BETWEEN 20 & 31 ESPLANADE – Members' commented they think this is a good idea.**

NO COMMENT

P/00645/18 – Demolition of conservatory; proposed two storey rear extension with decked area over existing garage and storeroom; proposed ground floor extension to existing storeroom to form workshop; internal alterations and proposed balcony and balustrade (revised scheme) **MERRIEDOWN THE HIGHWAY LUCCOMBE. Members** were in receipt of two applications that IWC planning committee will consider and TPO's.

9. CONSULTATION – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF ISLE OF WIGHT: WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED: Members' to comment individually if they so wish.

10. COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS

RESOLVED: Members' were in receipt of Councillor contact details for their Councillor packs.

11. STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: Members' were in receipt of reviewed/readopted Standing Orders for their Councillor packs.

12. TOILETS UPDATE – COUNCILLOR J. GILBEY

Utilities at the new toilets have reduced by £6300 since they opened. 72 calls/text in last 9 months, Ranging from blocked toilets/sinks, keys, handbags, mobile phones, jackets etc. being left, and 5 complaints all relating to seafront toilets, usually flooding or cleaning. 30 complaints previous 9 month period, with over 120 calls/text received 40% reduction. No complaints relating to the two new block, but 11 messages of praise, 6 of those relating to the easy access/baby changing facility. Usage as of 26/06/18 stands at 35,300 with an income of just over £8,300, this is on track to produce an income of around £13k that I predicted when the project was first looked at. Add this to the potential income from the kiosk for next season should allow us to deliver the cleaning contract at a cost neutral price. There has been a reduction in our cleaning costs mainly due to the renegotiation of the contract and by doing this for 3 years with 6 monthly reviews built in. We have also just had back the £32k VAT rebate that was correctly applied for on the new build costs, meaning the total cost of £158k was spot on budget to the penny.

13. UR CHURCH CLOCK UPDATE – COUNCILLOR R. PRIEST

Have made a couple of site visits. On schedule to finish July. Chimes are working reviewed chime times to 8.00-20.00 but this can be changed. STC's contribution is within the amount budgeted. Town Mayor Councillor Steve Knight said it looks very impressive.

14. REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor D. Cable informed Members' that a complaint had been made against him regarding his election expenses in 2017. The police were involved and interviewed Cllr Cable who explained the situation to them, regarding his illness, and that the leaflet was done by the Conservative association and his form completed by D. Pugh as he was unable to write eligibly at the time. D. Pugh had entered £10 in the expenses column and then crossed it out, the police came from the mainland to talk to Cllr Cable and went through the forms with him and was satisfied that the law had not been broken. The

complainant was a fellow Shanklin Town Councillor, Cllr. Adrian Whittaker. Cllr Cable said he was disappointed Cllr Whittaker had not gone to him or the Town Clerk in the first instance for an explanation, as "Councillors Expenses" in the County Press could have caused alarm to the general public, it is not good for our reputation as a Town Council. Cllr Cable reiterated his disappointment in Cllr Whittaker as Shanklin Town Council has a great track record and do a good job, the matter should have been raised with Cllr Cable in the beginning. Cllr. Whittaker explained that prior to the election he went through everyone's Registration of interest form done by the Conservative club and asked the IW Council who said it was a matter for the police. Town Mayor Cllr S. Knight = we know the law needs to be upheld but this was a waste of police time and money. Cllr Whittaker = I took advice from the IW Council knowing Shanklin Conservative club did the leaflets and that was not declared. Town Mayor Cllr S. Knight thanked Cllr Cable and Cllr Whittaker and brought the matter to a close.

**15. GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST - SHANKLIN REGATTA
(BUDGET ALLOCATION £1500) s.145 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 1972 APPLIES**

Councillor L. Fleming left the meeting for item 15 being a member of the regatta committee.

Councillor Cable said what a good job the Regatta Committee do. Councillor R. Priest proposed an increase in the grant to £2000, this was seconded by Cllr J. Gilbey, a vote taken and the result was unanimous in favour of a grant in the sum of £2000.

RESOLVED: To pay a grant in the sum of £2000.

Councillor L. Fleming re-joined the meeting.

**16. GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST – SHANKLIN CARNIVAL
(BUDGET ALLOCATION £1500) S.145 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 1972 APPLIES**

Councillor D. Larner left the meeting for item 16 being Chairman of the Carnival committee.

Councillor R. Priest = last year's comments by some Members of the Town Council could have jeopardised the carnival and it would be disappointing if comments were made again like last year.

Councillor A. Whittaker = I don't think we should look on this grant favourably, the bank credit details what year were the accounts done was it this year or 2013.2014

Councillor D. Larner was asked to re-join the meeting to answer questions.

D. Larner = the accounts are for 2017-2018.

AW= how much was car hire last year. DL= car for carnival at the bottom £2500. AW= how many carnivals. DL = 16 carnivals. AW = I withdraw my proposal (there was no proposal). DL = can I just add we have purchased a vehicle to do the carnivals it isn't in here yet as these accs were done before I purchased it, it was only last month, we are trying to cut down on the hire. AW= this cost here will reduce. DL = we have a vehicle which we have to tax and insure, which we don't have to do with a hire car.

RP= as I said last year we are getting into micromanaging events, we will end up deciding which fireworks the regatta have. We know they deliver a carnival, we can see it it's visibly there, do we count how many bulbs are planted, we don't do that. We commission a carnival for Shanklin we get 2 carnivals dependent on volunteers, if we actively abuse the volunteers which we seem to want to do tonight there won't be a carnival we lose an event. Last year because of comments made there were organisations in Shanklin that did not support their carnival those that are dependent on carnival visitors to the Town. I thought it really sad last year people made those comments and its minuted and it's in the public – they are saying we don't want the carnival I think it's really sad for Shanklin, it's got a tremendous history, I think we should give them an increased grant like the Regatta £2000, it's a major event in Shanklin volunteers give up shed loads of their time I think if we get into the detail we will be setting up carnival sub committees, we don't want that.

AW = 2016 car hire and insurance was only £235 how has it jumped up to £2500. DL = because we didn't have the person with the car that could do it for nothing, it was a volunteer who used his own vehicle and when he wasn't around we had to hire in vehicles, you try and hire a vehicle to tow a float from a garage in this day and age it's very hard.

Town Mayor Cllr. S. Knight = Thank you we will draw a line under it. Councillor D. Larner took no part in the vote.

Councillor R. Priest proposed a grant in the sum of £2000 seconded by E. Knight a vote took place those voting in favour were:

Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight, Councillors' C. Quirk, R. Priest, S. Godden, E. Knight, D. Cable, J. Gilbey, M. Beston, L. Fleming, S. James.

Councillors' A. Whittaker and R. May abstained.

RESOLVED: To pay Shanklin Carnival a grant in the sum of £2000.

Councillor D. Cable left the meeting.

17. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Rubbish bins – Island Roads/IWC. Memorial benches – need a policy, IWC permission, maintenance etc. Esplanade IWC charging for deckchairs on the pavement longshoremen already pay a licence Cllr Beston to follow up. Double yellow lines. Citizen award to Mr & Mrs Biddlecombe. S. Water is due to meet in July. Bay Olympics was a brilliant event. Environment conference was informative. RM & AW walked the seafront, beach huts and IWC shelter mended.

18. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE

Cllr Quirk = Sunshine recording is going ahead, waiting outcome of location. Dredging in the Bay Crown Estates. Maritime organisation investigating they have all of NC's information. Rough sleeper at Rylstone social services aware but it is his choice. IWC Councillors increase of £3000 is across the whole of the IW Councillors. S. Water meeting next week. Autumn plastic awareness workshop in Shanklin and Ventnor.

Cllr Beston = Meeting with Southern housing problem at Gaynor House and others, CCTV installed and problem seems solved. Carter Avenue yellow lines.

Cllr Priest = keen to have minutes of Southern Water meeting shared. Investigation work Arthurs Hill visibility survey, new pump. Met with district steward issues with coaches. Attended armed forces raise the flag. Theatre winner of community action awards and overall runner up.

Members' were in receipt of Cllr P Brading's report for June.

Thursday 26th July 2018.....