

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 21st February 2019.

PRESENT: Deputy Town Mayor Councillor D. Larner (in the Chair)
Town Mayor Councillor S. Knight

Councillors: E. Knight, R. May, S. Godden, J. Gilbey, A. Whittaker, R. Priest, S. James, L. Fleming, J. Fleming, Town Clerk RFO. 2 members of the public, no County Press.

PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised: Batts Copse given Green status but not given Open Space status. Cllr. Priest stated this was an oversight by the IWC. STC have commented on this in our response re IWC Planning Strategy. Resident commented on the fact that some Councillors present at the last meeting declared an interest in a planning application and some didn't, the resident was told this was correct those Members' who know the applicant declared an interest those who don't did not. Resident said the response to IWC did not say no comment = the response to IWC did say no comment in caps and bold. Cllr. Priest said it is important that residents and planning applicants know that their concerns will be listened to by the IWC. Residents need to be given guidance about how they can have their concerns expressed and listened to and ensure whatever the concerns are that they are investigated openly and transparently even if it requires off Island guidance, we need to demonstrate we have done the right thing.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors' D. Cable, M. Beston, C. Quirk, S. Sheath.

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). Cllrs' Quirk & Beston not present.

2.3 TO GRANT ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AS APPROPRIATE

2.4 TOWN CLERK RFO TO GRANT A DISPENSATION TO ALL COUNCILLORS PRESENT WHO REQUIRE A DISPENSATION

**FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS: 18. BUDGET
2019/2020 & 19. PRECEPT 2019/2020**

RESOLVED: Town Clerk RFO to grant a dispensation to all those requiring a dispensation and complete the necessary paper work.

3. REPORT FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

None present.

4. GREEN TOWNS REPORT

Members' in receipt of a written report. A copy of which is appended to the filed minutes.

5. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR

Mayoral duties for 2019 have begun very quietly but we are moving into an exciting time for Shanklin Town with the plans for the re-siting of our library at the Falcon Cross site now being designed this may include a section for a Town information centre also on the site will be a new Town Office alongside Falcon Cross Hall. We will keep residents informed as the plans progress.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 17th January 2019 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

MATTERS ARISING: Item 6 Minutes - Cllr. Priest = Concerned Councillor Quirk is not present this evening Cllr Quirk did apologise to me after the last meeting but the Carnival issues still need to be resolved. Item 14. Members' Questions - Issues raised by Cllr Beston he said he circulated misinformation, I did ask him to obtain guidance from the Monitoring Officer regarding some of the stuff he circulated not sure if that's happened and would like that on a future agenda. Plus we still need someone to liaise with the British Legion re issues remembrance day and if colleagues want to do that they are welcome to take on the responsibility.

7. ACCOUNTS

7.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPROVAL JANUARY 2019

Cllr Priest declared an interest as he organised WWI events. There are contributions to come from Sandown and Lake.

RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £17,385.24 be approved for payment.

7.2 BANK RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 2018

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

7.3 BANK RECONCILIATION JANUARY 2019

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

7.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

RESOLVED: Members' noted and adopted the quarterly budget review.

8. PLANNING/LICENSING/NOTIFICATIONS

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

NO COMMENT

P/00063/19 – Proposed two dwellings (2 X 4 BED HOUSES) LAND 18 ORCHARD ROAD.

Members' noted road works.

9. COMMENTS IW COUNCIL FINAL DRAFT ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CLLR. R. PRIEST)

Members' thanked Richard. All Members' were in receipt of the response to be submitted to IWC.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk RFO to submit the response to the IWC. A copy of which is appended to the filed minutes.

10. CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

RESOLVED: Members' noted that donations raised amounted to £150.27 and the letter of thanks from the Hospice.

11. IW COUNCIL – BAY REGENERATION MEETING – TO CONSIDER WAIVING THE HIRE FEE FOR FALCON CROSS HALL S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES.

RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee in the sum of £55.

12. SHANKLIN CARNIVAL SANTA SATURDAY – TO CONSIDER WAIVING THE HIRE FEE FOR FALCON CROSS HALL S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES.

TOWN MAYOR S. KNIGHT TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM – DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR CLLR. LARNER CURRENTLY IN THE CHAIR IS ALSO CHAIR OF SHANKLIN CARNIVAL

RESOLVED: To waive the hire fee in the sum of £55.

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR CLLR. LARNER RE-TOOK THE CHAIR.

13. D. DAY COMMEMORATION EVENT (A. SPRINGMAN) – TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO REIMBURSE SHANKLIN TOWN BRASS BAND PLAYING AT THE EVENT S.145(1)(C) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

RESOLVED: To give a donation in the sum of £250 to reimburse Shanklin Town brass band. (Members proposed, seconded and the vote was unanimous).

14. SHANKLIN GREEN TOWNS – GRANT APPLICATION IN THE SUM OF £350 S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

RESOLVED: To pay a grant in the sum of £350. (Members proposed, seconded and the vote was unanimous).

15. SHANKLIN TOWN BRASS BAND – GRANT APPLICATION IN THE SUM OF £5000 S.145(1)(C) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

RESOLVED: To pay a one off grant in the sum of £5000. (Members proposed, seconded and the vote was unanimous).

16. ISLE OF WIGHT DAY 2019

16.1 TOWN MAYOR CLLR. S. KNIGHT TO UPDATE MEMBERS' RE MEETING 5th FEBRUARY 2019

Cllr. S. Knight = I attended a meeting early February, Robin Courage outlined background to IW Day (Saturday 21st September 2019), and that the event moved around the Island (Newport, Ryde, Cowes, and ideally Bay in 2019); The event includes Parade, its A Knockout event, Fireworks/after party, and possibly Songs of Praise on Sunday; Ideally the event would offer something across the bay, including all bay beach clean (etc.), and involve pupils from local schools; There is a possibility of event returning in a couple of years and reverse structure for Councils; Discussion of Parade along Sandown Seafront, It's A Knockout In Lake (Fairway), Fireworks on Coast, and Songs of Praise in Shanklin (Theatre, Church, or large venue); Indicative cost of £10,000 (on basis of £1.311 per Band D property The share per Parish would therefore be: LAKE £2,192, SANDOWN £3143, SHANKLIN £4665); Next meeting to include other colleagues (for each Town/Parish/Robin to enable), for example Carnival Reps, Church, and Rotary. Meeting planned for 11am on Tuesday 26th February 2019 in Shanklin Community Library. Members' were in receipt of figures supplied by Robin Courage.

Lots of discussion ensued along the lines of it's a waste of money, don't see the point of it, dilutes what the Carnival and Regatta do, all the monies, interest will be in Sandown. £10,600 better spent elsewhere. Better if monies given to Carnival and Regatta (Shanklin) it needs to be an 'Island Day Event' encompassing the whole Island. Cllr. Priest touched on the High Street Regeneration fund and Bay bid at no cost to the Town Council; this will also be discussed at the meeting on the 26th. There are also other projects e.g. recycling bins along the revetment work with Amey unfortunate Cllr Sheath is not

present we have not have any reports with regards to meetings with Amey. There is also a defibrillator project with Sandown and Lake. We do work together on `Bay projects` but IW Day is not one of them.
RESOLVED: Cllr Priest to take Members' comments to the meeting on 26th February.

16.2 TO CONSIDER A DONATION OF £4665 TO IW DAY EVENT S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

RESOLVED: Members' agreed to defer this item to the April meeting.

17. FINANCE COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS – TO AGREE AND ADOPT THE COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS (1 – 16.2)

17.1. REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATION FORM/POLICY TO ASSESS REQUESTS FOR GRANTS

RESOLVED: Re-adoption of the grant application form and policy to assess requests for grants with one change to the grant form.

17.2. REVIEW OF FALCON CROSS HIRE FORM

RESOLVED: Re-adoption of Falcon Cross hire form with no changes.

17.3. REVIEW OF STANDARD CONDITIONS OF HIRE

RESOLVED: Re-adoption of Standard conditions of hire with no changes.

17.4. REVIEW OF FALCON CROSS HALL HIRE CHARGES

RESOLVED: To keep the charges the same at £22 for the first two hours (minimum) each additional hour or part of £11 for 2019/2020.

17.5. REVIEW OF POLICY TO ASSESS REQUESTS FOR FREE HIRE OF FALCON CROSS HALL

RESOLVED: Re-adoption of the policy to assess requests for free hire of Falcon Hall with no changes.

17.6. HISTORY SOCIETY REQUEST DISCOUNT FOR HIRE OF FALCON CROSS HALL

Councillors' S. Knight, E. Knight, R. Priest & S. Godden declared an interest in this item being a members of the History Society.

RESOLVED: To grant the History Society 10 sessions for the price of 9.

17.7. PAY INCREASES

RESOLVED: To delegate to the Town Clerk RFO the implementation of the National agreement pay claim & scale increments as per individual contracts as and when they arise for 2019/2020.

- 17.8. PAYMENT OF TOWN CLERK RFO HOURS OF LIEU TIME ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR**
RESOLVED: To pay Town Clerk RFO 80 hours of lieu time with March salary & the remainder to be taken as time off in lieu.
- 17.9. SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE TO COUNCILLOR GILBEY FOR THE EXTRA WORK INVOLVED WITH THE TOILETS**
Councillor Gilbey left the meeting for the duration of this item.
RESOLVED: Members' recommend to full Council to pay Cllr Gilbey an 'honoraium' in the sum of £2500.
Councillor Gilbey re-joined the meeting.
- 17.10. DAYS BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**
RESOLVED: The days between Christmas and New Year when the Town Council offices are closed be given as time off and not deducted from employees annual leave entitlement.
- 17.11. TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE GRANT TO SHANKLIN TOWN BRASS BAND TO £1000 (CURRENTLY £660)**
RESOLVED: To increase the grant to Shanklin Town Brass band to £1000.
- 17.12. IW COUNCIL LIBRARY GRANT**
RESOLVED: Members' noted receipt of the library grant in the sum of £2000 for 2018/2019 and that no further grants will be received.
- 17.13. 2019/2020 TAX BASE AND PRECEPT SETTING IWC**
Members' noted the reduction in grant from the IWC the amount for 2019/2020 being £2918 a reduction of £2730.
- 17.14. BUDGET 2019/2020**
Members' discussed the budget in detail and agreed the budget in its entirety. Points raised: It is inequitable that Shanklin residents have to pay towards Shanklin library when other Towns get theirs paid by the IWC, when STC vacate the library site a % of monies from the sale of the site should be given to STC to reinvest in Shanklin library.
We are already down £16, 0000 what with the reduction in Localised Council Support grant and paying £11,000 rates on toilets. Cllr. Gilbey = precept rise is extremely good value for money when you consider what we do in Shanklin. Cllr Priest = looking at the budget and the prudence shown STC have been very robust in the way we spend the budget.
EO funding = STC issues should be priority not IWC issues.
RESOLVED: That the budget as presented be adopted in its entirety.

17.15. PRECEPT 2019/2020

Members' discussed the precept & grant and agreed with the Town Clerk RFO's recommendation of an increase in precept/grant amount of £71,704. This is an increase in Band D of £19.36 a year approx. £1.61 a month.

RESOLVED: That the precept request be set at £285,000. (Grant is £2918.)

17.16. ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY PROPERLY ARISE

17.16.1 VAT

Town Clerk RFO suggested due to the complexities of VAT on the two new builds that we pay for advice from a company specialising in VAT advice for Town and Parish Councils. Even if we end up paying the VAT on the new builds it will still be cheaper than staying where we are with the state of the building as it is.

RESOLVED: That Town Clerk RFO is authorised to seek specialist VAT advice.

Members' present voted for items 17.1 to 17.16.1 and the vote for all items was unanimous. There were no adverse comments from Members not present.

17.16.2 THANKS

Cllr. Gilbey - Members' thanked Cllr Gilbey for all his work regarding the toilets.

Town Clerk RFO – Members' thanked the Town Clerk RFO for a good job on the budget.

18. BUDGET 2019/2020 – S.51 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 TO AGREE AND ADOPT THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED

RESOLVED: Members' voted unanimously to agree and adopt the budget as presented. There were no adverse comments from Members not present.

19. PRECEPT 2019/2020 – S.50 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 – TO AGREE THE MONIES REQUESTED FROM THE IW COUNCIL BE SET AT PRECEPT £285,000 PLUS GRANT OF £2,918

RESOLVED: Members' voted unanimously to request from the Isle of Wight Council for 2019-2020 Precept £285,000 plus grant of £2918. There were no adverse comments from Members not present.

20. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2019 AND TO NOTE MATTERS ARISING WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE FORMAL RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee held on Monday 11th February 2019 having been previously circulated be approved and signed.

21. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Plastic Free Shanklin had a beach clean. 6th March quiz and raffle. 24th March there is a Town Clean. Recycling bins rubbish therein is not being recycled. Cllr Priest will talk to Island Rds – Cllr Sheath if present could have updated from Ameys perspective. Beach access – Changing places toilets good idea but cost prohibitive and better suited to supermarkets. Rylstone gardens issue has been offered help but does not want to accept. Rotary had a good presentation from Access group person. Hope Road Island Rds lack of joined up thinking, should be sorting speed bumps at same time. Cllr Gilbey has spoken to Island Rd about liaising with beach front businesses and maybe changing the dates of work. Cllr Priest – bid for the water fountain, and potential library bid re sustainable transport, cycle racks, chargers etc., Cllr Priest will draft paper for bid. Issue County Ground broken glass – Cllr Priest declared an interest – football club cleaned it up. Cllr. Whittaker said Lake have a problem with litter from KFC.

22. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE

None present.

Councillors' Beston & Quirk submitted a joint written report. Guest Councillor Brading submitted a written report a copy of each is appended to the filed minutes.

Thursday 25th April 2019.....