



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 11 MAY 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, Gary Taylor, 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

Isle of Wight County Press Reporter
Members of the Public
Sgt Justin Eaglen, Ryde Safer Neighbourhood Team

Public Question Time

Questions were raised about the following:

- Royal York hotel, George Street
- The renaming of John Street to Minghella Square

Councillor Roi Milburn gave thanks to fellow Councillors, Clerks and staff for the help and support he had received as Mayor.

61/15 ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Roi Milburn be elected Mayor.

62/15 MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Roi Milburn read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

63/15 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Henry Adams be elected Deputy Mayor.

64/15 DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Henry Adams read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

65/15 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

66/15 CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS

The Town Council's previous adoption of the attached Code of Conduct was noted and Members were reminded to keep their Registers of Interests up to date.

67/15 STANDING ORDERS

The Standing Orders for Ryde Town Council were noted.

68/15 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- I. The Financial Regulations for Ryde Town Council were noted.
- II. The previous approval given for variable direct debit payments to be made by the Town Council in respect of utility supplies was noted.
- III. The previous approval given for a payment card was noted.

69/15 2015/2016 BUDGET

The Town Council's 2015/2016 budget was noted.

70/15 APPOINTMENT OF BANK SIGNATORIES

The authorised signatories for the Town Council's banking arrangements as required as under clause 5.3 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

71/15 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Councillors Jill Moore, Malcolm Ross, Tim Wakeley, Phil Warren and David Woodward be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Planning Committee, which also has a remit to consider Highways matters.

72/15 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Councillors Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Brian Harris, Malcolm Ross, Tim Wakeley and David Woodward be appointed to serve on the town Council's Finance Committee.

73/15 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SKATEPARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Councillors Henry Adams, Tim Wakeley and David Woodward be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Skatepark Management Committee.

74/15 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Councillors Henry Adams, Conrad Gauntlett, Phil Warren and David Woodward be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Allotments Management Committee.

75/15 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO WORKING PARTIES 2015/2016

RESOLVED that

- Councillors Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Brian Harris, Jill Moore, Phil Warren and Wayne Whittle be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Accommodation Working Party with a remit to seek office/meeting space for the Town Council within the Ryde area and to report back the findings to Full Council.
- Councillors Conrad Gauntlett, Brian Harris, Jill Moore, Phil Warren and Wayne Whittle be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Ryde in Bloom Steering Group with a remit to represent the Town Council on the Steering Group established to oversee the Ryde in Bloom and South & South East in Bloom.
- Councillors Henry Adams, Conrad Gauntlett and Wayne Whittle be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Harcourt sands Working Party, a joint working party with Nettlestone and Seaview Parish Council with a remit to consider the future of the Harcourt Sands site.

76/15 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that

- **Councillor Tim Wakeley be appointed as the representative to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) and that Councillor Wayne Whittle be appointed as Deputy.**
- **Councillor Wayne Whittle be appointed as the representative to the Isle of Wight Council's beach Advisory Committee.**
- **Councillor Tim Wakeley be appointed as the representative to the Chamber of Commerce, Masterplan project and that Councillor Phil Warren be appointed as Deputy.**
- **Councillor Conrad Gauntlett be appointed as the representative to the Ryde Children's Monitoring Group.**
- **Councillor Phil Warren be appointed as the representative to Ryde Business Association.**
- **Councillors Brian Harris and Wayne Whittle be appointed as the representative to the Community Rail Partnership.**
- **The representative for the Ryde Carnival Association is Vacant.**
- **Councillor David Moore be appointed as the representative to attend meetings of the Armed Forces Day Organisational Committee.**
- **Councillor Conrad Gauntlett be appointed as the representative to the Waterside Community Trust and that Councillor Ivor Warlow be appointed as Deputy.**
- **Councillor Tim Wakeley be appointed as the representative to the Ryde Youth Offer Steering Group.**
- **Councillor Roi Milburn be appointed as representative to Ryde Saints Football Club Committee.**

77/15 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2015/2016

RESOLVED that the Calendar of Meetings for 2015/2016 be approved.

78/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brian Harris declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 26 (b) as he is Chairman of the Historic Ryde Society.

Councillors Henry Adams, Karen Lucioni and David Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 26 (b) as they are members of the Historic Ryde Society.

79/15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

80/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 13 April 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

81/15 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no Members questions.

82/15 REPORTS

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

Isle of Wight Councillor Ivor Warlow gave an update on the Local Sustainable Transport Funding.

Isle of Wight Councillor Wayne Whittle reported that there was insufficient signage throughout Ryde and the Island, to help direct tourists to car parks. It was agreed that this would be raised at the next meeting of the Town Council Planning Committee.

83/15 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced

- he had presented the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum letter to the Historic Ryde Society.
- he had visited the Alzheimer's Cafe and reminded the Town Council that this was his chosen Mayor's charity.
- he had attended a planning meeting for the Civic Service to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 3 June at All Saints' Church, Ryde.
- he had attended VE Day Celebrations at Puckpool Park and was pleased to report that the weather had been fine and the event a success. The event was well attended, with good entertainment and it had been great to see the presence of the cadet groups.

84/15 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor David Moore reported that he had attended the VE Day Celebrations and praised the event. He also informed Members that Armed Forces Day was taking place on 20 June at Appley Park.

Councillor Brian Harris reported that he was pleased to have been involved with the Brownie planting on 6 May at the Rose Gardens and Western Gardens on the Esplanade along with Councillors Jill Moore, Phil Warren and the Clerks.

Councillor Phil Warren reported he had attended two Ryde Business Associations and that Lyn Blackledge had been elected as Chair. Lyn Blackledge had been to visit with the Clerks and it was encouraging to see

good links between the Ryde Business Association and Town Council being established. He also reported that he had been involved with the planting of a raised bed on Platform 2 at the Esplanade Station, with Councillors Jill Moore and Wayne Whittle. This added another feature to Ryde in Bloom and South & South East in Bloom for 2015 for the Town Council's aim to achieve Gold.

85/15 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 7 April 2015 were received.

86/15 FINANCE COMMITTEE

- I. The minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on the 25 March 2015 were received.
- II. Members considered the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30 April 2015 and it was **RESOLVED that**
 - a) **Funding of £10,000 be awarded to assist with meeting the costs of setting up the Ryde arena Trust, with this budget met from the Council's reserves and that Councillor Conrad Gauntlett be appointed to serve as the Town Council's representative to the Trust's Steering Group and Councillor Ivor Warlow be appointed as Deputy.**
 - b) **A grant of £1600 towards upgrading and installing additional security measures to enable the acquisition of certain valuable artefacts at the Ryde Heritage Centre's security be awarded to the Historic Ryde Society.**

87/15 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. **Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £148.99 be approved.**
- ii. **Payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Orders 65 (2) and (3) were noted.**

88/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 1 June 2015, Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

89/15 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 – staffing matters.

90/15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

It was noted that in accordance with his contract of employment that Peter Griffiths would be joining the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Signed Mayor/Chairman

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