



## **RYDE TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 14 MAY 2018 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM**

<u>Present</u>	Councillors: Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Charles Chapman, Diana Conyers, Julian Critchley, Nancy Farrell, Christine Hall, Phil Jordon, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, Jim Moody, Malcolm Ross, Ian Stephens, Tim Wakeley and Wayne Whittle.
<u>In Attendance</u>	Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)
<u>Also Present</u>	Members of the Public

56/18	<p>ELECTION OF MAYOR</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Malcolm Ross be elected as Mayor.</b></p>
57/18	<p>MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE</p> <p><b>Councillor Malcolm Ross read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</b></p>
58/18	<p>ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p><b>Councillor Christine Hall be elected as Deputy Mayor.</b></p>
59/18	<p>DEPUTY MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE</p> <p><b>Councillor Christine Hall read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</b></p>
60/18	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>There were no apologies</p>
61/18	<p>CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>The Town Council's adoption of the Code of Conduct in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 was noted.</p>
62/18	<p>STANDING ORDERS</p> <p>The Standing Orders for Ryde Town Council were noted. These had been updated to reflect recent legislative changes and the updates were reviewed at a meeting of the General Purposes Working Party held on 3 May 2018.</p>
63/18	<p>FINANCIAL REGULATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The approved Financial Regulations for Ryde Town Council were noted.</li> <li>ii. The previous approval given for a payment card was noted.</li> </ul>
64/18	<p>2018/2019 BUDGET</p> <p>The Town Coouncil's approved 2018/2019 budget was noted.</p>

65/18	<p>APPOINTMENT OF BANK SIGNATORIES</p> <p>The appointment of the authorised bank signatories for the Town Council's banking arrangements as required under clause 5.3 of the Council's Financial Regulations were noted.</p>
66/18	<p>THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillors Henry Adams, Diana Conyers, Nancy Farrell, Phil Jordan, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Jim Moody, Ian Stephens and Tim Wakeley be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Planning Committee, which has delegated authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider and comment on planning applications as a statutory consultee</li> <li>• To consider and comment on strategic planning matters</li> <li>• To consider and comment upon licensing and highways matters</li> </ul>
67/18	<p>THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillors Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Charles Chapman, Julian Critchley, Phil Jordan, Michael Lilley, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, Ian Stephens and Tim Wakeley be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Finance Committee, which has delegated authority to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve Members' Ward Allocations</li> <li>• To review the Town Council's Grant Policy and to make recommendations about the Grants Policy to Full Council</li> <li>• To make variations of up to £5000 between agreed budget headings</li> <li>• To approve grant awards up to £1500</li> <li>• Oversight of the Council's budget and other matters as set out in the Financial Regulations.</li> </ul>
68/18	<p>THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillors Henry Adams, Nancy Farrell, Christine Hall, Michael Lilley and Tim Wakeley be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Network Ryde Steering Group, which has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responsibility for programme management and delivery for Network Ryde, the Council's Youth Offer.</li> <li>• a remit to oversee the day to day operation and management of the Skatepark in accordance with the park's Management and Operational Plan.</li> <li>• responsibility for co-opting representatives from partner organisations on to the Steering Group.</li> </ul>
69/18	<p>THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</p>

	<p><b>RESOLVED that Councillors Henry Adams, Christine Hall and Malcolm Ross be appointed to serve on the Town Council's Allotment Management Committee, which has the remit to oversee the management arrangements for the town's five allotment sites.</b></p>
70/18	<p>THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO RYDE IN BLOOM STEERING GROUP</p>
	<p><b>RESOLVED that Councillors Nancy Farrell, Karen Lucioni and Malcolm Ross be appointed to serve on the Ryde in Bloom Steering Group with a remit to oversee Ryde in Bloom 2018 and to co-opt community representatives to the Steering Group as appropriate.</b></p>
71/18	<p>THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HONOURS WORKING PARTY</p>
	<p><b>RESOLVED that Councillors Henry Adams, Nancy Farrell, Christine Hall and Sue Lyons be appointed to serve on the Honours Working Party with a remit to oversee the awarding of honours as laid out in the Honours Policy.</b></p>
72/18	<p>THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PERSONNEL PANEL</p> <p>It was noted that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair and Vice Chair of Planning and Chair and Vice Chair of Finance be reappointed to serve on the Personnel Panel.</p>
73/18	<p>THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING PARTY</p> <p>It was noted that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair and Vice Chair of Planning, Chair and Vice Chair of Finance and the Chair of the Network Ryde Steering Group be reappointed to serve on the General Purposes Working Party.</p>
74/18	<p>THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Councillor Diana Conyers be appointed as the representative to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) and that Councillor Henry Adams be appointed as Deputy.</b></li> <li>• <b>Councillor Christine Hall be appointed as the representative to the Ryde Children's Centre Monitoring Group.</b></li> <li>• <b>Councillor Michael Lilley be appointed as the representative to the Ryde Business Association.</b></li> <li>• <b>Councillor Nancy Farrell be appointed as the representatives to the Ryde Carnival Association.</b></li> <li>• <b>Councillor Michael Lilley be appointed as the representative to the Waterside Community Trust. The Deputy position is vacant.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Adrian Axford be appointed as the representative to Ryde Saints Football Club Committee.</li> <li>• Councillor Diana Conyers be appointed as representative to My Life a Full Life Locality meetings.</li> <li>• Councillors Diana Conyers and Karen Lucioni be appointed as the representatives to the Ryde Age Friendly Island Initiative.</li> <li>• Councillor Henry Adams be appointed as the representative to the Community Safety Partnership – Night-time Economy meetings and that Councillor Nancy Farrell be appointed as Deputy.</li> <li>• Councillor Charles Chapman be appointed as the representative to the Isle of Wight Civil Military Partnership.</li> <li>• Councillor Karen Lucioni be appointed to the 2018 IW/UK Pride Committee.</li> <li>• Councillor Nancy Farrell be appointed to Historic Ryde Society.</li> </ul>
75/18	<p>CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2018/2019</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that the Calendar of Meetings 2018/2019 be approved.</b></p>
76/18	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
77/18	<p>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS</p> <p>There were no individual requests for dispensation.</p>
78/18	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 9 April 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.</b></p>
79/18	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>The police gave their apologies for the meeting. A report had been received via the clerks office in response to some questions previously raised by Councillors and this would be circulated to the Town Council shortly.</p> <p>Isle of Wight Councillor Adrian Axford reported that the Isle of Wight Council were not responsible for the Town Clock at Ryde Theatre. Suggestions had been made around the possibility of getting the clock working again and the Landlord of Ryde Theatre had indicated that he would be willing to consider the use of solar power to run the clock. It was suggested that this be added to the General Purposes Working Party work programme.</p> <p>Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman reported on the resurfacing of Rosemary Lane and asked that the Town Council perhaps give</p>

	<p>consideration to some future enhancement of the public footpath. Councillor Ian Stephens reported that Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way should be approached about enhancing and linking the public footpaths surrounding Rosemay Lane..</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley reported that he had already been campaigning for surrounding routes to be resurfaced.</p>
80/18	<p><b>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>There were no Members's questions.</p>
81/18	<p><b>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p>The outgoing Mayor thanked Council for their support over the past two years. He announced that the Civic Service was scheduled for 7pm on 7 June 2018 at St John's Oakfield and Holy Trinity, Ryde.</p> <p>The incoming Mayor made no announcements.</p>
82/18	<p><b>REPORTS FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>Councillor Karen Lucioni gave thanks to Aspire for the free meals service they provided daily for children during the school holidays using the funding from her ward allowance.</p> <p>Councillor Diana Conyers attended a special meeting of Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils. The Chair of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) attended to discuss the membership of the Isle of Wight branch and consider why some local Parish &amp; Town Councils were giving their membership to Hampshire.</p> <p>NALC reported that future membership should be through the Isle of Wight Association and those using Hampshire would not be given Full Membership rights. NALC also reported that the Isle of Wight Association needed to find ways of providing a better service and take into account the grievances of those parishes that had left the association.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley was pleased to report that an event with Councillor Wayne Whittle had raised £650 for the Foodbank.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley announced that Appley Day was scheduled for 16 June 2018.</p> <p>Councillor Michael Lilley reported that Appley Car Park was closed for the period of 1 week for Southern Water to complete some work.</p> <p>Councillor Adrian Axford updated Council about the antenna location and discussions with Shopwatch and Pubwatch.</p>

	<p>The option of relocation and wireless radio's were both still on the table. However it was noted that the relocation of the antenna would incur future ongoing costs of a licence fee and electricity usage. Options were currently being considered by Pubwatch and Shopwatch.</p> <p>Councillor Nancy Farrell left the meeting room.</p>
83/18	<p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 20 March 2018 were received.</p> <p>Councillor Nancy Farrell returned to the meeting room.</p>
84/18	<p><b>GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING PARTY</b></p> <p>The notes of the General Purposes Working Party meeting held on 23 March 2018 were received.</p> <p>Councillor introduced the the recommendation arising from the meeting of the General Purpose Working Party held on 3 May 2018 and it was <b>RESOLVED that the Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy be approved.</b></p> <p>Other recommendations arising from the meeting held on 3 May 2018 are referred to elsewhere on these minutes.</p>
85/18	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27 March and 17 April 2018 were received.</p>
86/18	<p><b>HONOURS WORKING PARTY</b></p> <p>The notes of the Honours Working Party meeting held on 27 March 2018 were received.</p>
87/18	<p><b>2018-2020 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD</b></p> <p>Councillor Jim Moody introduced the agenda item.</p> <p>The two year agreement for an increase to national salary scales as agreed by the National Association of Local Councils to be applied to Ryde Town Council staff with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 was noted. This is an increase of 2%, in both 2018 and 2019 and will be contained within the Town Councils' budget for salaries.</p>

88/18	<p><b>THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE</b></p> <p>The report on the General Power of Competence was considered and it was noted that the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Clerk gained the Certificate in Local Council Administration on the 25 March 2008.</li> <li>ii. Clerk gained the module in the General Power of Competence in March 2008.</li> <li>iii. Council fulfil the two essential criteria to be eligible to gain the General Power of Competence.</li> </ul> <p><b>It was RESOLVED that Ryde Town Council formally adopts the General Power of Competence.</b></p>
89/18	<p><b>ELECTORAL REVIEW OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT: WARD ARRANGEMENTS</b></p> <p>The proposals in respect of an electoral review of the Isle of Wight Council as set out in the Local Government Boundary Commission’s letter dated 1 May 2018 were considered and it was noted that this would come back to a future meeting once proposals had been received.</p>
90/18	<p><b>PAYMENTS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £135193.83 be approved.</b></li> </ul>
91/18	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 4 June 2018 –Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.</p> <p>Councillors Charles Chapman, Karen Lucioni, Ian Stephens and Wayne Whittle left the meeting room.</p>
92/18	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED that</b>  <b>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.53 – legal matters.</b></p>



<p>93/18</p>	<p><b>GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING PARTY</b></p> <p>Councillor Tim Wakeley introduced the confidential recommendations arising from a meeting of the General Purposes Working Party held on 3 May 2018 in respect of the Town Council's use of the Lifeguard Station, North Walk, Ryde and it was <b>RESOLVED that all of the confidential recommendations for a Heads of Terms between the Town Council and the Isle of Wight Council for the Lifeguard Station on North Walk be agreed and the key clauses in the Heads of Terms were noted</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:40pm.</p> <p>Signed.....Mayor/Chairman</p> <p>Date.....</p>