



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 9 MAY 2016 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

Present: Councillors: Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Roi Milburn (Mayor), David Moore, Jill Moore, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens, Sandy Stephens, Tim Wakeley, Phil Warren, Wayne Whittle and David Woodward.

In Attendance

Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council
Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)

Also Present

Isle of Wight County Press Reporter
Members of the Public
PC Byrne, North East Wight Sector
PC Hughes, North East Wight Sector

Public Question Time

Questions were raised about the following

- Environment Officer reports
- Fly-tipping
- Ward Allocations

54/16 ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Henry Adams be elected Mayor.

55/16 MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

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

Councillor Henry Adams thanked the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Roi Milburn for the excellent approach to his role as Mayor and representing the town..

56/16 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that Councillor Phil Warren be elected Deputy Mayor

57/16 DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Phil Warren read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

58/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Ivor Warlow.

59/16 CODE OF CONDUCT/REGISTER OF INTERESTS

The Town Council's previous adoption of the attached Code of Conduct and to remind Members to keep their Register of Interests up to date.

60/16 STANDING ORDERS

The Standing Orders for Ryde Town Council were noted.

61/16 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- I. The Financial Regulations for Ryde Town Council were noted, subject to clarification of 7.2 at the next Finance Meeting.
- 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.

62/16 2016/2017 BUDGET

The Town Council's 2016/2017 budget was noted.

63/16 APPOINTMENT OF BANK SIGNATORIES

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

64/16 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

65/16 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that Councillors Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Karen Lucioni, Roi Milburn, Malcolm Ross, Tim Wakeley and David Woodward be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Finance Committee.

66/16 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.

67/16 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.

68/16 THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO WORKING PARTIES

RESOLVED that Councillors Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Tim Wakeley and David Woodward 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.

69/16 **RESOLVED** that Councillors Jill Moore, Sandy Stephens, Phil Warren and Wayne Whittle be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Ryde in Bloom Working Party with a remit to oversee Britain in Bloom, Ryde in Bloom and South & South East in Bloom 2016.

70/16 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 Michael Lilley be appointed as the representative to the Isle of Wight Council's Beach Advisory Committee.
- Councillor Conrad Gauntlett be appointed as the representative to the Ryde Children's Centre Monitoring Group.
- Councillor Phil Warren be appointed as the representative to the Ryde Business Association.

- Councillors Wayne Whittle and David Woodward be appointed as the representatives 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 representative to the Ryde Youth Offer Steering Group.
- Councillor Roi Milburn be appointed as the representative to Ryde Saints Football Club Committee.

71/16 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2016/2017

RESOLVED that the Calendar of Meetings for 2016/2017 be approved.

72/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Roi Miburn declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 29(ii) as he is a church warden at All Saints' Church.

73/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

74/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 April 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.

75/16 REPORTS

PC Byrne and PC Hughes, Police North East Wight Sector gave an update on local policing. They were pleased to report that the Ryde Team should be back to full strength by the end of May.

Isle of Wight Councillor Wayne Whittle was pleased to report on the progress of his proposal to allow beach hut owners a choice of colours of which to paint their huts. It was noted that this is an Isle of Wight Council matter.

76/16 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett raised concerns about School Crossing Patrols and the Clerks invited Councillor Gauntlett to contact them with regard to this.

Councillor Gauntlett gave an update on current repairs to the tiling area of the Waterside Paddling Pool.

77/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The outgoing Mayor announced that when a letter of congratulations is sent to the new Police and Crime Commissioner can we invite him to fulfil the promises of his predecessor to review Ryde Police Station public counter closure.

The Mayor announced that

- he had attended a service held for Her Majesty's birthday at Newport Minster.
- he had attended a beacon lighting for Her Majesty's birthday at Carisbrooke Castle.
- he had attended, as part of international commemorations for the 400th anniversary of the passing of William Shakespeare, the touring of the Mardi Gras centrepiece, a giant puppet of the great man, to iconic locations across the Isle of Wight on the 23rd April, the exact date of his death. Pictures of the Bard, who will be accompanied by Tudor Drummers and the IW Shakespeare Company, at Appley Tower. It was hoped that sharing live, via social media to a global audience that comments and 'likes' would be received from over 100 different countries as part of this publicity stunt. Isle of Wight County Press, the National Trust, English Heritage, Wightlink and Visit Wight are all supporting.

The Mayor gave a reminder, that the Civic Service was scheduled to take place at All Saints' Church on Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 7:00pm. The theme this year, was to give thanks to the emergency services.

78/16 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Phil Warren facilitated a meeting at Grace Church for residents to share their views or concerns about a possible proposed development at Hope Road.

Councillor Phil Warren attended a Ryde Business Association meeting. Many attended and it was hoped that through early planning for a Christmas event, the Business Association would be liaise with the Town Council and other groups within the town for a 'Christmas light switch on'.

Councillor David Moore gave an update on the proposed programme for Armed Forces Day on 18 June 2016.

79/16 VISIT ISLE OF WIGHT

Katie Jones, Visit Isle of Wight and John Hawkins, Beach Events and Solutions gave a presentation about the proposal to hold a Big Beach Event in 2017 and seek approval for a letter of support.

RESOLVED that a letter of support using the following wording be approved. 'from what Ryde Town Council have seen and heard so far, if the application for European Sports funding to bring this international sporting event to the Island is won by Visit Isle of Wight, Ryde Town Council would be happy to support the event going ahead in our Town.'

80/16 NOTICE OF MOTION 02/16

Councillor Tim Wakeley introduced the Notice of Motion 02/16 and it was

RESOLVED that a Working Group comprising of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairs of Finance and Planning, together with their respective Vice Chairs be established to work with the Clerks to

- **Assist with the process of progressing and procuring contracts for the effective acquisition and delivery of public assets and services.**
- **Ensure the effective monitoring of assets and services taken on by the Ryde Town Council.**
- **Help ensure that there is effective management and oversight of assets and services being delivered through the Ryde Town Council.**

Other Members to be invited to join the Working Party where they have a special interest or area of expertise that will prove valuable to the tasks in hand. Any Member may be called upon to 'champion' particular initiatives where they have an interest or area of expertise. All meetings to be Clerked and notes taken for wider dissemination to all Members.

81/16 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND LOCAL EVENTS

A report relating to the provision of public conveniences during events was considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

- i. **The Town Council clerks liaise with the contractor to provide any 'event cover' that may be required at the rates set in the bill of quantity contained within the 'Call off Contract' and that, as we move towards freehold transfer that a charging policy for additional cleans, unlocking and locking services be developed.**
- ii. **Members give consideration to opening discussion with the Isle of Wight Council regarding the seafront concessions and amenity land hire for which the Isle of Wight Council receive all of the income.**
- iii. **Organisations/charities should be made aware of any processes agreed for 2016 and future years, by means of appropriate notices.**

82/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15 March and 5 April 2016 were received.

83/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE

- i. The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 30 March 2016 were received.
- ii. Recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30 March 2016 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that**
 - 1. The Risk Assessment for the Town Council be approved.**
 - 2. The Internal Audit Plan for the audit of the 2015-2016 accounts be agreed.**
- iii. Recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27 April 2016 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that**
 - 1. The Annual Accounts for 2015-2016 be approved and the Annual Return be signed by the Mayor and submitted to the external auditor.**
 - 2. A grant of £4500 be awarded to All Saints' Church towards the project 'heat' and that the funding be met from reserves.**

84/16 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that

- i. **Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £8382.40 be approved.**
- ii. **Payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Orders 65 (2) and (3), either by BACS or by cheque were noted.**

85/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 6 June 2016 – Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

86/16 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 (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no.80 – contract matters and staffing.

87/16 BEACH CLEANING AND SLIPWAYS

Following the awarding of a new Isle of Wight Council Contract, the Town Council's ongoing contribution to local beach cleaning services up to April 2019 to ensure best value going forward was considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

Subject to the appropriate delegation of all necessary powers by the Isle of Wight Council, that Ryde Town Council buy the 'bronze standard' level of beach cleaning services from the Isle of Wight Council for 2016 at a cost consistent with the current Framework Agreement..'

88/16 ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

RESOLVED that following the Town Council decision to take on the management responsibility for the public conveniences the hours of the Ryde Environment Officer be increased by half a day with a possibility of extra hours should these not be needed by another parish.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Signed Mayor/Chairman

Date.....

