



**MINUTES OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 17 MAY 2021 AT 7.00PM
HELD AT GARFIELD ROAD METHODIST CHURCH, RYDE**

Members Present: Cllr G Carter, Cllr L Carter, Cllr C Chapman, Cllr S Cooke, Cllr I Dore, Cllr J Higgins, Cllr P Jordan, Cllr L Kirkby, Cllr M Lilley (Mayor), Cllr K Lucioni, Cllr J McLagan, Cllr R May, Cllr J Park, Cllr M Ross, Cllr J Sabine, Cllr I Stephens.

Also in Attendance: Lisa Dyer (Clerk), Allan Bridges (Business Development Manager), Chris Turvey (Planning, Regeneration and Environment Officer) and Tonia Voller (Administration Assistant).

8 Members of the Public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Q. Many newly elected members campaigned on a platform to solve the Town's problems with litter and anti-social behaviour. Do Councillors agree that RTC should have a Community Safety Committee to look into these issues?

A. Cllr Jordan supported the idea and suggested the Council should consider amalgamating the Acquisitions and Commercialisation Committee and Finance Committee to free up officer time to support this additional committee.

Q. Ryde Esplanade is protected by a 2011 policy of conservation by the IWC. Does the new Ryde Town Council support the principle that Ryde Esplanade, is both a recreational and a transport zone, upon which any changes proposed by the IWC should also follow the full public planning consultation process? And if so, do the new RTC's agree that the public toilets and a Cafe on Western Gardens are fundamental elements needed to enjoy recreation and tourism in the Western Gardens?

A. In principle the Town Council support a mixed offer of leisure and transport on the Esplanade however, we have not had chance to consider the plans for the Gateway yet.

Q. Given it was on the 4th November 2019 when the previous administration of Ryde Town Council unanimously approved writing to the Isle of Wight Council requesting a detailed Ryde Infrastructure Plan, and it is now well over 17 months since the then town council formally wrote to the Isle of Wight Council on the 3rd of December 2019 asking it to produce one as a matter of urgency - which is still not forthcoming - will you all 16, who have now been elected to serve this town for the next 4 years, unanimously pledge to the citizens of Ryde to quickly and robustly follow-up with the new Isle of Wight Council administration the now even more urgent need to produce the Ryde Infrastructure Plan; and further pledge to make it an on-going priority of this new Ryde Town council to regularly press for one until it is finally produced, agreed and approved?

A. A written response has been provided by Chris Ashman Director of Regeneration which was read by the Mayor.

“RTC along with RBA and Ryde society acting as the Ryde Regen working group agreed the ryde place plan in Feb 2020 and RTC adopted the plan.

The IWC views the RRWG as a key reference point in taking forward the ryde place plan including addressing current and future infrastructure needs in the town

Work regarding strategic junction improvements to address projected traffic management issues in Ryde East has been completed and shared with the group and along with an analysis of projected and permitted planning applications is now informing work around other infrastructure needs in this part of the town.

Work in the town centre to consider the place/public realm infrastructure needs is also underway

The next consultation version of the Island Plan due in Autumn 2021 will be a key opportunity to highlight infrastructure concerns and the RRWG working with IWC planning and regen teams will help inform RTC response to that consultation by working up a town wide infrastructure analysis and statement to coincide”.

The Mayor agreed that RTC had previously supported the development of a Ryde Infrastructure Plan and would continue to do so, he asked that the matter be raised at the next Planning Committee meeting.

Q. Why have the numbers of Council meetings been reduced and why are the meetings not being live streamed?

A. It was agreed in our Corporate Plan, approved in September 2020, to reduce the number of meetings to allow for additional working groups meetings and to free staff time to work on project delivery. The meetings are not being live streamed due to the set up of the room, it would require an additional member of staff to film proceedings and ensure the audio is detectable as with social distancing Councillors are widely spread out and unable to fit in one shot. Members of the public are welcome to film and stream the meetings and have done so in the past. Due to Covid restrictions, if an additional member of staff was filming it would reduce the number of members of the public allowed to attend.

33/21 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Cllr Chapman proposed Michael Lilley be elected as Mayor.
Second – Cllr Park

Cllr Stephens proposed Karen Lucioni be elected as Mayor – Cllr Lucioni did not accept the nomination.

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr Lilley is elected as the Mayor of Ryde.

34/21 MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Lilley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of the Proper officer.

35/21 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Stephens nominated Cllr Lucioni for the position of Deputy mayor.
Second - Cllr Higgins

Cllr Jordan nominated Cllr Sabine for the position of Deputy mayor.
Second – Cllr Chapman

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr Sabine is appointed to the role of Deputy Mayor.

36/21 DEPUTY MAYORS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Sabine signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of the Proper officer.

37/21 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Council noted the election of the following members:

Cllr G Carter, Cllr L Carter, Cllr C Chapman, Cllr S Cooke, Cllr I Dore, Cllr J Higgins, Cllr P Jordan, Cllr L Kirkby, Cllr M Lilley , Cllr K Lucioni, Cllr J McLagan, Cllr R May, Cllr J Park, Cllr M Ross, Cllr J Sabine, Cllr I Stephens.

All Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of the Proper Officer.

38/21 CODE OF CONDUCT

Members noted the Town Council's adoption of the Code of Conduct in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011

39/21 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None declared. The Mayor reminded Councillors that the forms needed to be returned within 28 days of the election and also reminded members to submit their election expenses.

40/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

41/21 GENERAL POWERS OF COMPETENCE

RESOLVED- The Council declared that it meets all of the eligibility criteria as set out in The Parish Councils (General power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012 No. 965) and readopts the General Power of Competence.

42/21 BUDGET

The revised budget as agreed at the April Full Council Meeting was **noted**.

43/21 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING, REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

The Following appointments were agreed

i. Planning, Regeneration and Environment Committee.

Cllr G Carter

Cllr L Kirkby

Cllr L Carter

Cllr J McLagan

Cllr C Chapman

Cllr M Ross

Cllr S Cooke

ii. Chair of the Planning, Regeneration and Environment Committee.

Cllr Sabine nominated Cllr Cooke for the role of Chair of the Committee

2nd Cllr Champan

RESOLVED

THAT – Cllr Cooke elected as Chair of the Planning, regeneration and Environment Committee.

44/21 VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

i. RESOLVED:

THAT the following appointments to the Finance and Community Resources Committee were agreed:

Cllr Champan

Cllr McLagan

Cllr Cooke

Cllr Park

Cllr Higgins

Cllr Ross

Cllr Jordan

ii, Cllr Champan proposed that Cllr Jordan be elected as the Chair of the Finance and Community Resources Committee.

2nd Cllr Ross

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr Jordan is elected as Chair of the Finance and Community Resources Committee.

45/21 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FACILITIES AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

i, **RESOLVED:**

THAT the following members be appointed to the Facilities and Assets Management Committee

Cllr G Carter
Cllr J Higgins
Cllr L Kirkby
Cllr K Lucioni

Cllr R May
Cllr J Park
Cllr I Stephens

ii, Cllr Sabine proposed that Cllr May be elected as Chair of the Facilities and Asset Management Committee

2nd Cllr L Carter

RESOLVED:

THAT Cllr May is elected as Chair of the Facilities and Assets Management Committee.

46/21 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ACQUISITIONS AND COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members noted that the membership of the Town Council's Acquisitions and Commercial Management Committee would be the Chairs and Vice Chairs of all other existing standing committees along with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex officio.

The appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee would be decided at the first scheduled committee meeting.

47/21 APPOINTMENT OF BANK SIGNATORIES

The following appointments of authorised signatories for the Town Council's banking arrangements as required under section 5 of the Council's Financial Regulations were **noted**.

- i. **Town Council current account Signatories** – Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairs of Standing Committees and the RFO.
- ii. **Town Council investment accounts Signatories** – Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairs of Standing Committees and the RFO
- iii. **Ryde Leisure Account Signatories** - Chair of Finance, Chair of Acquisitions and Commercial Committee, RFO and the Clerk.
- iv. **Network Ryde Account Signatories** - RFO, Senior Youth Worker and the Chair of the Network Ryde Management Sub-committee.
- v. **Mayors Charity Account Signatories** - Mayor, Deputy, Mayor, The Clerk and the RFO

48/21 APPOINTMENTS TO SUB COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

It was agreed that the following memberships were appointed:

- i. Grants Sub Committee**
Cllr G Carter, Cllr L Carter and Cllr L Kirkby.
- ii. Network Ryde Management Sub Committee**
Cllr R May, Cllr J Park and Cllr M Ross.
- iii. Town Marketing Working Group**
Cllr L Carter, Cllr J Higgins, Cllr K Lucioni.
- iv. Honours Working Group**
Cllr C Chapman and Cllr R May
- v. HNSAZ steering group**
Cllr P Jordan and Cllr M Ross – Cllr Chapman agreed to deputise in their absence.

It was also noted that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will sit ex-officio on all Committees, Sub- Committees and Working Groups.

49/21 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were agreed:

- i. One representative and deputy to Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)**
Vacant
- ii. One representative Community Rail Partnership**
Cllr Ross
- iii. Two representatives to the Ryde Regeneration Working Group**
Cllr Lucioni and Cllr McLagan
- iv. One representative to Ryde Business Association**
Cllr Park
- v. One representative to Ryde Carnival Association**
Cllr May
- vi. One representative and a deputy to the Waterside Community Trust.**
Cllr Carter and Cllr Dore
- vii. Three representatives to the Ryde Age Friendly Island Initiative**
Cllr Lucioni and Cllr Higgins
- viii. One representative to Aspire Ryde**
Cllr Lucioni
- ix. One representative to the Civil Military Partnership**
Cllr Chapman.

50/21 GOVERNANCE

The following governance documents were noted

- i. Standing Orders
- ii. Corporate Plan
- iii. Place Plan
- iv. Position Statement
- v. Press and Media Protocol

- vi. Social Media Policy
- vii. Training and Development Policy
- viii. Network Ryde CCTV Policy

To following policies with amendments were presented for approval:

- i. Financial regulations
- ii. Committee Terms of Reference (Updated)
- iii. Contract and Procurement Standing Orders
- iv. Equality and Diversity Policy
- v. Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure

The following policies were presented for approval:

- i. Complaints Policy
- ii. Vexatious Complainants policy

RESOLVED

THAT: All amendments and new policies be adopted.

51/21 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Calendar of meetings for the 2021/20211 council year. Was presented to members for approval.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Calendar of Meetings be approved.

52/21 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12th APRIL 2021

RESOLVED:

THAT The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th April 2021 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

53/21 CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report stating the following:

Skatepark

All the required quotes had now been received and Ryde Town Council are now in a position to award the contract for the repairs needed to re-open the park safely.

The issue of the skatepark will be on the first Facilities and Assets agenda for further discussion.

The former St Thomas' Church building.

A roofer has been to the Church and made the roof water tight. Ryde Town Council are in the stage of writing job specifications for architects. Ryde Town Council have had representatives from two firms of architects visiting the building from the mainland who both appear keen to work on the project. Part of their brief will be to consult with the Rydes young people to ensure the building fits their needs

HHS AZ Steering Group

HHS AZ Steering group meeting on Wednesday 3pm on Microsoft teams. Papers will be sent to new members.

Register of Interests

This needed to be returned within 28 days of election due to the bank holiday. The Clerk suggested they were returned to the office by the 28th May if not done already to ensure they are in on time.

Kickstart

The Kickstart employment programme is now operational. Ryde Town Council have eight young people now in working within their placements with 43 placements agreed in total.

54/21 PLANNING, REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Members noted the minutes to the Planning, Regeneration and Environment Committee held on 13 April 2021.

55/21 FACILITIES AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members noted the minutes to the Facilities and asset Management Committee held on 26 January 2021.

56/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL

RESOLVED:

THAT the next meeting, which will be Annual Council, will be held on Monday 5 July 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.28pm

Signed

Date: 5th July 2021

Mayor M Lilley