

RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2019 IN THE GARFIELD ROAD METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

<u>Present</u>	Councillors: Adrian Axford, Henry Adams, Charles Chapman, Diana Conyers, Julian Critchley, Nancy Farrell, Michael Lilley (Mayor), Sue Lyons, Malcolm Ross, Lou Temel, Tim Wakeley and Wayne Whittle.
In Attendance	Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)
Also Present	Members of the Public Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman

	Prior to the start of the meeting a Public Question Time was held for 30 minutes
90/19	APOLOGIES
	Apologies were received from Councillors Phil Jordan, Karen Lucioni and Jim Moody.
91/19	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
	Councillor Michael Lilley declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 17 as he is an Isle of Wight Councillor.
	Councillor Tim Wakeley declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 17 as he is President of the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club and a berth holder at Ryde Marina.
	Councillor Henry Adams declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 17 as he has family members with businesses in the local area.
92/19	REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS
	There were no individual requests for dispensation.
93/19	MINUTES
	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 13 May 2019 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.
94/19	REPORTS
	Sgt. Sam Warne sent his apologies for the meeting.
	Councillor Michael Lilley read out the response from Sgt Warne, following a question raised at the Annual Meeting, in relation to vandalism incidents that took place on Appley Beach.
	There were no Isle of Wight Councillor reports.
95/19	MEMBERS' QUESTIONS
	Councillor Ian Stephens mentioned that the Finance Committee had noted the Isle of Wight Council funding for the Community Connectors project had been placed into the Isle of Wight Council Regeneration remit and he could not quite see how the funding should sit there and hoped that an explanation may be provided.
	Councillor Michael Lilley reported that when the Isle of Wight Council ceased the funding for the Local area Coordinators that funding of £60,000 remained to be split between 3 areas – Freshwater, Newport and Ryde. It was agreed by the Isle of Wight Council Member and the Isle of

Wight Council Chief Executive that the Regeneration Lead would be used to commission the allocation of the budget. It does not from part of the Regeneration Budget.

Councillor Tim Wakeley reported that at a recent Network Ryde Steering Group there was agreement to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to come and meet young Ryde and see the complex issues that face youngsters and look at how we may be able to help make a difference. Councillor Tim Wakeley asked that Full Council support this request and asked that this be taken forward. This was well supported, and it was agreed that an invitation be made.

96/19 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that

- Mayors Charity is to work with Network Ryde, IW Youth Trust, Aspire and Barnardo's, local schools and other organisations in Ryde in focusing on the Emotional Well-Being and Aspirations of Young People with a campaign, as well as raising funds for young people led projects.
- He was excited that a planning application had been submitted to the Isle of Wight Council for a new multi-sport/leisure complex at Smallbrook Stadium, on Ryde School land. The complex is to include an ice-rink, climbing wall, indoor tennis and children's activity centre. It was hoped that this would bring skating and ice hockey back to the Island sooner rather than later.
- He had attended the Ryde British Legion Concert. The entertainment was fantastic with IW Diamond Marching Band, the new IW Pipers and the excellent local Ella Shepherd Dancing School all taking part in the celebrations.
- A fly-over from the Red Arrows is scheduled for 4:15pm on 5 June 2019 and the Esplanade would be an excellent view point.
- He was the honoured guess of Councillor Charles Chapman and Sovereign Housing to celebrate the new sculptures and Arc Trail at Monkton Mead and to take part in the Art Ecology activities.

The Mayor announced events taking place during June

- Appley Day Saturday 22 June. Friends of Appley Park led annual event to celebrate all things Appley. It was hoped that Appley Tower would also be open for the day. The feasibility study led by Gift to Nature/Island 2000 is almost complete and would shortly be presented to the Town Council Planning Committee.
- Beach Soccer
- Binstead Family Fun Day Saturday 22 June, Binstead Community Centre
- Mardi Gras and Biosphere Saturday 29 June
- Revamp Festival Sunday 30 June, Oakfield School

97/19 | REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Diana Conyers previously submitted a report to the clerks' office and this had been circulated. Councillor Diana Conyers highlighted the Isle of Wight Association of Local Council Partnership Workshop that she had attended along with Councillor Jordan, and the case study provided that showed how working together can transform communities.

98/19 MOUNTBATTEN NEIGHBOURS

A presentation was received from Sally List, Project Lead, on the new Mountbatten Neighbours initiative.

Councillors thanked Sally List for her presentation and the excellent project.

99/19 | FINANCE COMMITTEE

The recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 28 May 2019 were introduced.

Following a request from Mr Heath Monaghan, Aspire the Mayor agreed that 3 minutes be available for him to speak to the agenda item in relation to Community Connectors.

Mr Heath Monaghan made mention of the following:

- The loss of recent lives would have been prevented had the Isle of Wight Council not ceased the services of the Local Area Coordinators
- The new Community Connector role is to work across the whole town and will provide more opportunities working with the public sector and voluntary sector
- TUPE regulations should not apply as this will be a 12 month fixed post

Mr Heath Monaghan asked the Town Council to have care and compassion when considering this agenda item.

Councillor Diana Conyers introduced recommendation A - Community Connectors. At a Full Council meeting on 4 March 2019 the Town Council had agreed to a request from the Isle of Wight Council to contribute £20,000 to the IWC for the new Community Connections project. This would be match funded by the IWC and the project would be based at Aspire. The Town Council has now been asked to consider entering into a one off grant agreement with the Isle of Wight Council whereby IWC will provide RTC with its £20,000 funding and RTC would then need to resolve how the service is provided in Ryde. As a result of this change in funding arrangements the Finance Committee has now recommended that the Town Council continue to match fund this amount and then provide grant funding of £40,000 to Aspire for the direct provision of this service.

Councillor Julian Critchley raised concerns around whether Ryde Town Council should have any involvement in the provision of social care related services, as these are the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council and have a budget of £76 million. The provision of social care services is complex, necessitating safeguarding and other responsibilities and, following Mr Heath Monaghans' comment regarding loss of life, Councillor Critchley felt that the Town Council should not be the local authority with responsibility for people's lives by taking on this service that the Isle of Wight Council ceased.

Councillor Michael Lilley reported that the Clinical Commissioning Group were looking at future funding schemes so that services may be able to continue providing support to vulnerable adults and families after the 12 month period.

Councillor Tim Wakeley expressed his concern that the Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member had significantly changed their position as they were now passing the funding across to the Town Council and would no longer be the monitoring body, therefore placing that and associated risks upon the Town Council. Council Tim Wakeley stressed that this was in no way a reflection of the work that Aspire do.

Councillor Michael Lilley reminded Members of the recommendation from the Finance Committee.

It was RESOLVED that

A: COMMUNITY CONNECTOR (by a majority vote)

the one off grant agreement for £20,000 be entered into with the Isle of Wight Council to commission Aspire to deliver the service.

B: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

- 1. the Internal Audit report be received and noted.
- 2. the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Mayor
- 3. the Annual Accounting Statement be approved and signed by the Mayor

100/19 | PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 April 2019 were received.

101/19 | APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Karen Lucioni was appointed as a representative to the Ryde Access Advisory Forum.

102/19 VACANCY - RYDE IN BLOOM STEERING GROUP Councillor Henry Adams was appointed to the Ryde in Bloom Steering Group following a recent vacancy. 103/19 **PAYMENTS RESOLVED** that Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £24,025.43 be approved. ii. The payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Order 39 (b) and (c), either by online transfer or by cheque be noted. 104/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 3 June 2019 – Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde. 105/19 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC** RESOLVED (by a majority vote) that 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.53 - commercially sensitive matters relating to land and property. 106/19 RYDE HARBOUR The confidential notes of the Ryde Harbour Working Party held on 26 March 2019 were received. Councillor Michael Lilley introduced the confidential recommendation arising from a meeting of the Ryde Harbour Working Party held on 28 May 2019 and it was **RESOLVED that the confidential Expression of** Intent in relation to Ryde Harbour be agreed and submitted to the Isle of Wight Council and to note that the Expression of Intent is not legally binding on the Town Council. The meeting closed at 8:35pm. Signed......Mayor/Chairman

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