



## **RYDE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**Present:**

Councillors: Henry Adams (Mayor), Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Roi Milburn, David Moore, Jill Moore, Malcolm Ross, Sandy Stephens, Tim Wakeley, Ivor Warlow, 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  
Liz Allen, Chair of Ryde Carnival Association

**Public  
Question Time**

Questions were raised about the following:

- A reference to the Solent Devolution Proposals Consultation following the circulation of a Councillor's newsletter for Ryde North West. It was felt by the resident that this was misleading as it implied Ryde Town Council was undertaking its own consultation on the proposals.  
The Mayor replied that Ryde Town Council had participated in the Isle of Wight Council's consultation and had promoted this consultation to residents. The Town Council was not undertaking its own separate consultation process.
- Progress on the Pedstrianisation of the High Street.  
Cllr Wakeley, Chair of Planning, responded that following discussions with Island Roads and the Isle of Wight Council draft proposals were ready to go out to public consultation and it was hoped that the consultation would take place prior to Christmas.

#### 150/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett and Ian Stephens.

#### 151/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Henry Adams and Malcolm Ross declared a non pecuniary (personal) interest in agenda item 9 as they are both members of Ryde Carnival Association.

#### 152/16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no individual requests for dispensations.

#### 153/16 MINUTES

**RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 October 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.**

#### 154/16 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Councillor David Woodward asked if there was any update with regard to the Ryde Arena situation.

Councillor Roi Milburn reported that Ryde Arena representatives had attended the previous Finance Committee meeting and reported that the grant funding received from Ryde Town Council had been used as per the Ryde Arena's grant application – to repair the pumps. Receipts for these would be provided. However it was unsure if any excess funding would be returned as the company was in receivership.

Councillor Ivor Warlow asked if the Town Councils Responsible Financial Officer should attend the Receivership meeting scheduled for the 17 November. The clerks agreed to speak with the RFO and take advice on whether this would be appropriate. The RFO would contact Councillor Warlow and Councillor Milburn direct.

Councillor Michael Lilley reported that there was active action group of users that were trying to invoke the Localism Act to ensure the facility remained a Leisure and Community asset. Councillor Lilley reported that there was a website 'Locality' and that it may benefit the Town Council to obtain Membership. The Clerks agreed to explore 'Locality' further.

Councillor Wayne Whittle advised that as far as he was aware the terms of the lease were that the facility was designated for leisure use.

#### 155/16 REPORTS

Inspector Sam Dunlop gave a report on the crime figures for Ryde, however she drew members attention to the fact that due to a change in the way that crime is reported, the figures may not represent a true reflection of actual

crimes. Inspector Dunlop also requested help from the community in reporting any unusual activity or crime witnessed as this is a help to the police in building intelligence. PCSO's were informing local businesses on how they may be able to improve their own security and take more responsibility for their dwellings.

Councillor Whittle reminded Inspector Dunlop that it may be helpful to communicate with the community through PACT and the local Shopwatch scheme. Councillor Whittle expressed his surprise that Ryde Shopwatch were not recognised by Hampshire Constabulary. Inspector Dunlop informed Councillor Whittle that Shopwatch had been advised that should they communicate with the Police and re-establish the group following the Shopwatch protocol that Ryde could join Newport in being a recognised Shopwatch by Hampshire Constabulary.

Councillor Wayne Whittle also raised concerns about the increase in anti-social behaviour, burglaries and alcohol/drug related crime in Ryde North West Ward.

Inspector Dunlop suggested that Councillor Whittle submitted an email direct to her to raise individual concerns.

Concerns were also raised by Councillors Whittle and Jill Moore about recent evening disturbances caused by motorbikes.

Councillor Michael Lilley asked if there was any local speedwatch as he had been contacted by three local residents keen to volunteer. Inspector Dunlop asked that contacts be emailed to her and that she would follow this up.

There were no Isle of Wight Councillor reports.

## 156/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that

- he had attended Royal Yacht Squadron for military awards evening.
- he had attended the Ryde District Cup Final.
- he had attended a PACT meeting.
- he had launched the Isle of Wight Bus Museum 'Beer & Bus Weekend'.
- he had attended Royal Navy Trafalgar dinner
- he had attended Ryde in Bloom Awards evening and gave thanks to the Chair of the Ryde in Bloom Working Party and Town Clerks.
- he had helped plant crocuses with Ryde Rotary.
- he had attended the Field of Remembrance dedication at All Saints
- he had attended Isle of Wight Indoor Bowls Club lunch and they had asked that he help publicise the club wanting new members.
- he had attended Ryde Rotary Community Fireworks display at Smallbrook and was pleased to report that this had been attended by approximately 700 people.

## 157/16 REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Councillor David Moore apologised for his recent absences at meetings due to ill health. He then gave a brief update on the arrangements for Armed Forces Day 2017.

Councillor Tim Wakeley gave an update on the recent meeting he had attended with the Isle of Wight Council Chief Executive and IWALC representatives which included an update on issues pertaining to the proposed legal transfer of the Public Conveniences and the proposed process that will be followed by the Isle of Wight Council when it discusses the future of Principal Parks and Community Spaces with Parish & Town Councils. He was pleased to report that the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council had indicated that a six figure sum would be made available to assist with the Youth Service going forward and that this information had been passed to the Isle of Wight Council Chief Executive.

Councillor Phil Warren gave a report on 'In Bloom 2016' and was delighted to report that Town had had great success in the National Competition Britain in Bloom and had achieved a "Silver Gilt", which was in line with South & South East in Bloom Gold winners. The judges had praised Ryde and the commitment and dedication of staff and volunteers throughout the community. Councillor Phil Warren extended his thanks to Ryde in Bloom Working Party colleagues and in particular gave thanks to the Clerks.

## 158/16 RYDE CARNIVAL 2016

Liz Allen, Chair of Ryde Carnival Association gave a report setting out what Ryde Carnival Association had achieved this year, with a small committee of volunteers and was pleased to report that feedback from the Carnivals had been fantastic. The Carnival Association thanked the Town Council for the grant funding they had received.

The Mayor and Councillors thanks Ryde Carnival Association for their efforts and were pleased to see the carnival being revived.

Councillor Wayne Whittle left the meeting at 8:20pm.

## 159/16 NOTICE OF MOTION 02/16

A Notice of Motion from the Mayor was considered and it was **RESOLVED that the Town Council admit Mr Eddie Minghella as an honorary freeman of Ryde in recognition of public service to the Town of Ryde over a period of many years.** Power – Local Government Act 1972, s. 249.

## 160/16 REMEMBRANCE DAY 2016

**RESOLVED that £250 for Remembrance Day wreaths to be laid on behalf of the Town Council at Ryde, Ashley and Binstead, for an Armistice day wreath and for a donation to be made to the Poppy Appeal be approved.** This budget spend will be made under Section 137 of the Local Government

Act 1972.

162/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 28 September 2016 were received.

The recommendations arising from a meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26 October 2016 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

- i. The letter setting out the views of the Finance Committee in respect of the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017-18 Technical Consultation Paper was noted and confirmation that Full Council had endorsed the letter was to be forwarded.
- ii. The report of the External Auditor on the Town Council's 2016 audit be accepted.

163/16 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28 September 2016 were received.

The recommendations arising from a meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11 October 2016 were considered and it was **RESOLVED that**

- i. **the budget of £10,000 allocated by the Town Council for enforcement activities now be used to assist the Isle of Wight Council with enforcement activities in respect of Vectis Hall, the old Ryde Conservative Club, The Royal York and the Terminus Building Ryde. Members noted that this wasn't an exhaustive list but a starting point that is needed to address the numerous buildings in the town that are deemed to be 'eyesores'.**

164/16 PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED that**

- i. **Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £14,281.26 be approved.**
- ii. **Payments shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Orders 65 (2) and (3), either by online transfer or by cheque were noted.**

165/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 5 December 2016 – Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Signed ..... Mayor/Chairman

Date.....

