

# SHANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held at Falcon Cross Hall, Shanklin, Isle of Wight on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 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, C. Quirk,  
M. Beston, S. Sheath, S. Godden Town Clerk RFO. 2 members of the public, no County Press.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Points raised: None.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors' J. Fleming, L. Fleming, D. Cable, S. James. Guest Councillor P. 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**

Members' were in receipt of the following written report:

Looking back over the past month, there is a clear trend developing with reports from a number of residents, business owners and visitors of anti-social behaviour. These reports typically relate to a person, or persons, being intoxicated and causing a nuisance for residents, businesses or visitors in some of the more popular locations in Shanklin. At this time, we are focusing on reports of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Regent Street, High Street through to the Old Village and Shanklin Esplanade (including the cliff path). I believe we have identified those who are responsible for the disruption and I am working with our partner agencies to identify a suitable solution which will benefit all involved. I would encourage anyone who witnesses such alcohol related anti-social behaviour to report it to Police. We can be contacted via 101, alternatively, please use the on-line reporting function via [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org). Please

provide as much information as you can including dates, times, locations and names of those involved (where known). I can also be reached on 07795 354587, but please be aware that I may be on rest days, so I may not be able to reply to a message for up to 48 hours, alternatively email me at [matthew.wheeler@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matthew.wheeler@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

You may recall the issue we had with break-ins at beach huts along the revetment earlier in the year. Following some good work from local officers, an arrest has been made which has led to a substantial amount of property being recovered. We have issued a press release with the property and we are in the process of returning items to their owners. If you have any questions relating to the above activities, or any other concerns that I may be able to assist with, please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks PCSO 15093 Matt Wheeler Shanklin Neighbourhood Team.

#### **4. GREEN TOWNS REPORT**

Members' were in receipt of the following written report:

Green Towns, Shanklin volunteers are busy maintaining the various gardens around the town which require a significant amount of watering this time of year to keep them looking at their best. Small litter picks have been carried out by individuals over the summer months with our last major litter pick involving the Scouts, 50+ group from the Youth Centre and Green Town volunteers in early June. Shanklin Railway hanging baskets were put up at the beginning of June and the planters have all been re-planted, unfortunately some damage has been done to the plants caused mainly through people sitting on the planters (even though we have put up signs to ask people not to!). The planters and hanging baskets cost around £370. The War Memorial Garden – Terry has continued maintaining this garden almost daily and new bedding plants have been put in at a cost of £150. Other volunteers do the occasional weeding; watering and the hedges have been cut. Falcon Cross area/Library /Tower Garden areas – The hedges have been cut back, including trimming a tree at Falcon Cross, and volunteers continue to carry out regular weeding. Shanklin Brook/Batts Copse– All the litter was cleared from this area in early June. Several builders bags and sacks were filled up with silt and overgrowth. This is the third time we have cleared this area in the last 9 months. (Bridget Biddlecombe Green Towns, Shanklin).

#### **5. REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR**

Firstly updated news on the library, the architect has completed the building regulation drawings for our project and they have been submitted to building control for consideration. We are also taking specialist advice in all things green i.e. power, water use, insulation and technology to keep us up to date with modern building techniques. Once again I was invited to the AGM of the First Shanklin Scout Group it was a most interesting evening which included the Beavers/Cubs/Scouts being awarded their badges. I must congratulate Carol, Steve and all the Leaders. The subjects they cover are too numerous to list here but they go together to help the youth of Shanklin grow into fine young adults.

We attended the Flag Raising Ceremony for the Armed Forces on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, the ceremony is part of the fly a flag campaign showing support for our military community, both serving and retired. The service took place in St Thomas Square Newport. We were invited to attend Springfield Nursing Home's Open Day, the weather was perfect their manager Camellia showed us around and introduced us to some of the residents some of whom were known to us, we enjoyed afternoon tea on the lawn; the nursing home is a credit to the manager and staff. Well done. Esther, Richard and Sue escorted the judges from South & Southeast in Bloom to various gardens in Shanklin including the Bowling Club, Shanklin Chine, RBL, War Memorial, and Tower Cottage Gardens. It was a very hot day and the judges seemed to be impressed especially with the plastic free initiative fronted by Cllrs' Sue Godden & Sarah James. Special thanks must go to Terry Carpenter for his constant hard work keeping our War Memorial garden looking first class. The award ceremony will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September in Bournemouth good luck to all. The Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council George Cameron invited us to attend the Annual Civic Service held at the Minster Church of St Thomas, Newport, the service was inspiring, the choir and brass band were first class, a most enjoyable service. Thanks to Richard Priest & Maria Darbon for putting together a celebration of the 200 years for John Keats the poet this has been on show in Shanklin Community Library, also thanks to David from Keats Hotel for donating a prize. I would like to thank all our Town Councillors for their hard work trying to make Shanklin special, thanks of course to our Town Clerk for keeping us on the straight and narrow.

## 6. MINUTES

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 having been previously circulated be approved and signed & to note matters arising that do not require formal resolution.

**MATTERS ARISING: Item 8 Planning** = Cllr. Quirk informed Members' the land in question was opposite Dunnose Magna not Dunnose Magna itself.

**Item 9. Age Friendly Charter** = Cllr. Godden informed Members' that herself and Town Clerk have reworded our statement and submitted to the organisation.

## 7. ACCOUNTS

### 7.1 **BANK RECONCILIATION JUNE 2019**

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

### 7.2 **QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW**

**RESOLVED:** Members noted and adopted the review.

## 8. PLANNING/LICENSING/NOTIFICATIONS

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

**NO COMMENT**

**19/00492/HOU** – Demolition of rear flat roof extensions and pitched roof; construction of a new roof to form additional living accommodation at 1<sup>st</sup> floor level **82 VICTORIA AVENUE PO37 6QW.**

**19/00498/HOU** – Demolition of retaining wall; alterations to vehicular access; formation of two parking spaces and new retaining wall **40 CHURCH ROAD PO37 6QY.**

**19/00560/HOU** – Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey side extension and associated deck/patio area and landscaping **17 VAUGHAN WAY.** Members' commented on a licensing application and noted TPO's and road works.

**9. REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** Members' adopted the revised Financial Regulations & will substitute the pages in their Councillor pack.

**10. STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED:** Members' re-adopted the Standing Order there were no revisions & will substitute the front cover in their Councillor pack.

**Town Clerk RFO granted a dispensation to all Members present for the following item of business due to them being Trustees of Falcon Cross Hall a polling station**

**11. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL – REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & PLACES 2019**

**RESOLVED:** Members' noted the document and had no comment to make.

**12. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLVED:** Members' noted the document and had no comment to make.

**13. GRANT REQUEST – SHANKLIN REGATTA**

Members' duly proposed & seconded and a vote took place Cllr's S. Knight, D. Larnar, E. Knight, R. May, J. Gilbey, R. Priest, C. Quirk, M. Beston, S. Sheath, S. Godden voted to pay a grant in the sum of £2000 Councillor A. Whittaker abstained.

**RESOLVED:** To pay a grant in the sum of £2000 s.145 Local Government Act 1972 applies.

**14. CONSULTATION – IW COUNCIL CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL 2019**

**Councillor R. Priest declared an interest in this item as he drives a bus.**

Members' are concerned about the impact on people getting to doctors appointments etc. and the impact on the health and wellbeing of users, particularly those in rural areas. Cllr Priest = *feed back from bus users and their carers who a deeply concerned. One to One care is not necessarily the solution,*

*it needs to be reviewed and presented in line with mental health issues, and it may mean a cut in one thing and an increase in another. Cllr Quirk = Provision for mental health is being re provisioned.*

**RESOLVED:** Town Clerk RFO to write to the IWC with Members' comments.

**15. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Problems with Wight Fibre failing to meet standards, they underestimated the cost and are being held to contract, action is being taken by Island Roads the standard is appalling. IWC will be pulling in Island Roads for a meeting to discuss the Wight Fibre issues.

Cllr. Priest expresses thanks to Cllr S. Knight for attending the McDonalds football event.

Cllr. Whittaker said he had received complaints that the toilets are not open 24/7 Cllr. Gilbey said yes in an ideal world they would be, but we don't live in one we have them open approx. 12-14 hours a day keeping them open through the night is asking for trouble we do not need. Town Clerk pointed out we are lucky to have toilets open in Shanklin left to the IWC we would not have any.

Councillor Whittaker talked about a homeless girl in the Town.

Councillor Quirk asked about the trees on Eastcliff Prom Town Clerk & Cllr Gilbey said they are the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council.

Cllr. S. Knight said FOSCL have raised over £1300 from all sorts of events.

Cllr. Gilbey – Pier apron benches painted. Lights replaced time clocks all should be on. Island Rds looking at Welcome to Shanklin signs.

**16. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR/S' UPDATE**

Cllr. Quirk = IW Councils annual report approved and available on IWC website. Safety Buoys in the Bay Mike, Chris & Paul putting in a capital bind for the buoys. Provision for wet shelter for homeless. CCTV is now being monitored.

Cutting of verges is an environment issue as much as a cost cutting issue it encourages wild life, bees etc., extending bio-diversity. IWC have endorsed a climate policy and declared a climate emergency.

Cllr. Beston = Ward walks – parking issues in Osborne Rd. I attended the Civic Service. Green waste subscription scheme is going well. Call centre improved calls should be answered in one minute. S. Water work stinky omitted to fit a plastic seal that is being rectified vents on lampposts.

Guest Councillor Brading submitted a written report.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.....