



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST FEBRUARY 2021 **VIA THE ZOOM ONLINE MEETING FACILITY.**

Present: Cllr Michael Lilley (Chair), Cllr Henry Adams, Cllr Adrian Axford, Cllr Charles Chapman, Cllr Diana Conyers, Cllr Phil Jordan, Cllr Sue Lyons, Cllr Malcolm Ross, Cllr Ian Stephens, Cllr Lou Temel, Cllr Wayne Whittle

In Attendance: Lisa Dyer (Clerk).

2101. APOLOGIES

Apologies accepted from Councillor Lucioni who is unable to attend due to work commitments.

2102. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations received.

2103. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

2104. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on the 2 November 2020 and the Confidential Minutes to the second meeting held immediately afterwards were signed as accurate.

2105. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Q. Councillor Jordan asked if the Mayor had written to the Super Intendant of Police regarding the increadin amount of Anti – Social behaviour in the town.

A. The Mayor confirm that he had written and had also had a meeting with Inspector Johnson, fellow Councillors and local business owners to discuss the problem.

Q. Councillor Jordan asked in light of the additional funding awarded to the Waterside Pool from the Town Council could they be approached and asked if discounted rates could apply for Network Ryde and the Beach Soccer to use their facilities?

A. Councillor Temel agreed to suggest at the next WCT meeting.

Q. Councillor Conyers asked that when formulating plans for either the theatre or St Thomas' Church could the provision of public toilets be considered in any proposals?

2106. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on the sad death of John Ackroyd who was awarded the freedom of the Town in 2018. He extended a message of condolences to Mr Ackroyd's family on behalf of the Town Council.

The Mayor read the following statement.

[Mayors Report - Appendix A](#)

2107. UPDATE FROM IWALC

Councillor Conyers reported that there is due to be a workshop on the 6th February 2021 for IWALC members to discuss the work of IWALC. The meeting will be facilitated by David Carden and Trevor Lego. The workshop will review the work of IWALC and consult with member councils over IWALC's role on the Island.

2108. CLERK'S UPDATE

i. St Thomas Church

The purchase of St Thomas' Church completed on Friday 29th January 2021. The grant application to the Architectural Heritage Fund grant was successful with the Council being awarded £15000 towards surveys, project viability and architects fees.

The PWLB loan application was successful.

Officers are applying to Heritage England for grant funding to repair the roof and secure the site.

ii. 2. Vectis Hall

A structural engineer has visited the building with Lee Byrne the IW Council Conservation Officer. A report has been received with a list of the urgent works required.

The Facilities Officer has already undertaken many of the tasks on the list, such as securing the doors, but is unable to complete anymore tasks inside the building until the asbestos has been removed.

A 'visioning afternoon' for Councillors is planned for the half term week in mid February.

Borrowing approval has been sought from the The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for the loan of £125000 for the purchase of Vectis Hall. Members will be informed of the outcome of the application.

iii. 3. Ryde Theatre

Officers have struggled to obtain a rebuild cost for the theatre, this is needed for insurance purposes. Representatives from Hampshire County Council came to visit this theatre this morning to assess the building, their experts are able to provide a rebuild estimate which should make insuring the building possible.

There have been numerous break ins over the last few months, the owner has employed a security company and the police are always made aware.

Internal Auditor

Unfortunately, I have been informed that our internal auditor David Simms has sadly passed away after a long illness. David has undertaken our internal audits for many years. The Council sends their deepest sympathies, to his family and friends.

2109. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on

- 27 October 2020
 - 17 November 2020
 - 8 December 2020
- were received and noted.

2110. FINANCE AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance and Community Resources Committee meetings held on

- 29 September 2020
 - 1 December 2020
- were received and noted.

2111. ACQUISITION AND COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- I. The minutes of the Acquisition and Commercial management committee held on the 14th October 2020 were received and noted.
- II. The following recommendation arising from the Acquisition and Commercial Management Committee was considered and approved.

Recommended to Full Council:

That Cllrs Lilley, Ross, Stephens and Lucioni form a Working Party to meet with Matthew Chatfield to consider options for the acquisition and future management of St Johns Park and to bring a report to a future Full Council meeting.

2112. FACILITIES AND ASSETS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Facilities and Asset Management Committee meeting held on 20th October 2020 were received and noted.

2113. DECKCHAIR PROVISION ON RYDE BEACHES - TO GRANT DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE ACQUISITION AND COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Jordan proposed that the following be agreed by the Council.
Seconded Councillor Chapman.

To agree that the Acquisition and Commercial Management Committee have delegated authority to:

- I. To undertake any negotiations with the IW Council with regard to licensing.
- II. To undertake any procurement and approve contracts regarding supply of deckchairs within the Council's procurement regulations and within the budget provided.
- III. To manage within the allocated budget all aspects of the Town Council's business with regards to deckchair provision in Ryde without further recourse to Full Council.

- IV. To explore, initiate and manage any other commercial activities relating to deckchair provision, including but not limited to, Parasol, sunbed, kayak and SUP hire.
- V. Delegate further authority to Officers if required.

RESOLVED as stated above.

2114. BUDGET SETTING AND PRECEPT REQUEST

To consider and agree the budget and precept request for the financial year 2021/22.
([PAPER G](#))

Councillor Jordan proposed that that the Council consider the report, the need for increased reserves and vote to adopt the budget as outlined in Option 2 of the budget paper. Councillor Chapman seconded the proposal.

Councillor Axford proposed an amendment to the resolution to adopt the budget as outlined in Option 1 of the budget paper. Councillor Temel seconded the proposal. Councillor Axford outlined his concerns that the raise suggested in Option 2 was unaffordable for many residents and that he did not feel the raise in the level of reserves held by the Council were necessary.

Councillors voted on whether to accept the amendment. Insufficient votes were cast in favour of the amendment therefore it was not adopted by the Council.

Councillors voted on the original motion to adopt the budget as outlined in Option 2 of the budget paper and request a precept of £1,209,567 for the financial year 2021/22.

RESOLVED – To adopt Option B as outlined in the budget paper and request a precept of £1,209,567 for the financial year 2021/22.

2115. MAYORS CHARITY

The Clerk detailed the need for the Mayor's Charity to have a minimum of 3 trustees, however suggested that more than 3 would be ideal to ensure that the charity could continue to function if a number of trustees resign.

Councillor Jordan proposed that the following Councillors be appointed as trustees to the Mayors Charity. Seconded by Councillor Chapman.

RESOLVED - that the following Councillors are appointed as trustees to the Mayor's charity.

Councillor Lilley
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Temel
Councillor Ross

Councillor Axford
Councillor Adams
Councillor Lyons

2116. ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARY CHANGES

To note the election timetable and boundary changes. ([PAPER H](#))

Councillor's noted the timetable and boundary changes.

2117. CONTRACTS

Councillor Chapman proposed the procurement of following contracts

- I. Decorative Lighting
- II. Security service Provision

and to delegate the authority of agreeing the contracts to the Facilities and assets Committee.

Seconded by Councillor Jordan.

RESOLVED

2118. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Councillor Jordan proposed to grant delegated authority to Officers to apply for Grants on behalf of the Town Council, in consultation with the Chair of the relevant committee, under the following circumstances:

- I. Applications that support the objectives listed within the Council's Corporate Plan
- II. The match funding required will not exceed £10000
- III. Applications are reported to the relevant committee at the earliest opportunity.

Seconded by Councillor Chapman.

RESOLVED

2119. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 12 April 2021 at 7pm via the Zoom Video Conference Meeting Facility.

Meeting Closed at 8.26pm.

Signed

Michael Lilley
Mayor

Date 12 April 2021