



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

Present:

Councillors: Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Brian Harris, Karen Lucioni, Roi Milburn (Mayor), David Moore, Jill Moore, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens, Tim Wakeley, Ivor Warlow, Phil Warren, Wayne Whittle and David Woodward.

In Attendance

Saskia Kiernan, Clerk, Ryde Town Council
Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)

Also Present

Members of the Public
Sgt Justin Eaglen, Ryde Safer Neighbourhood Team
Isle of Wight Councillor Phil Jordan

Public Question Time

Questions were raised about the following

- Ryde Skatepark
- Minghella Square
- Vectis Boat & Fishing Club thanked the Town Council for their grant funding and Councillor Henry Adams for presenting the awards at their presentation evening. Thanks were also given to the Clerks for their continuous support.

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett entered the meeting room.

122/15 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

123/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

124/15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

125/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6 July 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

126/15 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor Wayne Whittle raised local residents concerns over the state of the church grounds, litter and dog fouling in St Thomas' Street. Isle of Wight Councillor Phil Jordan explained that the funding to maintain the rear of the building had been withdrawn as it was hoped that the building would be sold. However, a sale had not materialised and he agreed to raise the concerns with the Isle of Wight Council. The Clerks agreed to speak to the Town Council Environment Officer about the litter and dog fouling problem.

127/15 REPORTS

Sgt Justin Eaglen gave an update on the crime figures in comparison to those of the same period last year.

Sgt Justin Eaglen reported that the events held over the summer had taken a priority and therefore the police had not been as pro-active around the Town. It was hoped that a police presence would soon be more visible.

Councillor Wayne Whittle raised concerns about the speed of traffic along the Esplanade and cyclists using the pavements.

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett reported that the Isle of Wight Council had unfortunately failed to notify residents of the withdrawal of school buses in the Ashy/Binstead/Havenstreet/Upton area and this had led to school children not being collected for the start of the new school term. Councillor Conrad Gauntlett advised that he was currently looking at a community bus scheme. Further details, along with a possible funding request may be presented to the Town Council in the future.

Councillor Ian Stephens reported that the Isle of Wight Council had received a visit from the National Archives Team and it was hoped a framework would

soon be in place to ensure that records and archives remained on the Isle of Wight.

Councillor Stephens also update the Town Council on developments in the Governments proposals for Regional led devolution.

128/15 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor updated the Town Council on his official engagements throughout July, August and the first week of September. These included an official visit from the Mayor of Mosman, judging the carnival queens, attending a garden party and presenting the Mayors cadet from 2014/15 with a 'thank you' glass paperweight.

Ryde Rotary Club thanked the Town Council for their support and grant funding towards the community events held though out the summer.

Mrs Jackie Knowles gave thanks to the Town Council for the planting of a memorial tree at Appley Park, commemorating the life of Councillor David Knowles.

129/15 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Phil Warren updated the Town Council on the success of the South & South East in Bloom judging day. It was impressive and encouraging to see so many community groups taking part. Councillor Phil Warren gave thanks to the Clerks and the Facilities & Allotment Officer for the hard work behind the scenes and also to the Pavilion Bar manager and staff for hosting the event. The South & South East in Bloom Awards were taking place on Friday 11 September and it was hoped the Town would improve on the Silver Gilt award in 2014.

Councillor Henry Adams had attended and judged the carnival procession and gave congratulations to those taking part, committee members and to Councillor Malcolm Ross, procession officer. Councillor Henry Adams also thanked

Councillor Brian Harris commented on the success of South & South East in Bloom judging day.

Councillors Brian Harris and Tim Waklely attended the 'Keep Island Line Franchise meeting.

130/15 FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT

The Mayor gave an update on the recent visit from the Mayor of Mosman in Australia and his request for a Friendship Agreement with Ryde. It was **RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Clerks progress a Friendship Agreement.**

- 1) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 June 2015 were received.
- 2) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 June and 20 July 2015 were received and the recommendations arising from those meetings were considered. It was **RESOLVED**
 - **That consultation commences with shopkeepers and shoppers on measures to introduce pedestrianisation of the High Street and Anglesea Street and only allow deliveries and disabled access between 6am and 10am by introducing 'no waiting at any time' restriction and a prohibition of driving order between 10am and 6pm. (NB: The Planning Committee's preference would be a physical barrier to prevent access to this area rather than a proliferation of yellow lines).**
 - **That the Town Council commences the preparation of a Community Emergency Plan and submits a bid to Scottish and Southern Electricity for emergency equipment from their Resilient Communities Fund and to recommend that match funding of £2000 be provided by Ryde Town Council to support this bid.**

Councillor Wayne Whittle declared a pecuniary interest in this agenda item, as he owns a business premises in the High Street. He remained in the meeting room. He did not take part in the vote.

- 3) The recommendations arising from the Planning Committee meeting held on 11 August were considered and it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council seeks a position in the s106 agreement for the Pennyfeathers development that allows for any funding for, or land provided by the applicant, to be for the benefit of the community and not to tie the Town Council to accepting land, buildings or funding at this point in time and to continue to negotiate these points with the understanding that the Town Council's Planning Committee has confirmed to the applicant that it objects to the planning application.**

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett declared a pecuniary interest in this agenda item, as a SHAR site. He remained in the meeting room. He did not take part in the vote.

- 4) The recommendations arising from the Planning Committee meeting held on 1 September 2015 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that £2,000 match funding is set aside for enhancement of public realm and confirmation is sent to the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce.**

132/15 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee held on 24 June 2015 were received.

Members considered the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22 July 2015 and it was **RESOLVED**

1. That the Town Council's Financial Regulations be amended to include the adoption of the requirements of the Transparency Code as set out in the briefing note.
2. That the attached Freedom of Information Act 2000/Publication Scheme be adopted and the Town Council's Standing Orders be updated accordingly.
3. That paragraph 6.1 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations be amended as follows:

All payments shall be effected by cheque, standing order, direct debit or electronic transfer drawn on the Council's bankers. Urgent payments as detailed in Section 6.4 below may be made online by the Clerks or RFO subject to the payments being reported in advance to the Chairman of the Finance Committee or his nominated Deputy. The RFO has delegated authority for the payment of approved community grants by electronic transfer, payments of up to £1,500 to be reported to the Chairman of Finance and over £1,500 to the Mayor. In the absence of the Chairman of Finance or Mayor, then one can substitute for the other in respect of payment being made.

133/15 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £3,655.27 be approved.
- ii. Payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Orders 65 (2) and (3), either by BACS or by cheque were noted.

134/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 5 October 2015, Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

135/15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded for the following items and they are instructed to withdraw – in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no.80 – legal matters.

136/15 ACCOMMODATION WORKING PARTY

It was **RESOLVED** that

- I. the Accommodation Working Party and the Clerks be given delegated authority to liaise with the new freeholder owners of 10 Lind Street about the possibility of the Town Council extending its tenancy arrangements in the building.
- II. the Clerks be given delegated authority to seek any necessary advice, including legal advice, on any of this process going forward.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Signed Mayor/Chairman

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