

**RYDE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 7pm at  
The Methodist Church, Garfield Rd, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

**Present:** Town Mayor Councillor Lilley

**Councillors:** Axford, Chapman, Conyers, Farrell, Jordan, Lucioni, Lyons, Stephens, Ross, Temel, Wakeley and Whittle.

**In attendance:** Lisa Dyer (office Manager), Gareth Hughes (Interim Clerk)  
10 members of the public.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**Q.** Have Ryde Town Council secured a place on the interview panel for the new HAZ Project Officer and does the Council have concerns about a number of staff leaving the regeneration team?

**A.** Yes we have secured places on the panel and we will follow up on who has replaced the regeneration team staff.

**Q.** With reference to the adult gaming license that has been applied for at Peter Pans playground. How can an application with no risk assessment, wrong address and against application rules be accepted?

Cllrs Chapman and Stephens declared an interest and left the room.

**A.** Ryde Town Council objected to the application and are not the decision maker with regards to this application. Anyone can make an application; it is for IW Council officers to pick up on the inaccuracies during the process. Ryde Town Council encourages residents to object to the IW Council if they have concerns.

**Q.** There is an increasing amount of dog fouling around the town, what can be done about this?

**A.** Please report direct to Island Roads who will clear it up.

**Q.** Residents of George Street are putting rubbish out long before their collection day, leaving the streets covered in bin bags and litter. What can be done about this?

**A.** Fly tipping and litter can be reported Island Roads, although black bin bags need to be reported to Amey. The ward member for the area maybe able to help with reporting the issue and ensuring it is resolved.

**Q.** Vectis Hall is crumbling into disrepair, will Ryde Town Council consider compulsory purchase.

**A.** The IW Council enforcement team have been dealing with this, we will put an update on the next planning agenda.

**Q.** Some of the Town's festive decorations are still up. When will they be removed?

**A.** Some have been removed already, the remaining will be taken down by Island Roads over the coming weeks.

**Q.** Some of the heritage lanterns on Union Street have been replaced with modern Led lights, why is this?

**A.** We will make enquiries to Island Roads and update at a future meeting.

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### **20/23 APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Henry Adams.

### **20/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary (personal) interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Whittle declared an interest in item 7, Beach Cleaning.

### **20/25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

To receive and consider granting any written requests from Members for dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests (NB: Request forms for other dispensations are available from the Clerks).

### **20/26 MINUTES**

To take as read and confirm as accurate the attached minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 are approved as accurate and signed.

### **20/27 REPORTS TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS FROM**

- The Town Mayor - see attached
- Councillors

#### **Updates / Reports received on the following**

- *Cllr Chapman that the IW Council have agreed to the Town Council having the deckchair concessions on the seafront*
- *Cllr Lucioni reported on the World Café meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> March – inviting all those that are concerned about violet crime to come and talk through the issues and find a way forward. The aim is to reach a diverse spectrum of people, not those that regularly engage with services and authorities.*

▪ Cllr Conyers reported that she would be attending an Age Friendly meeting next week and representatives from Amey would be in attendance, she would report the issues with rubbish on George Street to them.

- External organisations and bodies
- To note IW Ward Councillor's reports (*if applicable*)

## **20/28 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

To receive any questions from Members concerning the business of the Town Council or about a matter affecting the town but which is not included on the agenda for the meeting or is not otherwise before the Council (Standing Order 15 refers).

**Q.** Councillor Wakeley asked if, in accordance with minute 18/20, the internal auditor had been instructed?

**A.** The RFO responded that the auditor had been instructed and he had most of the information required, he had asked for some additional information that will be supplied this week.

## **20/29 BEACH CLEANING**

To agree that the Finance Committee have delegated authority to consider and agree buying into the IW Council's beach cleaning contract.

Councillor Whittle left the room.

It was explained that the tendering process at the IW Council was still ongoing and no figures or information had been made available to the Town Council as yet. To enable the contract to be in place before the beginning of the summer season it was suggested that the decision making be delegated to the finance committee.

**RESOLVED – that the finance committee have delegated authority to decide on whether to buy into the IW Council's beach cleaning contract.**

### **20/30 UPDATE FROM THE REVIEW PANEL**

Councillor Temel explained that the review panel had been tasked with review the policies and procedures of the Council to see if they were fit for purpose.

**The initial findings highlighted concerns re the following:**

- Ambiguity of Standing Orders
- The lack of HR provision, staff job descriptions and proper appraisals
- That work- flow was slowed due to committees having no clear delegated authority to make decisions
- Information provided to Councillors is paper heavy resulting in extra work for the staff
- Ambiguity of the Personnel Panel Terms of Reference

### **Suggested Next Steps**

- Look at alternative ways of providing information to Councillors
- Ensure the Council has a scheme of delegation for all committees enabling committees to make decisions
- Ensure all staff have up to date job descriptions
- Ensure appropriate appraisals are undertaken and consider appraisals for Councillors

### **20/31 TO APPROVE THE AMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PERSONNEL PANEL**

To agree the terms of reference for the personnel panel (PAPER C – TO FOLLOW)

**RESOLVED** – that all amendments to the Personnel Panel Terms of Reference be approved as outlined in Paper C.

### **20/32 NOTICE OF MOTION 06/20**

To consider Cllr Lilley's motion to host a Ryde 2020 "Invest in Ryde" Social Enterprise Conference (PAPER D)

**RESOLVED** - To initiate and work together with all Ryde stakeholders in organising a Ryde 2020 "Invest in Ryde" Social Enterprise Conference and Fair, with the aim to promote the approved Ryde Place Plan and attract national and regional investors and funders to support the range of initiatives as outlined in the plan and initiatives developed by Ryde's Business, Social Enterprise, Community and Voluntary Sector.

The event to showcase Ryde's range of initiatives, organisations and projects and enable them to start dialogue with potential support organisations, funders and investors for the overall benefit of Ryde. A date to be decided.

**20/33 NOTICE OF MOTION 07/20**

To consider Cllr Lilley's motion regarding the composition and Chairs of Standing Committees (PAPER E)

Cllr Wakeley suggested an amendment to the Motion – to ensure equality of opportunity for all Councillors that no Councillor shall sit on more than 2 committees unless there is a shortfall.

Cllr Lilley accepted the amendment.

**RESOLVED - The Following Motion is carried as written below i, ii, with the amendment as stated in section iii.**

- i. that all Chairs of Standing Committees (Planning, Assets and Facilities, Finance and Acquisitions and Commercial management) and Network Ryde Steering Group are voted on at the RTC Annual General Meeting. The Deputy Chairs can be decided at the first meeting of the of the said Committee or Steering Group.
- ii. that no Standing Committee has more than 9 members including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio. If more than 7 members other than Mayor or Deputy Mayor, wishing to be on a specific committee, a vote will have to be taken and those with the highest votes will take the committee places.
- iii. Amendment - This amendment states that no Member (excluding the Mayor and Deputy) shall sit on more than two Committees unless there is a shortfall of Committee Members on any Committee. Members may then volunteer (up to the required membership level) their services to sit on committees, where there is under representation.

**20/34 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

To receive the attached minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 (PAPER F)

**Noted.**

**20/34 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To receive the attached minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (PAPER G)

**Noted.**

**20/35 PAYMENTS**

- (i) To agree payment of those invoices shown on Appendix 1.
- (ii) To note the payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Order 39 (b) and (c), either by online transfer or by cheque.

**RESOLVED** – That all payments be noted and approved.

**20/36 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> April 2020– Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

**20/37 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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 (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order 26 and 53(a).

**RESOLVED** – To exclude the public and press in order to discuss confidential staffing matters.

**20/38 TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

To receive and consider the report from Emilie Myers HR Consultant and to approve the recommendations from the personnel panel (PAPERS H1 to H5)

**RESOLVED** – That the recommendations as listed in paper H4 (Confidential) be approved.

**Meeting Closed at 8.22pm.**

**Signed .....**

**Dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

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