

SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 25th April 2019.

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

Councillors: E. Knight, R. May, J. Gilbey, A. Whittaker, R. Priest, S. James, L. Fleming, J. Fleming, D. Cable, C. Quirk, M. Beston, S. Sheath. Town Clerk RFO.
7 members of the public, no County Press.

PUBLIC FORUM

Points raised: Bins overflowing on Esplanade over Easter weekend it happened all over the Island. Esplanade closure wrong time of year. Cllr Priest reminded Members' that we had raised the issue of schedule of works in November, and suggested they review the speed bumps at the same time. Lift is open. Decisions were made by Island Rds. There should have been an IWC public meeting with residents, and hoteliers. When the IWC removed the recycling bins STC championed to have bigger bins on the Esplanade.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors' S. Godden & Guest Councillor Paul Brading.

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

3. REPORT FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

None present. Councillor J. Gilbey updated Members' on the arson incident in the toilets; we have CCTV footage showing the offenders clearly which has been passed to the police to aid their investigations.

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

I had a most enjoyable evening at the Nightingale Hotel Queens Road Shanklin. An invitation from Dino the proprietor of the hotel in aid of two charities the Amy Winehouse foundation set up to assist people with social problems, Amy's mother was there to promote the charity also a tribute act to Amy a singer and song writer it was an excellent show. The second fund raiser was for a donation towards a charitable event in Shanklin during the summer season. The hotel is now open for business we thank Dino for organising this event. We were honoured to be invited by the Shanklin Hyde Women's Institute to join them in celebration of their 50th anniversary. Mrs Rosemary Asher who was a founder member and is still an active member today 50 years on. A silver birch tree was planted on Big Mead to mark the occasion it was a sunny warm day and all went well. We were delighted to be invited to the formal opening of the new Mary Ellis building at St Blasius C of E Primary Academy. The Bishop of Portsmouth led the service the building is to house two of the year groups at the school, the name was voted for by pupils and staff and may I say it could not have been after a more inspiring and courageous person than Mary Ellis. The Island's new Lord Lieutenant Mrs Susan Sheldon led the official launch of the new Shanklin library and Town Office. This was the first official engagement that the new Lord Lieutenant had attended, and for the first time in history all the official posts were held by ladies: Lord Lieutenant Mrs Susan Sheldon, High Sheriff Mrs Gioia Minghella-Giddens, Chair of the IW Council Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Sandown Town Mayor Jacquie Mereweather, and Lake Parish Council Chairman Mrs Sue Horton. Plans for the new library and Town Office were unveiled; we look forward to see the ongoing work over the next few months. Library co-ordinator Maria Darbon added all our volunteers are looking forward to working in a more central location; our Town Clerk Stella has waited patiently for ten years to see the new office made a reality. Students from St. Blasius Primary Academy designed mugs and presented them to our Civic Leaders.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 21st February 2019 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

MATTERS ARISING: Item 6. Carnival – Cllr. Priest informed Members' Cllr. Quirk had apologised about mixing up the Carnival and the Christmas fun day. Cllr. Priest = it is regrettable what was said it affected the Carnivals funding; we need to support the carnival.

7. ACCOUNTS

7.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPROVAL FEBRUARY 2019

Cllrs L & J. Fleming declared an interest in cheque 4510 being the recipient. Cllr. Priest declared in interest in cheque 4494 having submitted the application form.

RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £21,959.97 be approved for payment.

7.2 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT/APPROVAL MARCH 2019

Cllr Priest declared an interest in cheque 4521 having completed the application form.

RESOLVED: That the accounts as circulated in the sum of £19,908.26 be approved for payment.

7.3 BANK RECONCILIATION FEBRUARY 2018

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

7.4 BANK RECONCILIATION MARCH 2019

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

8. PLANNING/LICENSING/NOTIFICATIONS

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

NO COMMENT

P/00100/19 – Retention of existing marquee for use associated with hotel – **BOURNE HALL COUNTRY HOTEL 11 LUCCOMBE ROAD.**

P/00356/19 - Proposed two dwellings (revised scheme) **18 ORCHARD ROAD.**

P/00349/19 – Variation of conditions 2 & 5 on P/01412/17 to allow alterations to internal layout means of access to flats and bin storage **MAHARAJAH TANDOORI RESTAURANT 55 HIGH STREET.**

Members' noted road works, TPO'S & licensing.

Councillor Quirk updated Members' re 22 Grange Rd, this has not yet been determined it will be called in and Councillor Quirk will speak against the application, it does not meet parking regulations which is a material consideration, if officers do recommend there will be restrictions on who can live there. It would be regrettable if it is not readvertised.

9. INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2018-2019 LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 & ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

RESOLVED: Members' proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve and adopt the report.

- 10. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2019 LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015**
Cllr Quirk offered a vote of thanks to the Town Clerk RFO for her work on the Accounts.
RESOLVED: Members' proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve and adopt the annual accounts.
- 11. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2018-2019**
RESOLVED: Members' received and considered the document.
- 12. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2018-2019 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2018-2019**
RESOLVED: Members' received the annual internal audit report.
- 13. SECTION 1 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018-2019 TO RECEIVE, APPROVE & ADOPT SECTION 1 FOR SIGNING BY THE TOWN CLERK RFO & THE CHAIRMAN**
RESOLVED: Members' proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve and adopt Section 1 for signing.
- 14. SECTION 2 – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2018-2019 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2018-2019 TO CONSIDER APPROVE & ADOPT SECTION 2 PREVIOUSLY SIGNED BY THE TOWN CLERK RFO & TO APPROVE SIGNING BY THE CHAIRMAN**
RESOLVED: Members' proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to approve and adopt Section 2 for signing by the Chairman.
- 15. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2018-2019 – SECTION 3 – EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT & CERTIFICATE 2018-2019**
RESOLVED: Members' noted the external auditor's report for completion.
- 16. NOTICE OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE IF PUBLIC RIGHTS & OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY REGULATION 15(2) ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 & LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014**
RESOLVED: Members' noted that the notice will be displayed in accordance with the regulations at the appropriate time.
- 17. GRANT APPLICATION – IW ARMED FORCES DAY 20196 – S.111 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES**
Cllr. Priest = mindful that Shanklin British Legion are involved. Concerns over Shanklin re Remembrance Day and the wrong time being advertised and comments made. We need to identify someone to work with the British Legion on this year's remembrance service. Cllr Cable = there are issues around

funding and the British Legion. British Legion are not having a service at the theatre this year. No apologies were given for the wrong time on the 11th. Political name on the wreath which should not have happened. Cllr Beston = explained it was a typo error it was not intentional and apologised. Cllr Priest = There needs to be clarification who is doing what for November remembrance day = this is British Legion's event.

Members' proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to give £100

RESOLVED: To give a grant of £100.

18. GRANT APPLICATION – ISLAND 2000 TRUST – GIFT TO NATURE S.9 & 10 OPEN SPACES ACT 1906 APPLIES

Members' proposed, seconded **not to give any monies** Councillors'

S. Knight, D. Lerner, E. Knight, J. Gilbey, R. Priest, S. James, L. Fleming, J. Fleming, D. Cable, C. Quirk, M. Beston, S. Sheath voted in favour Cllrs. R. May and A. Whittaker abstained. **RESOLVED:** Not to give any monies.

19. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL HIGH STREET COMMUNITY CLEAN UP FUNDING

19.1 TO CONSIDER A GRANT FROM THE ABOVE IN THE SUM OF £750 TO SHANKLIN GREEN TOWNS – S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

Councillors' S. Sheath & S. James did not vote as they are Members of Green Towns. All other Councillors present voted in favour.

RESOLVED: Members' proposed, seconded and voted to give £750 to Shanklin Green Towns.

19.2 TO CONSIDER A GRANT FROM THE ABOVE IN THE SUM OF £750 TO PLASTIC FREE SHANKLIN – S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

Councillor S. James did not vote as she is a Member of Plastic free Shanklin

RESOLVED: Members' proposed, seconded and voted to give £750 to Plastic free Shanklin.

20. PLASTIC FREE SHANKLIN – REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FALCON CROSS HALL IN THE SUM OF £44 S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

Councillor James left the room for this item

RESOLVED: Members' proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to waive the hire fee.

Councillor James re-joined the meeting.

21. SHANKLIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY - REQUEST TO WAIVE HIRE FALCON CROSS HALL IN THE SUM OF £55 S.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 APPLIES

Cllr Priest updated Members' on the library situation = planning application in, meeting with property services highlighted a few issues re others using the site Amey has been downstairs for years, STC do not want any comeback re damage or anything else once we have vacated the building. Richard & Stella will work on the franchise for the land outside of the library. We were promised some time ago electronic devices for the library. a percentage of the monies from the Victoria Avenue site should be reinvested in the new library site.

RESOLVED: Members' proposed, seconded and voted unanimously to waive the hire fee.

22. ISLE OF WIGHT DAY 2019 – COUNCILLOR R. PRIEST

Councillor R. Priest = over a year ago met with colleagues and again this year. Colleagues expressed different views. I think we should be supporting our own carnival and regatta. Holding the event at Big Mead could result in damage to the ground, fireworks a fire hazard re thatched roofs. If it is IW Day it should be the whole of the Island not individual Towns/Parishes.

RESOLVED: If organisers come back to us for a decision Stella will write a letter re event can be held in Shanklin if an appropriate venue can be found, any damage to be paid for. STC will not contribute financially.

23. HONORARIUM – LEAD MEMBER FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – TO AGREE MONIES £2500 (FUNDED FROM INCOME AS RESOLVED AT THE MEETING ON 21st FEBRUARY 2019) S.111 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972/S.87 PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936 APPLIES.

COUNCILLOR J. GILBEY LEFT THE MEETING FOR THIS ITEM

Councillor Quirk = I am in favour of giving the monies as previously agreed. Jon has added to his registration of interest form that he is working for Danfo I don't know what he does for them or whether there is a conflict of interest, before this is paid I think Jon should check with the Monitoring Officer re his work with Danfo to confirm there is no conflict of interest and then confirm to us there is no issue before the amount is paid. It is important to protect him and us in the future. Cllr Gilbey was asked to re-join the meeting and explain his work with Danfo which he did and stated he did check with the monitoring officer before taking up the post. Town Clerk confirmed he has declared his consultancy on his Registration of Interest form. Cllr Whittaker said Jon does a great job.

RESOLVED: to pay Cllr. Gilbey the honorarium of £2500 once he has again checked with the IWC Monitoring Officer there is no conflict of interest.

24. IW COUNCIL – CONSULTATION – LOCAL LIST (VALIDATION OR 1APP) REQUIREMENTS

RESOLVED: Members' noted the document.

25. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Priest = Circulated letter re Crime Commissioner, a couple of people were uncomfortable with references to individuals in the letter, all the docs relating to the individuals are out there in the public domain, people need to know it happens in Shanklin, STC put monies into CCTV in the Town if IWC withdraw the monitoring of CCTV what will happen. Football club McDonald's football day in July, athletics day Susie Sheldon coming to Shanklin again. Projects Southern Water (June agenda items).

Cllr L. Fleming = Moorings in the Bay. Cllr Quirk said IWC disposed of the buoys hoping to get funding to replace them, but the cost of reinstating is £25,000.

Cllr. Cable = no toilets at Big Mead.

26. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE

Cllr Quirk = Changes to the IWC Island Rds. cuts, decision made by Officers not Members. Bottom of Hope Road pumping station Natural England are now involved, the idea is to disinfect via a pipe 2 miles out at sea.

Cllr Beston = Arthurs Hill traffic diverted to Wilton Park Rd temporary double yellow lines, they will go as will St Boniface Rd when the work is finished. Work delayed by unchartered utilities. Hope Hill resurfacing could have combined with Hope Rd but not feasible if work is ongoing due to delays.

Guest Councillor Paul Brading submitted a written report a copy of which is appended to the filed minutes.

Thursday 30th May 2019.....